# Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



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#### Non-Medical Prescribers Barcoded Prescription Forms - Vision

As part of GP IT Re-provisioning new functionality will be delivered to all Vision GP practices. This will first take place at pilot sites on the **27th February** and will be rolled out to all w/c **6th March**.

These changes will enable non-medical prescribers to issue and print a barcoded prescription form. Please note these cannot be electronically claimed for at present until further re-configuration.

Pharmacy Information: If you receive a prescription from a non-medical prescriber these should be processed routinely as you would any other barcoded GP10. Nurse Prescribers will continue to use GP10n scripts until supplies cease, these barcoded GP10n forms should be processed same as a barcoded GP10.

OOH service non-medical prescribers are already issuing barcoded prescriptions.

The 6th digit on the new barcodes will indicate the type of prescriber i.e.:

W- Nurse prescriber

X-Pharmacists

Y- Other NMP

## **△ Cold Calling & Nomad Delivery**Charges Scam

PCCT have today circulated information from colleagues in Fife about patients being cold called by scammers pretending to be from their community pharmacy, advising that delivery charges are now required for their compliance aids. We are aware of at least one patient reporting this happening in Grampian.

CP Scotland are aware of similar incidents as included in their weekly update. Please consider informing your MCA/other vulnerable patients at next convenient opportunity. Any further confirmed reports should be reported to crime stoppers so the prevalence of this crime can be monitored and investigated.

# NHSG Guidance- Responsibilities When Requesting a Transfer of Prescribing From Secondary Care to Primary Care

For your information, attached to this email. We are aware this does not directly impact Community Pharmacy however you may be asked by patients for information on timescales linked to interactions with secondary care and need for GP to prescribe.

### **Reminder: Power Outages Sessions**

The NHSG Resilience Team are running two evening sessions, **specifically for community pharmacies**, on power outages and resilience planning. These are scheduled for **Tuesday 28**<sup>th</sup> **February** and **Thursday 2**<sup>nd</sup> **March 7pm – 8pm.** Please ensure at least one member of your pharmacy attends one of these sessions (they are the same live session on MS Teams so attendance at one only is required.) Click the links below to join the meetings:

Tuesday 28th 7-8pm: Click here to join the meeting

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 7-8pm: Click here to join the meeting

#### No Smoking Day 8th March 2023



All pharmacies are reminded and encouraged to promote "No Smoking Day" taking place on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

You should already have posters from the smoking cessation awareness campaign which were sent out in January. We suggest you keep these posters displayed. Please also use your social media platforms to promote "No Smoking Day" and the Smoking Cessation service.

If you do not have any promotional materials, posters are attached to this email.

If you would like a larger display you can sign up with resources and order materials free of charge. Register here.

### Reminder: "Like" our Facebook Page



Reminder we have our own Facebook Page "Community Pharmacies Delivering NHS Grampian Services". Here we will share information from our update in case you missed it, share education and training events and public holiday opening hours across the network. Any service promotional posts or opening hour information can be shared onto your own pharmacy page.

## The Happy Place © International - I Hate Coriander Day



We are used to hearing of the upcoming public health promotion days. (Remember upcoming No Smoking Day is on 9<sup>th</sup> March) Well here is something a bit different and it's time for a pharmacy poll. Who likes coriander? Or who think it tasted like soap! Bleh!

If the existence of coriander haters baffles you, there is even some research being done that suggests that hatred for coriander can actually be genetic.

## Community Pharmacy Scotland Newsletter Round-up

Be aware - scam callers targeting pharmacy patients

We have been made aware that a small number of elderly patients have been contacted by someone reporting to be from their community pharmacy. The caller states that the purpose of the call is that



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Recruitment for Experiential Learning (EL) and Foundation Year (pre-reg) Training Sites

Messages from NES - recruitment for Experiential Learning (EL) and Equipolation Year (pre-reg) training site:

Newsletter by,

The Pharmaceutical Care Services Team,

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