

Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



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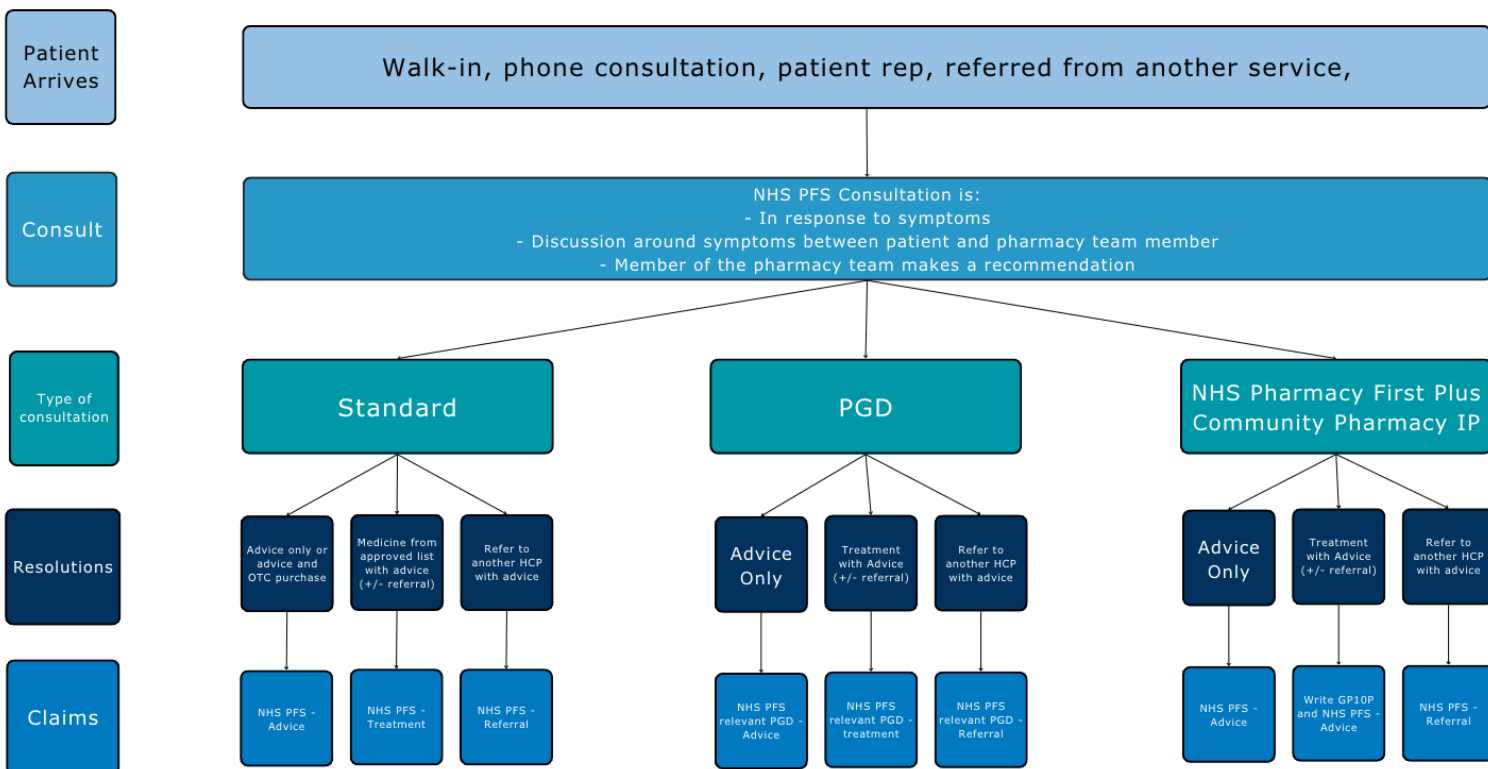
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Pharmacy First Referral Claims

Following a number of pharmacy enquiries, we contacted CPS regarding the correct process to follow where a patient presents in the pharmacy, is initially consulted by a health care assistant under Pharmacy First, who then refers to a prescribing pharmacist in the same pharmacy for assessment and treatment under Pharmacy First Plus.

Only one outcome can occur for a patient, therefore pharmacies cannot submit a claim for a Pharmacy First referral when “referring” within the pharmacy to a prescribing pharmacist. As a reminder, we have included the patient flowchart below and attached to this update:



New: Grampian Guidance Access

You now have access to Grampian Guidance. This move is designed to improve your experience of accessing information to assist with direct patient care.

What is Grampian Guidance?

Grampian Guidance is a valuable local resource for helping you deliver direct patient care. It provides easy to access guidance, information and resources in one convenient location. It used by primary care, secondary care and community colleagues across NHS Grampian.

Watch our 2 minute video tour to explore the new site and discover these features in action: <https://scottish.sharepoint.com/sites/GRAM-Guidance>

If you need more information, please contact us at: gram.guidance@nhs.scot

Mexiletine Supplies

Clinigen are unable to supply licenced Mexiletine capsules until approximately December 2023. Unlicensed products are available from a number of suppliers (e.g. Ethigen, Alium, Mawdsleys, Orifarm). Please follow the usual specials process if you are presented with a script for mexiletine:

[Special Formulation And Unlicensed Products In Primary Care \(nhsgrampian.org\)](https://www.nhs.uk/grampian/specials).

If you require further information on suppliers, please contact: gram.specialsaberdeenshire@nhs.scot

Public Health Update

Aberdeenshire Wellbeing Festival

Congratulations to everyone involved in Aberdeenshire's Wellbeing Festival last week, lots of fantastic work going on in our local communities! Public Health Practitioner, Denise Stirling, hosted a stall at The Vinery Project Banff on Saturday, engaging with members of the public to promote pharmacy services.

These health and wellbeing events are a fantastic way to advertise your services and we'll keep you posted with what's going on within your own localities in case you want to get involved in the future. Remember to follow our [Facebook page](#) for updates.



NHS Scotland National Infection Prevention and Control Manual (NIPCM)

The NIPCM provides infection and prevention guidance to all those involved in care provision and is considered best practice across all health and care settings in Scotland. It's available for reference [here](#).

National Wellbeing Hub (NWH)

Following the Aberdeenshire Wellbeing Festival last week, it's important to remind all staff to check-in on their own health and wellbeing. The attached poster shows a QR code for accessing the "National Wellbeing Hub" for everyone working in health and social care in Scotland. It's a place full of ideas on how to stay well, covering mental health, financial wellbeing, physical and staff wellbeing, safe workplaces and responding to emergencies.

Alternatively, you can visit: www.wellbeinghub.scot

The Happy Place 😊

Scientists have used artificial intelligence (AI) to discover a new antibiotic that can kill a deadly species of superbug. The AI helped narrow down thousands of potential chemicals to a handful that could be tested

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in the laboratory. The result was a potent, experimental antibiotic called abaucin, which will need further tests before being used. The researchers in Canada and the US say AI has the power to massively accelerate the discovery of new drugs. It is the latest example of how the tools of artificial intelligence can be a revolutionary force in science and medicine. Full article available here: [New superbug-killing antibiotic discovered using AI - BBC News](#)

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

Here is a round-up of all the important news this week!

Message for Contractor Owners

We just wanted to give you a heads-up that we shot you an important email last night around 17.45. It's definitely worth checking out, so make sure to give it a look as soon as you can.



TUE, MAY 23

Deletions to Part 7 as of 1st May 2023

The new updated version of Part 7 is now available for May 2023. In this month there are several deletions we wanted to make you aware of.

[Read More](#)



PCA(P)(2023)21 - Serious Shortage Protocol for Utrogestan® (Micronised Progesterone) 100mg Capsules

This Circular advises of a Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) in place for Utrogestan® (micronised progesterone) 100mg capsules, from 19 May 2023 to 18 August 2023.

[Read More](#)

WED, MAY 24

NHS Pharmacy First and Pharmacy First Plus Scotland

There have been a few enquires on the details of this service.

Information is in this document, including the eligibility criteria, which includes NHS Pharmacy First Plus.

[Read More](#)



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The Pharmaceutical Care Services Team,

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