

Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update

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Vaccination Services

COVID-19 Service

The COVID-19 Vaccination Service for 50-64 year olds launched on Monday 24th October.

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.

For those of you that have placed an LAIV vaccine order, the deliveries are due to be delivered by Friday 28th October.

We are working to get all pharmacy-procured vaccines for private flu services added to VMT.

We have shared all information reported from community pharmacies with the vaccination team nationally and are awaiting action.

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 \(grampianvax.com\)](#) and on social media. If you are not able to provide these services, you must notify PCS team as soon as possible.

Education and Training Update

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](#)

NICPLD – Stoma Resource

Following an NES custodian guardian review process, NES received feedback that the content and format of the 'Lower GI Stoma Management' resource hosted on TURAS Learn is now outdated. As a result, NES have taken the decision to remove this resource and replace it with a [direct link to the NSS page](#) which contains information on delivery of the stoma service. Any issues around this course of action please contact peter.hamilton@nhs.scot

Public Protection Modules

[SGHD/CMO\(2022\)37](#) provides details on the new [NHS Public Protection Accountability and Assurance Framework](#). NES has published a suite of e-learning resources to support health professionals in their child and adult protection roles. These resources aim to ensure greater

consistency in what children and young people, adults at risk of harm, and families can expect in terms of support and protection from health services in all parts of Scotland. All four Public Protection e-learning modules are available on Turas: [Public Protection learning site on Turas Learn](#).

Please note that the '[Child protection : practice level 1 \[informed\]](#)' and '[Child protection : practice level 2 \[skilled\]](#)' modules will supersede the existing NES Pharmacy resource 'Child protection: it's everyone's job to make sure I'm alright'. Future SLA's will be updated to reflect these changes.

New Community Pharmacy resource – Sore Throat Resource

This is the first in a series of resources designed to support discussion in pharmacy teams by focusing on a particular clinical area, but it can be used for self-directed learning too. The aim of this pilot resource is to give pharmacy teams the confidence to assess and manage sore throats in patient facing roles utilising clinical assessment, consultation and prescribing skills as necessary. You can access the resource on Turas Learn here: [Common Clinical Conditions : Sore throats | Turas | Learn \(nhs.scot\)](#). **Please see the attached flyer for this new resource.**

Smoking Cessation Update

Common PCR Administrative Errors

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.

- You should know what type of NRT your client is on but if, for whatever reason, you do not, please do NOT write "unknown", PCR does not recognise that and payment will be void, instead write "NONE"
- 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 [click here](#) to watch the webinar at the link below at *34.36 minutes*. It lasts under 13 minutes and is a great refresher on using the system efficiently.

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 5pm on **Friday 28th October**: [Co Monitoring Survey](#)

Pharmaceutical Care Services Updates

Reminder: Return of Pharmacy First PGD's

The updated trimethoprim and fusidic acid Pharmacy First PGDs released in September to you must be live in ALL community pharmacies by Monday 31st October.

A communication advising of these changes has been sent to GP practices advising of the updates and a public facing communication will be released on Monday. A copy of the GP Pharmacy First service information provided is available as an attachment to this update.

Please note the additional training required to be completed before you return the signature pages. The supporting PCA(P) and TURAS modules for completion are all available [here](#).

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Use of NHS.scot Email Accounts for NHS Communication

An nhs.scot address is required to be used when submitting monthly claims, SLA's, PGD's and further communications to NHS colleagues e.g. PCS / PCCT. If you do not have an nhs.scot email address, contact gram.cpfacilitators@nhs.scot who will support set up of an account for you.

Defibrillator Finder

Do you know where your nearest defibrillator is located? Defib Finder is a website funded and managed by the British Heart Foundation. The interactive map shows where your nearest defibrillator is located. Research has shown that deploying a defibrillator within 3-5 minutes of collapse can increase survival rates as high as 50-70% so quick action is essential. Please have a look at the website located [here](#). (Google Defib Finder)

Reminder of Resus Council Training Videos:

The following training videos are available on the Resuscitation Council UK website:

- CPR Right Now: [CPR Right Now](#)
- Lifesaver Learning: [Lifesaver Learning](#)

(Please complete all scenarios)

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NES Pharmacy - Public Protection

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[Read More](#)



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Winter Blackouts – Contingency Measures

This coming month, the National Grid warned that the UK may be more likely to experience power cuts this winter due to lower gas supplies.

[Read More](#)



Newsletter by,

The Pharmaceutical Care Services Team,

Have a great weekend.

Missed a copy of an update? Weekly Updates are uploaded to the [CP Grampian website](#)

Username: **NHSGrampian** Password: **NHSGrampianCP2022**

Community Pharmacy Scotland Newsletter Round-up

