

# Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



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### Reminder for Action: SMS Patient Number Audit

The Primary Care Contracts team previously requested **all pharmacies** to submit the SMS Patient Number Audit along with March local claim submissions by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April.

If you have not already done so, this is a reminder to complete and submit the attached form to [gram.pcctpharmacy@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.pcctpharmacy@nhs.scot) as soon as possible.

### SLA Contract Pack 2023/24

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

### Substance Use Service

Please note that the Substance Misuse Service (SMS) has been renamed as the Substance Use Service (SUS) and will be referred to as such moving forward.

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

An updated version of Vision is currently being rolled out and is live in some GP practices. There have been issues identified where the end date

does not print on instalment prescriptions despite being added in on the system.

We are working with Vision to understand and rectify the issues but in the meantime just a reminder that an end date is not a legal requirement on a prescription and included as good practice so any prescriptions that are presented without an end date can be dispensed as normal.

If there are any concerns or issues, please raise these to the substance use service pharmacists by emailing [gram.smspharmacists@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.smspharmacists@nhs.scot), or call the prescriber for urgent queries.

## Public Health Promotion

### Reminder: 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/communities/pharmacy)

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

## Smoking Cessation CO Monitoring Update

You may be aware that some NHS boards have resumed carbon monoxide monitoring. After some discussion, NHS Grampian have advised, due to costs and ongoing infection control issues, you should NOT recommence carbon monoxide monitoring at the present time. This will be reviewed within 6 months and we will update you on any further changes.

### Sign up to Scotland's Charter to support a smoke free generation by 2034!

Scotland has a goal of creating a tobacco-free generation by 2034, meaning by 2034 less than 5% of adults will smoke. By supporting Scotland's Charter for a Tobacco-free Generation, your pharmacy can help achieve this goal and improve health and wellbeing of the people and communities you work with.

Over 400 organisations, including many pharmacies in Grampian have already pledged support for Scotland's Charter for a Tobacco-free Generation. Endorsing the Charter is free and a great way to help improve people's wellbeing. It shows your pharmacy's commitment to creating healthier communities.

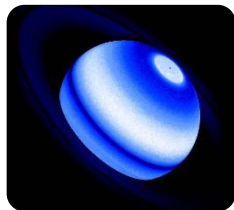
Once you have registered, your pharmacy will be proudly displayed on a list of supporters. ASH Scotland will send you a welcome pack, telling you about ways to get involved with the Charter, resources and support available to help realise your pledges.

To find out more and sign the Charter: [click here](#).

## The Happy Place 😊

Using data from several space missions and the Hubble telescope, an astronomer discovered that Saturn's rings are heating its own atmosphere—something that has never been seen before in our solar system.

[More information here.](#)



**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



### PCA(P)(2023)12 - Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) for Progynova TS 100mcg patches

The Scottish Government has released Circular PCA(P)(2023)12 which advises of a Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) in place for Progynova® (Estradiol as hemihydrate) TS 100 microgram patch, from 28 March 2023 to 9 June 2023.

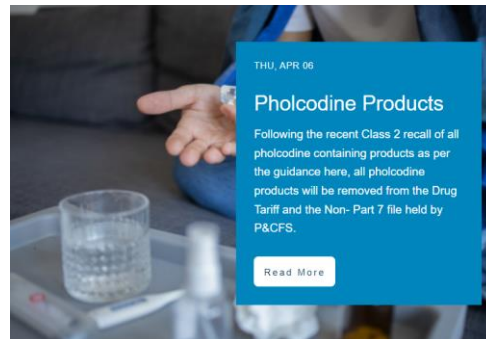
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### PCA(P)(2023)11 - Serious shortage protocol: Paracetamol Suppositories 240mg

The Scottish Government has released Circular PCA(P)(2023)11 which advises of a Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) in place for Paracetamol suppositories 240mg, from 13 March 2023 to 5 May 2023.



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**Wishing you all a very Happy Easter!**

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All weekly updates are uploaded to the [CP Grampian website](#).

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