

Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update

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Reminder: StrepA and Antibiotics

We have reattached the communication sent to all pharmacies yesterday regarding the updated SSPs in place for phenoxymethylpenicillin. Please ensure that all pharmacists, including locums, are sited on this information. A reminder that you do not have to be a pharmacist prescriber to utilise an SSP.

The MSAN for antibiotic treatment of StrepA has today been released and is attached for information, which confirms all of the above.

GMED Referrals and Queries

Last week we confirmed 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 significant increase in workload at the moment, they cannot guarantee call back will be within 1 hour, so please consider this when you contact them.

Please do not email gram.gmedurgent@nhs.scot unless you are reporting a pharmacy closure out of hours.

A reminder following the CPO letter sent yesterday (and attached) that locally, 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. As such, there is currently no direct referral process for pharmacists in Grampian.

Reminder: Poster of CP Opening Hours

We have reattached the poster sent to all pharmacies yesterday to promote pharmacy

opening times 1st - 3rd January. As requested, please ensure this poster is printed and displayed in a prominent place in your window / pharmacy door to signpost patients when you are closed.

A New Year

As 2022 draws to a close and we look forward to a New Year, it seems a fitting time to reflect on what has been another exceptionally challenging year for our community pharmacy network. We are incredibly proud of our Grampian pharmacy network; your resilience and continued delivery of services for your patients over the last 3 very challenging years.



Are you one of the many who set a New Year's resolution and inevitably break it by 10th January? What are your resolutions for the New Year: Get fit, use less social media or achieve a professional goal?

On behalf of the Pharmacy and Medicines Directorate, thank you to each member of your team for your hard work throughout 2022. We wish you all a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2023.

Newsletter by,

The Pharmaceutical Care Services Team,

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