

Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update

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Reminder: Power Outage Planning-Policy for Handling Vaccines and Refrigerated Pharmaceutical Products

Please be reminded to ensure all appropriate staff members are aware of, have read, understood and follow the attached policies listed below:

- Policy for Handling Vaccines And Refrigerated Pharmaceutical Products For All Staff Working in NHS Grampian
- Appendix1: Refrigerator Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)

Turas Training

NHS Grampian training module '[Management of Medicines Refrigerators](#)' is available on Turas. All appropriate staff should complete the training as detailed in the Policy.

Reminder: GMED Direct Referral

The GMED Direct Referral Pathway was reintroduced in January. Please refer to the attached letter to ensure you are informed of pathway referral options and contact details.

Please ensure all members of your pharmacy team, including any locum/relief/weekend staff, are fully informed of the referral process.

Reminder: Truss Fitting and EOI

In 2021 CPS re-negotiated the fees associated with measuring and fitting trusses for community pharmacy teams to £250 with correct endorsement. However, it has been noted in Grampian that we have very few pharmacists who are trained to actually complete this task.

We are therefore looking to create a Truss Pharmacy Network across Grampian who would ensure the provision of measuring and fitting trusses for patients. Ideally a treatment room bed in the pharmacy would be used, however, the negotiated fees would allow for home measurements and locum backfill if required. We are looking for expressions of interest (EOI) to become part of this Truss Pharmacy Network.

If you are interested please return your EOI to gram.pharmaceuticalcareservices@nhs.scot by **Friday 10th February**.

Truss Fitting Training will take place on Wednesday 8th March from 10am-12pm in the Seminar Room, Woodend Hospital.

All attendees will be reimbursed £500 to prepare and become part of this network.

Community Pharmacy Public Holiday Opening Hours 2023-24

Primary Care Contracts Team have requested **ALL** community pharmacies to complete the [Community Pharmacy Public Holiday Hours form](#) by **Friday 10th February** to confirm 2023-24 Public Holiday opening hours.

IEP Training

Please find the attached SDF promotion flyer for Injecting Equipment Provision (IEP) training. Please click on the links below to register your interest:

Wednesday 15th February, 7 – 9pm: Sign up [here](#).

Monday 13th March, 7 – 9pm: Sign up [here](#).

The evening will give an overview of how to deliver needle exchange (IEP) and the key harm reduction messages/interventions that can help people who inject drugs.

There are also upcoming changes which needle exchange pharmacies need to be aware of following a retendering process by NHS Scotland national procurement - these apply to all services in Scotland. The key changes are as follows:

1. Changes to ordering processes/change of supplier for packs
2. Removal of bulk 20 packs. Use of single injecting packs
3. Change from citric acid to vitamin C

It is important that pharmacies participating in needle exchange/IEP have a workforce informed of and ready to implement these changes. We are planning to introduce these from 1st April 2023.

Digital Prescribing and Dispensing Pathways (DPDP) Programme Event

The Digital Prescribing and Dispensing Pathway (DPDP) Programme event, scheduled to be held at the COSLA Conference Centre on Wednesday 22nd March, aims to revolutionise Scotland's prescribing and dispensing process by ultimately replacing the paper prescription, initially by developing an end-to-end digital solution for in-hours prescribing from General Practice right through to community pharmacy dispensing.

To register your interest and find out more information on this event, please [click here](#).

Migraine Education Event

The Migraine Trust are hosting an evening session with Dr Kay Kennis, who has a special interest in migraine. The event will take place on Wednesday 22nd February from 19:30-20:30 on Zoom. If you wish to attend this session, please [click here](#) to register.

This would be a useful CPD resource for those wishing to increase their knowledge and understanding of migraine.

Aberdeenshire Wellbeing Festival, 15th – 21st May 2023



The Aberdeenshire Wellbeing Festival is an annual event coordinated by Aberdeenshire Public Health and partners which seeks to bring together community activity and events which promote and support mental health and wellbeing.

2023 will mark the 8th year of the festival which has been a great success in previous years. The 2022 Aberdeenshire Wellbeing Festival report is available to view [here](#).

Aberdeenshire Public Health encourage all event organisers to share their proposed activities on completion of the [Aberdeenshire Wellbeing Festival events/activities 2023](#) form by **Tuesday 28th February**.

Confirmed activities will be included within a newly formatted festival programme. Hosts are encouraged to promote their activities through social media, using the festival template posters for sharing in communities. The festival programme will be shared once finalised.

By completing the online form, you agree to support the promotion of your events through social media channels and take part in a host evaluation of your event which will be gathered along with participants' feedback into a Festival report. If you miss the deadline for inputting your events into the festival programme, you will be

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able to promote using posters and social media only.

Please direct any queries on the Wellbeing Festival to: gram.centralpublichealth@nhs.scot.

For support from local Public Health team in your area please contact:

- Central: Carolyn Lamb
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- South: Hilary Bell – South
hilary.bell@nhs.scot
- North: Suzanne Addison
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Public Health Promotion

Seeking Public Health Champions

Thank you to those who have come forward so far. As mentioned before, we are looking for non-pharmacists to take on the role as Public Health Champions. This is a small role, acting as a point of contact for monthly campaigns. You can find more information [here](#) on our website health promotion page. Anybody interested can contact our Public Health Practitioners directly at the email addresses on the link. We're aiming to have a named person for each Pharmacy in NHS Grampian.

The Happy Place 😊

Plant Toxins Fatal to Sugarcane Hailed as the “New Weapon” Antibiotic in Fight against Bacteria

The threat of antibiotic-resistant bacterial infections has been growing across human civilization for years, but a new look at a plant pathogen discovered years ago reveals a potential new method of combating it—an antibacterial agent that works like nothing else deployed in medicine.

Called albicidin, it belongs to a pathogen that causes a disease in sugarcane called leaf scald, but also seems to attack bacteria in a completely different way than common antibiotics like fluoroquinolones.

Community Pharmacy Scotland Newsletter Round-up



THU, FEB 09

Free eLearning Course

Our colleagues at the University of Strathclyde have highlighted a new, free course that has been informed by research that you may have participated in throughout 2022. Once you have registered or

[Read More](#)



THU, FEB 09

Scottish Pharmacist Awards Now Open

The Scottish Pharmacist Awards 2023 are Now Open for nominations. The closing date for the awards entries are 20th Feb 2023.

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Newsletter by,

The Pharmaceutical Care Services Team,

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