

# Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



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### Reminder: Power Resilience

Following the Power Resilience training held last week, this is a reminder that **ALL** pharmacies are required to complete the proformas as detailed within last week's update.

- Power Resilience Template: CP
- Power Resilience Vaccination Template (only if provide vaccination services)

These should be completed by 12pm on Friday 17th March to [helen.clark2@nhs.scot](mailto:helen.clark2@nhs.scot)

### Date for the Diary: IEP Training Evening 13<sup>th</sup> March

Please find the attached SDF promotion flyer for Injecting Equipment Provision (IEP) training evening on 13<sup>th</sup> March from 7-9pm. Please [click here](#) to join the meeting via Microsoft Teams. 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.

### Date for the Diary: Annual Contractor Pack Evening 21<sup>st</sup> 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 Microsoft Teams from 7-8pm. [Click here to join the meeting](#)

### ECS Access for ALL Pharmacists

We are still receiving a large number of complaints from services and patients about pharmacists not accessing the Emergency Care Summary (ECS) to support patients with prescriptions, particularly over the weekend. In Grampian all pharmacists, including every locum pharmacist, must have ECS access if they want to work in community pharmacies here. **All contractors are asked to share this communication with their locums as a priority.**

If you do not have ECS access or if you think your password has expired, you should email [gram.cpfacilitators@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.cpfacilitators@nhs.scot) Monday to Friday (before 12pm on Friday) for account passwords to be reset or activated.

ECS access is Board specific so if you work across different Boards, you may need more than one account.

### 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.

### Community Pharmacy Research: Strathclyde University

Do you want to help develop digital pharmacy services for the future? Strathclyde University are looking for pharmacists working in community pharmacy or general practice in Scotland who are willing to take part in a 1 hour interview on the topic of how they feel about using video consultations to communicate with patients. Experience of using video consultations with

patients is not required. To take part, please contact: [a.ferguson@strath.ac.uk](mailto:a.ferguson@strath.ac.uk)

## “Like” our Facebook Page

This is a reminder that we now have a Facebook page:

“**Community Pharmacies Delivering NHS Grampian Services**”



Here 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 😊

NHS Scotland is the first health service in the world to stop purchasing desflurane, a high-carbon-footprint anaesthetic gas, for use in hospital theatres. [More Info Here.](#)

According to a [statement published by NHS Scotland](#) on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023, the gas, which is used for general anaesthesia, has a global warming potential that is “2,500 times greater than carbon dioxide”.



## Community Pharmacy Scotland Newsletter Round-up



TUE, MAR 07

PCA(P)(2023)09

Extension to serious shortage protocols for Phenoxyethylpenicillin and Sandrena® Gel Sachets.

[Read More](#)

TUE, MAR 07

PCA(P)(2023)10

Serious shortage protocol: Paracetamol Suppositories 120mg.

[Read More](#)



THU, MAR 09

PHS Poster Campaign

The current Public Health Service Poster campaign topic Womens Heart Health will run until further notice. The poster campaign topic of Antimicrobial Resistance is no longer going ahead.

[Read More](#)

Newsletter by,

The Pharmaceutical Care Services Team,

From 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.**