

Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update

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Reminder: Workload Pressures Audit

We are asking all pharmacies to complete a short workload pressures audit for week Monday 27th March to Sunday 2nd April. All pharmacies who complete and return this information will be reimbursed £200. The link to this form is available [here](#).

Reminder: SMS Patient Number Audit & Earlier Local Claim Submission Date

Please be reminded to submit the attached SMS Patient Number audit along with your claim forms for March if you have not already done so.

Please also be reminded, as we are at the end of the financial year, claim submissions are due at the earlier date of Friday 7th April.

Reminder: SLA Contract Pack 2023/24

The Primary Care Contacts team will be in touch next week with your SLA contract pack sign up for 2023/24. The SLA's are being updated on the following [link](#).

Reminder: Non-Medical Prescribers Barcoded Prescription Forms-Vision

This is a reminder that as part of GP IT Re-provisioning preparation the majority of practices in Grampian have now moved to Vision version DLM830.

This change 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.

Pharmacists and other NMPs will print prescriptions on GP10 script forms.

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

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

If you do experience any technical issues that may be related to this upgrade please ensure there are reported via facilitators so they can be investigated.

Reminder: Care Home Medicines- Withdrawal of COVID Guidance

Reminder of guidance sent out in relation to the withdrawal of COVID Guidance. We have reattached to this email.

Public Health Promotion

Public Health Champions Update

Thanks to all who have signed up to be Public Health Champions for your pharmacy. You should all have received a welcome email and it would be really useful if you could quickly reply so we know you've received, read and understood it.

Pharmacies who have not allocated a PH Champion can still do so if you wish, it really is just a point of contact for communications around smoking cessation and health promotion. If you don't nominate a PH Champion, you will still receive updates via the newsletter and on our website pages but not in a direct email, so it's even more important to check these communication channels regularly.

Smoking information - [NHS Community Pharmacy Website \(scot.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

Health promotion information - [NHS Community Pharmacy Website \(scot.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

Smoking Cessation

Reminder: Support to Stop Vaping

We have received a number of queries on the available support for patients who are looking to stop vaping.

Stopping smoking can have a large impact on improving someone's health, and vaping products have become a popular tool among those trying to stop or cut down tobacco use.

For support on vaping, patients can be sign posted to: *Quit Your Way Scotland* – Tel: 0800 84 84 84.

For more information please click [here](#).

The Happy Place 😊

Ross at Ferryhill Pharmacy

The Substance and Medicines Use team wanted to say thanks to Ross at Ferryhill Pharmacy. The team receives a lot of feedback from service users about how helpful Ross is, ensuring patients are seen quickly. It is recognised within the team what an asset Ross is to the service and its users.

If you would like to use this space in our update to say thanks to one of your team, do contact us!

Community Pharmacy Scotland Newsletter Round-up



Newsletter by,

The Pharmaceutical Care Services Team,

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.



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