

Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



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Use of FRSMs in Healthcare Settings

Please be aware that there has been no change to local or national guidance for all healthcare staff, masks should still be worn by all community pharmacy staff. There was some confusion by yesterday's daily brief that social care staff may now choose whether or not to wear masks. If healthcare staff visit social care settings, they may also follow this advice, but in pharmacies, masks continue to be required.

Flu / COVID-19 Clinics

Thank you to the pharmacies who have returned their SLA and PGDs for this year's flu service. We have this afternoon released the SLA and PGD / protocol for COVID19 vaccination service also.

This year the flu and COVID19 vaccination services in pharmacy will see a focused promotion for the eligible patients to attend from 24th October to 5th December. SG would like all eligible patients to have received their winter vaccinations by 5th December, which is earlier than previous years. Hopefully this gives a small reprieve to then get organised for the festive period!

Please ensure if you wish to deliver flu and / or COVID vaccinations in your pharmacy this year that you return all documentation as soon as possible. Your pharmacy will be listed on the NHS Grampian vaccination website and eligible patients will be directed to your pharmacy to make these appointments.

Business Continuity Planning

This week we have included a sample template of a business continuity plan which you may wish to use for winter / resilience planning.

On reflection from last year's storms and subsequent power outages, have you considered investing in a back up generator?

We would like all pharmacies to have a dedicated mobile phone for the Board and other healthcare professionals to be able to contact should your phones be down in a power outage. We will reimburse pharmacies who wish to purchase a phone for this purpose and will be collating contact numbers in the coming weeks.

What additional support do you require to improve your business resilience – advice / financial support, other factors? Please email PCS team to let us know what you need to support with winter (and general) pharmacy BCPs and resilience planning.

Pharmacy First PGDs

Please see attached North of Scotland PGDs for trimethoprim and fusidic acid. Please note the changes to these PGDs and additional training required to be completed before you return the signature pages. The learning and PGDs must be completed and live by Monday 31st October.

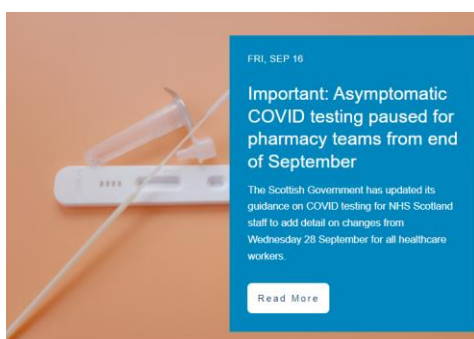
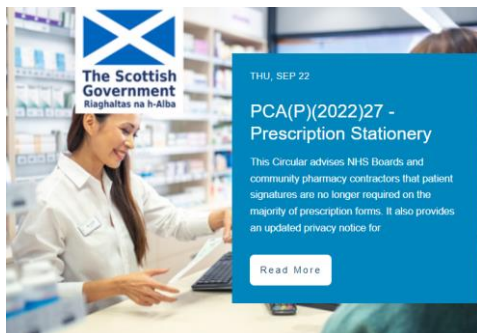
There will be significant patient and professional-facing communications made available to promote the changes to the trimethoprim PGD so please ensure this information is shared with all of your colleagues, including locum pharmacists and support staff who may triage patients to you.

The supporting PCA(P) and TURAS modules for completion are all available here: [PCA\(P\)\(2022\)26 - NHS Pharmacy First Scotland - Updated PGDs — Community Pharmacy Scotland \(cps.scot\)](#)

A reminder we do not use nitrofurantoin in NHS Grampian under Pharmacy First.

Community Pharmacy Scotland Newsletter Round-up

Please see attached PCA(P)(2022)27 regarding prescription stationery for the attention of all staff in your pharmacy.



We Want You!



Do you or your team have anything you would like to share within our weekly brief? Good news stories? Learning points? If you do please contact us by email below:

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Newsletter by,

The Pharmaceutical Care Services Team,

Have a great weekend.

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