

Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update

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Reminder: Non-Medical Prescribers Barcoded Prescription Forms - Vision

This is a reminder that as part of GP IT Re-provisioning new functionality will be delivered to all Vision GP practices.

This will be rolled out to all sites 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.

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.

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

- W- Nurse prescriber
- X-Pharmacists
- Y- Other NMP

Abiraterone / Zytiga Prescriptions

This is a reminder that no new patients are currently being started on community pharmacy prescriptions for abiraterone / Zytiga.

All prescriptions must be endorsed and supplied as Zytiga but please do not hold stock of Zytiga

in your pharmacies as patient supplies will be moving back to secondary care in a phased approach.

Patient Alert: CPUS Requests

We have received alert this week that a small number of patients are once again presenting attempting to register as temporary residents at practices to obtain medicines liable for abuse; notably codeine and DHC.

Please ensure that all requests for emergency supplies of any medicine are appropriately assessed by the pharmacist, including, where appropriate, review of ECS records and previous supplying pharmacy. These patients act under several alias' so please be vigilant.

Power Resilience Sessions

Thank you to the pharmacists who attended the sessions delivered by the Resilience Team on Tuesday and Thursday evening this week, we hope you found Helen's presentation useful. Please find a link to the recording [here](#).

To find out your rota load disconnection letter for work and home please use the following link: [SSEN | My Rota Block](#)

Priority Services Register leaflets can be accessed from Shona Horn at SSEN using the following email shona.horn@sse.com

Please find attached:

- PowerPoint presentation
- Rota disconnection spreadsheet (know your block so you know when power will be out)
- Rota Load Disconnection action card for adaption to your own site
- NETS failure Action card for adaption to your own site

ALL pharmacies are now required to complete the attached proformas:

1. Power Resilience Template: CP

2. Power Resilience Vaccination Template (only if provide vaccination services)

These proformas should be completed by midday on Friday 17th March and returned to helen.clark2@nhs.scot

Date for the Diary: Annual Contractor Pack Evening 21st March

Pharmaceutical Care Services and Primary Care Contracts will be hosting an information evening prior to the release of the 2023/24 Grampian Pharmacy Contractor Pack, including details of the local service level agreements. This session will be held on Teams from 7-8pm. Add the link below to your diary:

[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 8th 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.](#)

“Like” our Facebook Page



Reminder we have our own Facebook page. Here we share information from our update in case you missed it, education and training events and public holiday opening hours across the network.

The Happy Place 😊

A 19-month-old girl has become the first person to be cured of a rare and deadly condition, using a new therapy that inserts functional versions of a faulty gene into the patient’s bone marrow.

Teddi Shaw is now predicted to live a long, normal, healthy life thanks to this “cure” for metachromatic leukodystrophy (MLD). [More Info Here.](#)



Community Pharmacy Scotland Newsletter Round-up



NHS Pharmacy First Approved List - March 2023

The NHS Pharmacy First Scotland Service approved list of products has been updated as of 1st February 2023.

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Serious Shortage Protocol Extensions

Due to ongoing supply issues, eight Serious Shortage Protocols (SSPs) currently in effect for Phenoxymethylpenicillin (Pen V) medicines (SSPs 040-047), which were previously due to expire on 28 Februa

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Newsletter by,

The Pharmaceutical Care Services Team,

From 3rd March onwards, weekly updates will be distributed on Friday mornings. All weekly updates are uploaded to the [CP Grampian website](#).

Please note that due to known log-in issues, the password protection for the Grampian section of the website has been removed to resolve this.