

Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



Contents

01: Reminder: StrepA and Antibiotics

02: GMED Referrals

03: Reminder: Festive Planning

04: Reminder: Facebook Page

05: Reminder: Winter Wellness

06: Support over the Festive Period

07: The Happy Place

08: Community Pharmacy Scotland Newsletter Round-up

Reminder: StrepA and Antibiotics

Please ensure all pharmacies have printed the attached information sent on Wednesday 21.12.22 regarding the updated SSP's and the ongoing phenoxymethylpenicillin shortage. You do not have to be a prescribing pharmacist to use these SSPs.

GMED Referrals

Following discussions with GMED this week, we can confirm that GMED will support community pharmacy teams out of hours with queries from GMED and primary care generated prescriptions. For this, you may phone 01224 558002 and ask to speak to a clinician. Due to the 50% increase in normal workload at the moment, they cannot guarantee call back will be within 1 hour, so please consider this when you contact them.

GMED are still in contingency following the Adastra downtime earlier this year. We will resume discussions in January regarding direct referral models of care once out of contingency.

Reminder: Festive Planning

As we head into the festive holiday period it's very important you ensure your pharmacy is prepared for the unexpected. Do you have the following in place?

- Business Continuity Plan
- Emergency Contact Details
- Note of Prof-Prof Line
- Closure SOP
- No Pharmacists SOP

We have attached the summary of expectations again to this email. Please review.

Reminder: Facebook Page

We now have a Facebook Page! Please give us a "Like". We will use this page to share information on NHSG services and messaging. Please feel free to share any of our posts onto your own Pharmacy pages. Please remember this page is accessible to the public so please do not message or comment on any of our posts with confidential information. [Facebook link here.](#) Or search for below:



Community Pharmacies Delivering NHS Grampian Services

@NHSGrampianCommunityPharmacy · Hospital

Reminder: Winter Wellness



NHS Grampian have today launched a Winter Wellness guide and Winter Support webpage, to help people across the north-east lead healthy lives throughout the coming months. The booklet **'Keep Warm, Safe, and Well this Winter'** covers everything from healthy eating to dealing with the cost-of-

living crisis. The guide will be available to anyone via the NHS Grampian Winter Support website – www.nhsgrampian.org/wintersupport

These pages hold even more helpful information and advice, designed to keep everyone in Grampian warm, safe, and well.

Support over the Festive Period

As many of us are looking forward to the festive period it is important to acknowledge that this can also be a difficult time for some.

IT'S OKAY TO NOT BE OKAY

We have attached a document to this email collating all support services available to you. Remember sometimes the simplest of actions can have the biggest impact. If you notice anybody struggling, or are struggling yourself, please offer or ask for support.

The Happy Space 😊

PCS Christmas Photo

The Pharmaceutical Care Services team had a Christmas catch up this week. Great fun! We would like to thank you once again for your hard work in Community Pharmacy this year.



We hope you will take some time over the festive holiday to get some well needed rest, even if you are hosting or helping with Christmas dinner this year!



Office Poll

Yorkshire Puddings with Christmas Dinner!? Yes or No - It's a yes from me! Yum!



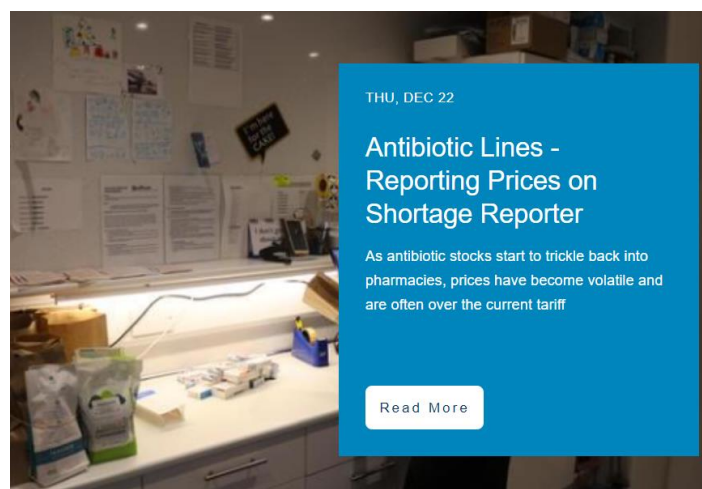
Community Pharmacy Scotland Newsletter Round-up



A Christmas Message from CPS 2022

CPS's CEO Harry McQuillan and Director of Operations Matt Barclay are here this evening to reflect and give their Christmas wishes to the network

[Read More](#)



THU, DEC 22

Antibiotic Lines - Reporting Prices on Shortage Reporter

As antibiotic stocks start to trickle back into pharmacies, prices have become volatile and are often over the current tariff

[Read More](#)



Serious Shortage Protocols (SSPs)

There have been 8 new SSPs this week. Our Board Member Karen Gordon has done a great job at displaying the details of the latest SSPs for Davidson Chemist.

[Read More](#)

Newsletter by,

The Pharmaceutical Care Services Team,

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

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

We are aware of a log in error. If this appears press the back icon and navigate once again to section of website.

This should bypass the error