

Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update

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COVID-19 Vaccination Service

The COVID-19 Vaccination Service for 50-64 year olds is due to launch on Monday 24th October - 5th December.

Community pharmacies signed up to deliver the COVID-19 service will have received the allocation of comirnaty bivalent covid vaccines via Movianto. If you have not yet received a delivery, the last of these deliveries will be made on Monday 24th October and this is your full quota of COVID19 vaccines for the season.

If you do run low on COVID vaccines and require more stock to fulfil your appointments, please liaise with PCS team in the first instance.

The secondary care hub pharmacies detailed below have been allocated additional stock to hold in their NHSG fridges. These locations are:

- Bairds Fraserburgh
- Bairds Clifton Road
- Peterculter
- Michies Stonehaven
- Websters Peterhead

Flu Vaccination Service

The Flu vaccination service mop-up is due to launch on Tuesday 1st November as per the SLA.

We acknowledge if a patient is eligible for Flu following COVID-19 appointments, it is acceptable to provide a Flu vaccine to eligible patients while awaiting the service start date.

For both COVID and Flu vaccination pharmacies, your details will be promoted on the NHS Grampian vaccination pages [Vax Grampian | Vaccination information for the people of the Grampian Region \(grampianvax.com\)](https://www.grampianvax.com) and on social media. If you are not able to provide these services, you must notify PCS team as soon as possible.

NES Pharmacy: DPP drop in sessions

As part of NES' ongoing work to support pharmacists to become Designated Prescribing Practitioners (DPPs), 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. Meeting links below:

[Monday 31st October 12:30-1:30pm](#)

[Thursday 3rd November 12:30-1:30pm](#)

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 submit a response to the survey by **Friday 28th October**: [Co Monitoring Survey](#)

Common PCR 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.

1. 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.

2. Quit dates cannot be set more than 14 days in advance, PCR will not recognise this and payment will be void.
3. 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.
4. 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.

Tariff Prices

A reminder that all community pharmacies are contractually obliged to dispense medication in response to a prescription within a timely manner. Failure to dispense a medication because it is "above tariff price" is a breach of your contractual obligations. Pharmacies reported as blocking or not placing orders for medication above tariff price will be contacted directly to cease this breach of The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) Regulations 2009.

Optometrist Referrals

Reminder that community pharmacies should undertake the following process when responding to a referral from an optometrist:

- Confirm the patient's eligibility for NHS Pharmacy First Service.
- Contact the optometrist if necessary regarding the request.
- Supply the requested product under NHS Pharmacy First Service if appropriate, recording details of the optometrist involved on the patients PCR.

Please [click here](#) to view the PCA(O)(2020)18 and PCA(P)(2020)24 which holds further information.

Community Pharmacy Scotland Newsletter Round-up



Common Clinical Conditions Resource

Our colleagues at NES have published a new learning and development module specifically ...

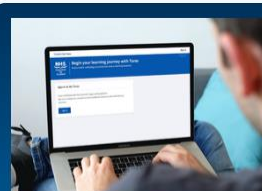
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Scottish Primary Care Dermatology Society ...

It is open to all health professionals working in the community, primary care and anyone ...

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Independent Prescriber Information on TURAS

NES have lots of information on Independent Prescribing covering all aspects of the role ...

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Women's Health Project

We have an invitation for 20 of our pharmacists to take part in a project to discuss ...

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Newsletter by,

The Pharmaceutical Care Services Team,

Have a great weekend.

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