

Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



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Power Cuts - Guidance

Power Outages Pharmacy Survey

We are asking all pharmacies to please complete the very short survey below to help inform our required Pharmaceutical Services Contingency Planning:

<https://forms.office.com/e/Mfu0XgRp26>

Reminder: Power Outage Fact Sheet

We have re-attached last weeks' factsheet amended from the NHS Grampian Daily Brief on what steps you and your pharmacy teams need to take to prepare for planned or unplanned power cuts. It is important we are all as prepared as we can be to deal power outages.

Reminder: Business Continuity Planning

⚠️ Please ensure you update your Business Continuity Plan to reflect this guidance.

King's Coronation

We do not yet have confirmation from NHS Grampian if Monday 8th May will be considered an additional public holiday for independent contractor groups. We will advise as soon as we receive communication.

Pharmacy Closures

We continue to struggle with community pharmacy closures across Grampian. The closures reported to PCCT will now be published on the [Community Pharmacy Grampian page here](#) on a monthly basis. This information is publically available.

Moray / North Aberdeenshire Pharmacy Champion Vacancy

To support core, national and local service delivery, NHS Boards receive annual funding to bring on community pharmacy expert "champions", who communicate with and visit pharmacy teams. The pharmacy champion remit is in part defined by the Scottish Government annual direction but they also undertake specific projects as defined by local Boards.

In NHS Grampian, pharmacy champions can either be reimbursed directly or to a specific contractor code, for their time. We meet as a group every month on MS Teams, with quarterly in-person meetings at Westholme, Woodend Hospital, Aberdeen. We ask for a minimum 2 days per month commitment for pharmacy champion activity and reimburse at a rate of £300/day.

We are currently looking to recruit a community pharmacist practitioner champion for the Moray / North Aberdeenshire pharmacies. The ideal candidate will be a service-focused, proactive community pharmacist or technician. We are willing to recruit two champions who are willing to commit to one day per month each.

All expressions of interest or further enquiries to be received to sarah.buchan3@nhs.scot by Tuesday 31st January.

Reminder: EHC Referrals for <18's

The sexual health service have received a number of enquiries of how best to refer patients under 18

for follow up when they have accessed EHC in pharmacies. The service have kindly provided the following guidance for pharmacy teams:

The best way to make referrals would be by sending the PGD Appendix 5 referral form via email to gram.gshhealthadvisers@nhs.scot or by post to: Health Advisers, Grampian Sexual Health, Health Village, Frederick Street, Aberdeen, AB24 5HY.

We will phone under 16s to offer them an appointment for STI screening / ongoing contraception as appropriate and under 16/17 year olds will receive a text message about how to access our service – either phoning to book an appointment or attending the drop in service. Pharmacists themselves can also advise anyone to check our website for information on how to access our service: [the ins & outs - Site \(grampiansexualhealthservices.com\)](http://theinsandouts-site.grampiansexualhealthservices.com)

Health Promotion Smoking Cessation

All pharmacies should have now received and be displaying the Smoking Cessation/Quit Your Way poster. This campaign is due to run from 10th January to 6th February 2023. This poster will replace the previously issued “Right Care, Right Place.”



There are 6 different images that will be printed across 3 double sided posters to provide a breadth of representation. These will be distributed at random. If there are any queries specifically about receiving the posters, these should be directed to our printers APS Group-stockorders.DPPAS@theapsgroup.com

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Community Pharmacy Scotland Newsletter Round-up



Weekly Roundup -
Thursday 12th January
2023

Our Digital Communications Officer Robbie Collins takes us through the latest community pharmacy news for the week of 9th January 2023.

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Newsletter by,

The Pharmaceutical Care Services Team,

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