

Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



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Flu / COVID-19 Clinics

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.

Flu Vaccine Ordering - AAH

Flu vaccines are now available to order from AAH. Attached is the communication and instructions from NSS. Please remember to order patient info leaflets separately.

The PGD is also attached as a reminder of which vaccines to order for each patient cohort.

LAIV Flu Ordering Form

Please see the link to order LAIV flu vaccines from NHS Grampian stocks:

<https://forms.office.com/r/1hQM6rUkGG>

The cut-off times for orders is 10am on the following dates:

Deadline for order requests	Stock delivery date
Tuesday 25 th October	Friday 28 th October
Wednesday 2 nd November	Monday 7 th November
Wednesday 16 th November	Monday 21 st November
Wednesday 30 th November	Monday 5 th December

Stock will only be provided using this form and is managed by the vaccination team. Please do not contact PCS for stock out with these times.

Reminder: NHS Influenza Service- BLS

The Pharmaceutical Care Services team are currently conducting BLS training to support the Influenza/Covid Vaccination Service. Craig Marr and Denise Stirling are fully trained NHS Cascade trainers and have full BLS kit including Training Dummies, Training Defibrillator and Bag Valve Mask. If you require a full training session or simply would like a quick refresher please see the booking links below or email us.

We have pre-booked many venues across Grampian and can also drop into your pharmacy if more preferable.

Aberdeen City Booking – [Book Here](#)

Aberdeenshire North – [Book Here](#)

Aberdeenshire South – [Book Here](#)

Reminder of the training videos, located on the Resuscitation Council UK website. These include:

CPR Right Now: [CPR Right Now](#)

Lifesaver Learning: [Lifesaver Learning](#) (Please complete all scenarios)

CO Monitoring Survey

With a view to restarting Carbon Monoxide monitoring within community pharmacy smoking cessation programmes, we'd like to gauge what your needs would be moving forward with regard to CO machines. Please find a link to the survey [here](#).

Common PCR administrative errors - Smoking Cessation Service

Please be aware that there are some continual PCR errors being noted which affect data collection and may affect your payments.

- Clients cannot restart the SCS programme in the same week. Be aware that cut off for payment is on a Thursday so please allow a week to pass before restarting and re-registering clients on PCR otherwise the record will not go through, and payment will be void.
- Quit dates cannot be set more than 14 days in advance, PCR will not recognise this and payment will be void.
- Do NOT add the Pharmacy telephone number as client's telephone contact number. If you do not have a valid telephone number for the client, please enter "UNKNOWN". A blank or a Pharmacy number will make any payment void.
- It is vital that you ensure good housekeeping in order to keep track of clients and submissions. Missed submissions cannot be claimed beyond 3 months.

If you need a reminder on using PCR, please watch the webinar [here](#) at **34.36 minutes**. It lasts under 13 minutes and is a great refresher on using the system efficiently.

NES Funded Independent Prescribing places

NES have advised that funding arrangements for community pharmacy IP places 2023/24 haven't yet been confirmed, but we are now collating interest from pharmacists who wish to become independent prescribers. Please note that post-

foundation training programme pharmacists should NOT apply for these positions.

To be considered for one of these NES funded places, please return the attached pre-application form to gram.pharmaceuticalcareservices@nhs.scot by **Monday 17th October**.

Forms received after this date will not be considered. Pre-applications will be prioritised and a list of preferred candidates sent to NES for the next stage of the application process.

NES Pharmacy: designated prescribing drop in sessions

As part of NES ongoing work to support those coming forward to become Designated Prescribing Practitioners, NES will be hosting a series of drop in lunch time sessions. Here people can come along, ask questions and share experiences of the role.

The meeting links are attached to the dates and times below.

[Tuesday 11th October 12:30-1:30pm](#)
[Wednesday 12th October 12:30-1:30pm](#)
[Monday 31st October 12:30-1:30pm](#)
[Thursday 3rd November 12:30-1:30pm](#)

Community Pharmacy Medicines Information Teaching Session

Grampian Medicines Information are delighted to offer an information session designed to support you to answer commonly asked pharmaceutical questions in community pharmacies. Topics will include identifying medicines with/without particular excipients, medicines and children, halving patches, medicines and compliance aids, enteral tubes and swallowing difficulties, and interactions. All resources will be freely available/accessible to NHS staff or contractors. We hope you will join us. We plan to record the session, and it will be hosted on the Community Pharmacy website, along with the slides.

Save the date: Tuesday 29th November at 7.30pm, via Microsoft Teams.

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Community Pharmacy Website Log-In

When logging into the Community Pharmacy Website, you may have been greeted by the following error message. When this appears, please press the back button, and you will be successfully logged in to the website to access our NHS Grampian locked pages. Apologies for this inconvenience.

Error 403 - Forbidden

The web app you have attempted to reach has blocked your access.

Please be reminded, the username and password are listed in the footer of each Community Pharmacy Update.

Thank You from Substance Misuse Service Teams

Staff at SMS services would like to thank community pharmacists and their teams for all their ongoing support. We acknowledge that services are under a lot of pressure but joint working between the two services is so important for supporting our mutual patients. We really appreciate those that go above and beyond to support these patients and our teams and really wanted to extend our thanks.

Newsletter by,

The Pharmaceutical Care Services Team,

Have a great weekend.

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