

Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



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Amber Warning of Rain Affecting Grampian

Heavy rain within the warning area continuing through Friday. Areas around Inverurie, Ballater and Brechin will be particularly badly affected with some flooding to properties expected. Rain should ease later Friday, although rivers may continue to run high beyond this.

The end time of the warning has been extended to 2100 Friday evening as rain is now a little slower to ease than earlier expectations and the likelihood of impacts has been increased to high.

Please ensure caution and plan ahead. Even moderate rain can reduce your ability to see and be seen. A good rule of thumb is “if it’s time for your wipers, it’s time to slow down”.

If your pharmacy has to close due to the adverse weather please ensure this is reported to Primary Care Contracts team using the attached form.

Vaccination Services

Reminder: Flu Vaccine Ordering

Reminder flu vaccines for the NHS Seasonal Flu Programme are available to order from AAH. We have reattached the order form to this email.

Education and Training Update

Reminder: Information Session on Pharmaceutical FAQs

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.

Date: Tuesday 29th November

Time: 19.30

Location: on Teams, via either of the links below

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_YjVkJzA3MGMtYTczMS0NGYzLWI1NzEtNDM1Zjk3NTBhZDBh%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2210efe0bd-a030-4bca-809c-b5e6745e499a%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22303f2abb-21e9-45f5-a4d6-d35b677ad690%22%7d

Virtual Event on Overdose Risk in Over the Counter and Prescribed Medication

Please see below link on the above virtual event. This will take place on Wednesday 14th December at 10:30am. The event will have a variety of speakers and will be held on Microsoft Teams.

We are aware this will be held during the week, if we receive a recording of the meeting we will share this at a later date.

[Overdose Risks of Over the Counter and Prescription Medication Use Tickets, Wed 14 Dec 2022 at 10:30 | Eventbrite](#)

Smoking Cessation Update

Please note that the Community Pharmacy Scotland smoking cessation training modules have been discontinued. There are now 2 options to complete the training which are both linked on our website. We highly recommend that you complete the Public Health Scotland course which is thorough and up-to-date. As always, please contact your Public Health Practitioner with any questions.

Pharmaceutical Care Services Updates

How to Prepare for Bad Weather Leaflets

Keep an eye out for these arriving at your pharmacy. Please display for your patients.

Medicines Management Update Changes to Microbiology Antibiotic Susceptibility Reporting

Please find attached to this email information on change to the above. The bulletin attached contains key points about this change and a table with the recommended increased doses for the affected antibiotics.

NHSG Dietitian Update

Attached to this email is a copy of the HETF Winter Newsletter. This newsletter highlights some of the global issues affecting feed stock and advice on managing tube feeding during adverse weather.

Local HSCP Updates

Aberdeen

Supporting People to Claim the Benefits They're Entitled To – Use Our Online Benefit Calculator!

Through the HSCP Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) project we are working in partnership to increase the uptake of unclaimed benefits across Aberdeen City by supporting people claim the benefits they're entitled to.

The HSCP are doing this through many new improvement ideas, one of which is the [online benefit calculator](#) - a free online tool to enable people to check the benefits they may be entitled to (*leaflet attached*).

Please help cascade and promote the online calculator <https://aberdeencity.entitledto.co.uk/home/start> and help people access the benefits they're entitled to.



The leaflet features a background image of a person's hands using a smartphone and a laptop. The title 'Online Benefit Calculator' is prominently displayed. Logos for 'Community Planning Aberdeen' and 'ABERDEEN City Council' are present. The leaflet contains the following text:

Do you know what benefits you're entitled to? If not, use our online benefit calculator:

What is the benefit calculator?
Our benefits calculator is an online tool that will help you find out what benefits someone can claim. The calculator is free to use, and the details provided are anonymous.

What do I need to do?
To access the calculator visit:
aberdeencity.entitledto.co.uk/home/start

Before starting a calculation, make sure you have information about your savings, income, pensions, and existing benefits (for you and your partner).

If you run out of time, you can save your calculation and come back to it later and pick up right where you left off.

Should take 10 minutes to complete.

This tool is not suitable for 16/17 years old, prisoners, people living abroad or full-time students.

Please contact the Financial Inclusion Team for a full benefit check if this applies or you need further advice/assistance after using the tool.

£430,652.50 per week
New benefits identified (1 Aug 2021 to 31 Oct 2022)

84%
of calculations completed made to date identified new benefits

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The Happy Space

With a lot going on in the world just now we want to keep space in our newsletter for some good news stories, pictures or anything else which may raise a smile.

If you have any suggestions please send them our way! A song of the week? A photo of your puppy? A Christmas cracker joke? We would love to hear from you.

With the bad weather this week we thought we would leave you with an appropriate joke...

What happens when it rains cats and dogs?

You might step in a poodle!

Community Pharmacy Scotland Newsletter Round-up

FRI, NOV 04



The Community Pharmacy NSAIDs Advice and Care Survey

As part of the Scottish Patient Safety Programme, our colleagues at Healthcare Improvement Scotland and the University of Strathclyde have designed a 5-minute survey to explore the advice and care...

[Read More](#)

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Dermatology Training Event 4 - Pre-Cancerous Lesions and Skin Cancer

The next live dermatology training event - Pre-Cancerous Lesions and Skin Cancer - takes place on Wednesday 23rd November 2022, 7:30pm-8:30pm.

[Read More](#)



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Top Three Items from the November CPS Board

The following are the top three items currently under discussion and review by your CPS Board.

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NES - Advanced practice eNewsletter

See the latest update on Advanced Pharmacy Practice from our colleagues at NES.

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NES - Pilot Pharmacy Technician Leadership and Management Resource

NHS Education for Scotland (NES) is currently piloting 'Leadership in Practice Scotland' (LIPS), a foundation level online leadership and management resource for the health and social care workforce.

[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](#)

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