

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.

Flu Vaccination Service

The Flu vaccination service mop-up launched on Tuesday 1st November. If you have any additional vaccines to be added to VMT, please send a picture of your stock with the BN and expiry visible to gram.pharmaceuticalcareservices@nhs.scot and we will request this is added.

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.nhs.uk/healthpoint/vax-grampian) and on social media.

Education and Training Update

Medicines Information Teaching Session

An NHS Grampian Medicines Information session has been organised to support and 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.

Please [click here](#) to join the session via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday 29th November from 7.30pm.

Smoking Cessation Update

CO Monitoring in Community Pharmacies

Thank you to everyone who completed the CO monitor survey. We have been advised that CO monitoring SHOULD NOT be reintroduced at this time due to ongoing concerns over infection control measures, especially as we head into flu season. We will keep you updated with any changes.

Healthpoint Contacts

If you feel that a smoking cessation client needs a little more time and input with behavioural change than you are able to offer within the Pharmacy setting, please remember you can refer directly, or the client can self-refer, to the Grampian Smoking Cessation Team (Healthpoint). The referral process can be made by email or telephone: gram.healthpoint@nhs.scot 08085 20 20 30

Pharmaceutical Care Services Updates

Reminder: Pharmacy First PGD Returns

A reminder to return updated trimethoprim and fusidic acid Pharmacy First PGDs which were released in September. 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](#).

GP's and the public have now been notified these amendments are live in all pharmacies.

[Bridging Contraception PGD Returns](#)

The sexual health service are advertising on their website that eligible patients may obtain POP contraceptive from community pharmacies. Please ensure you have all completed the required training and have returned your authorisation forms for the [desogestrel PGD](#).

[The Community Pharmacy NSAIDs Advice and Care Bundle Survey](#)

The Scottish Patient Safety Programme (SPSP) have engaged the University of Strathclyde to deliver a 5-minute survey to explore the advice and care offered to patients on an 'NSAID'. This is designed for all community pharmacy staff in Scotland to complete, to understand what support is needed to improve services.

Please [click here](#) to participate in the survey, responses are required by Friday 2nd December.

If you have any queries please contact: his.pcpteam@nhs.scot

Controlled Drugs Team Update

[Fraudulent Private Prescriptions](#)

The NHS Grampian CD Team have been made aware of fraudulent private prescriptions being presented at a number of community pharmacies in multiple other boards across Scotland over the last 48 hours.

Please be vigilant when presented with any private prescriptions and ensure you confirm authenticity before dispensing. Should you find that any prescription is not genuine, this should be reported to the police.

Substance Misuse Update

[Naloxone for Emergency Administration](#)

A suspected overdose occurred in Grampian this week in a public location. A member of NHSG staff ran to their nearest pharmacy to get a supply of naloxone but the pharmacy had none. A close-by second pharmacy did. Community pharmacies are being promoted as a service that hold naloxone for emergency use, therefore please ensure you have stock.

There have been reports of Nyxoid being out of stock at local wholesalers this week. NAPP have reassured us that there is no shortage. It is likely

that this means it is a local wholesaler issue. Please follow this up with the wholesaler and let the SMS team know if this issue continues: gram.smspharmacists@nhs.scot

Posters, window stickers and other naloxone resources can be accessed from Health Information resources to help promote this in your pharmacy.

Medicines Management Update

Please see the attached PCA(P)(2022)31 circular. This details the extension on the serious shortage protocols issued for Oestrogel®, Ovestin®, Lenzetto® Spray and Sandrena® Gel.

The circular can also be viewed on the Community Pharmacy Scotland website [here](#).

November Medwatch Newsletter

Please see the November Medwatch newsletter. Topics in this issue include:

- *World Patient Safety Day*
- *#MedSafetyWeek*
- *Medication Safety and Realistic Medicine*

Also attached is a Risk Control Notice on **Insulin Pen Devices**.

Community Pharmacy Scotland Newsletter Round-up

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Pecos PPE Direct Ordering

National Procurement are currently preparing plans to cover ordering and delivery of PPE orders for Primary Care contractors over Christmas/New Year. This will impact on deliveries.

[Read More](#)

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Courier Collection - Suspension of Postal Strikes

Please be aware that the planned industrial action within Royal Mail has now been suspended for 10 days until the 12th November. This will mean the collection on 3rd November will be unaffected.

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Newsletter by,

The Pharmaceutical Care Services Team,

Have a great weekend.

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