

# Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



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## Abiraterone Prescriptions

We previously asked all pharmacies not to keep stocks of abiraterone / zytiga as no new patients were being initiated in community pharmacies and provision was moving back to secondary care. From Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April, patients will start this phased transition and the completed prescriptions will be sent to one of the 10 local secondary care pharmacy hubs across Grampian for patient collection. If you have any questions, please email [gram.pharmaceuticalcareservices@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.pharmaceuticalcareservices@nhs.scot)

## CoPPr (Community Pharmacy electronic Prescriptions)

At the recent CPS webinar on Unscheduled Care, there was mention that all prescriptions should now have paper copies, with no requirement to process prescriptions under the COVID19 UCF service tab. Please note that locally, Grampian do continue to use CoPPr via this route and all CoPPrs should be processed by pharmacies in Grampian via this tab until further notice.

## NEW: Gluten Free Food Service

Grampian pharmacies are now available on the GFFS webpage for patients to print order requests and either bring or email to you at the pharmacy. Please see attached handout with screenshot of this process to help you support your patients.

This is a great resource which has a number of product images included, to minimise risk of incorrect product ordered and only lists items on our Grampian GFF Formulary. The webpage is publically available here: <https://www.scotlandglutenfree.org.uk/>

**Step 1:** Patient fills in postcode of pharmacy. This identifies the pharmacy as being in Grampian and will populate only the Grampian formulary for the patient. They also complete their personal details to calculate the number of units per month they are allowed to order.

**Step 2:** Patient creates their prescription by selecting the items they wish to order that month. Can filter by product type (bread / pasta / crackers / cereals etc.) or by brand. All products are clear on weight and unit calculation. Once item is placed in basket, a countdown of total units remaining is provided.

**Step 3:** Checkout. The screen then confirms the order completion which can then be downloaded as a PDF and printed / taken to pharmacy or emailed to the pharmacy.

## Reminder for Action: SUS Patient Number Audit

All pharmacies are asked to return their current SUS patient numbers audit form (attached) to [gram.pharmaceuticalcareservices@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.pharmaceuticalcareservices@nhs.scot) as soon as possible. We still have a number of outstanding responses. Even if your pharmacy has 0 patients, we require this return.

## Reminder for Action: SLA Sign Up Sheet 2023/24

This is a reminder that the attached 2023-24 SLA sign up sheet must be completed and returned to [PCCT gram.pcctpharmacy@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.pcctpharmacy@nhs.scot) by **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April**.

Please [click here](#) to view all 2023-24 NHS Grampian Service Level Agreement (SLA) documentation.

## Respiratory Evening Roadshow Event: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

The Grampian Respiratory Managed Clinical Network are excited to announce that registration is now open for the first in a series of Respiratory Education and Networking Events which will take place in 2023.

The event is scheduled to be held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May from 17:30-20:30 at Crimond Medical and Community Hub.

Please [click here](#) to sign up to the event by 5pm on 28<sup>th</sup> March.

The suggested pre-reads prior to the event, *Introduction and Case Studies 4, 5 and 6*, are available [here](#). If you don't have an account, you can register for a free PCRA account via the link.

## Grampian Respiratory MCN Professional Conference – 17<sup>th</sup> May

Registration is now open for this year's *Grampian Respiratory MCN Professional Conference* which will take place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May at the Beach Ballroom in Aberdeen.

The Grampian Respiratory Managed Clinical Network are excited to welcome delegates back to a face-to-face Respiratory MCN Conference for the first time since 2019. There is an excellent programme covering community respiratory pathways, paediatrics, post covid-19 care, chronic disease management, inhaler technique and more with a mix of plenary sessions, workshops, interactive sessions and small group discussions. We anticipate this will be an informative and enjoyable event with great opportunities to network with colleagues and pharmaceutical company exhibitors.

Please [click here](#) for full details of this event, the programme, and to purchase tickets.

## Public Health Update

The next Public Health Poster campaign is for **Lyme disease** which will be live from 2<sup>nd</sup> May - 29<sup>th</sup> May. Posters will be distributed to all community pharmacies w/c 24<sup>th</sup> April and will be accompanied by business card sized flyers for the public.

*Please keep the poster displayed until the next campaign has been confirmed, and new posters are received.*

If you have any issues receiving the poster and flyers, please contact: [stockorders.DPPAS@theapsgroup.com](mailto:stockorders.DPPAS@theapsgroup.com)



## AMS Digital Pharmacy Payments Programme

# Programme Update

Please find the attached flyer regarding AMS Digital Payments Programme. This document is being shared ahead of visits to early adopter sites to provide awareness of the overall programme.

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## The Happy Place 😊

We know you are all a modest lot and don't like to shout about your successes, but this week, a few teams have come to our attention so we would like to give a Friday shout out and our thanks to:

- Nikki at Bairds Clifton Road, who recently administered CPR to a patient who collapsed in the pharmacy. Well done Nikki and thank you for keeping so calm in such a stressful situation 😊
- Crimond Pharmacy Team, who were recently highlighted to us by a patient about their “above and beyond support” during their smoking cessation journey – well done team! 😊

***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



### Tips For Recognising, Diagnosing, and Treating Lyme Disease

Our colleagues at **Lyme Disease UK** have put together the following Tips For Recognising, Diagnosing, and Treating Lyme Disease for clinicians.

[Read More](#)



### nDCVP Key Differences Guide

NSS recently communicated a key differences guide to their new payment system which goes live as of the 1st of May.

[Read More](#)

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### Project Survey

Investigating the Acceptability of **Blue-Green Prescribing** on Scotland's Primary Care Settings

[Complete Survey](#)



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



**PS** – We have reverted back to our previous newsletter format based on YOUR feedback about this being easier to read on mobile devices.

We are happy to receive all feedback and comments to improve our communications to you, please don't hesitate to get in touch on

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