

Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



Contents

01: Medicines Management Update

- Shortage of Semaglutide (Ozempic®)
- Liraglutide (Saxenda®) and Semaglutide (Wegovy®) for Weight Management: Updated Information
- Nitrofurantoin: Monitoring Guidance for Adults

02: Pharmacy First Service Claims: Hay Fever PGD Products

03: Pharmacy Training in Migraine Management Survey

04: Aberdeen in Recovery: Open Days 26th and 27th June 2023

05: Public Health Update

- Vaping Support in Community Pharmacies
- Alcohol Awareness Week: 3rd – 9th July 2023

06: The Happy Place 😊

07: Community Pharmacy Scotland Newsletter Round-up

Medicines Management Update

Shortage of Semaglutide (Ozempic®)

Timelines associated with Semaglutide (Ozempic®) availability have been updated – supplies of both 1mg and 0.5mg strengths are likely to be intermittent until late January 2024. Please find the attached supporting documentation for more information.

Liraglutide (Saxenda®) and Semaglutide (Wegovy®) for Weight Management: Updated Information

Liraglutide (Saxenda®) and semaglutide (Wegovy®) should not be prescribed by primary care clinicians for the purposes of weight management. Please find the attached document for further information.

Nitrofurantoin: Monitoring Guidance for Adults

Please find attached the Nitrofurantoin Monitoring Guidance for Adults relevant for all prescribers. A reminder that nitrofurantoin is NOT available in Grampian under the UTI Pharmacy First Service PGD.

Pharmacy First Service Claims: Hay Fever PGD Products

Please be aware that four new PGD products for hay fever now appear on PMR systems in readiness for being added to Pharmacy First (start date still to be confirmed). Although your community pharmacy teams will now be able to see these new UCF-PGD options, they should **not** be used for any claims until the hay fever PGDs are released and the products are added to the Approved List.

Hay fever products being supplied through Pharmacy First from the current Approved List should continue to be claimed for via the standard option of Pharmacy First – Treatment, rather than via the new PGD options. It is important to ensure that all pharmacy services are claimed for under the correct UCF option to ensure correct payment.

Pharmacy Training in Migraine Management Survey

NHS Grampian are working with the Migraine Trust to develop education and training materials for pharmacists. We are hosting a survey on Pharmacy Training in Migraine Management in order to develop appropriate training and support for pharmacy staff. This survey requests details of your experiences to date, and any preferences which will assist the project team to evaluate the project. Please [click here](#) to complete the survey by **30th June 2023**.

Aberdeen in Recovery: Open Days 26th and 27th June 2023

Aberdeen in Recovery are an organisation led by people with lived experience to support peers and grow the recovery community in Aberdeen City. They are throwing open the doors to their new premises, located at 41 Union Street, on Monday 26th June and Tuesday 27th June. Please pop in and say hello and find out more about this valuable service.

Public Health Update

Vaping Support Requests in Community Pharmacies

We are currently gathering information around vaping issues across Grampian. It would be extremely helpful to receive information from pharmacies about the specific questions you are being asked around vaping and also to gauge how many people are presenting to pharmacies for support, both wanting to use a vape as an NRT tool and in quitting vaping altogether, to: gram.pharmaceuticalcareservices@nhs.scot.

Patients with vaping queries should be referred to Quit Your Way Services (QYWS): 0800 84 84 84.

Alcohol Awareness Week 3rd - 9th July 2023

Alcohol Awareness Week is coordinated by Alcohol Change UK. Over 5,000 public health teams, workplaces, GP surgeries, pharmacies, hospitals, charities and other community groups across the country have signed up to take part so far. It's a chance for communities to get thinking about their drinking habits. It's a week of awareness-raising, campaigning for change, and more.

The theme for Alcohol Awareness Week 2023 is 'Alcohol and cost'. Why not create a promotional display within your pharmacy? Resources are available to order [here](#).



If you would like to get involved, sign up or get more information, please click [here](#).

The Happy Place 😊

Smoking Cessation Programme Success Feedback!

This week, we would like to shout out Webster's Pharmacy, Peterhead, who received great praise from a service user who had been provided with "*fantastic support*" to quit smoking. The gentleman was absolutely delighted that he had managed to successfully quit, thinking he may never be able to succeed. He said he "*couldn't have done it without the staff who were extremely supportive*". Well done Team Webster's, Peterhead!

Keeping Cool in the Blue Toon

Staying with Peterhead, we were delighted to see the team effort to keep cool in Buchanhaven Pharmacy last week. Stacey is pictured below with a selection of cooling slushies for the team, yum! We hope you all enjoyed these!



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

Community Pharmacy Scotland Newsletter Round-up



Correct Use of UCF Categories

We have been made aware by our colleagues at Practitioner Services that there are a significant number of claims for pharmacy services made each month under the wrong UCF category.

[Read More](#)

Community Pharmacy: Scotland's COVID-19 Inquiry

Community Pharmacy Scotland (CPS), on behalf of Community Pharmacy owners and their teams were recently asked to contribute to Scotland's Covid-19 Inquiry. For this, we documented everything from the impact the pandemic had on community pharmacies to whether community pharmacies engaged productively with the Scottish Government during lockdowns. We then concluded with the lessons that can be learned from the Scottish Government's response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

[Read More](#)

MHRA Issues New Guidance

We invite you to support the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) in sharing new guidance to highlight the latest safety advice on the steps to take during anaphylaxis.

[Read More](#)



Newsletter by,

The Pharmaceutical Care Services Team,

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

Please like our Facebook page for regular updates and information:

[Community Pharmacies Delivering NHS Grampian Services](#)



We are happy to receive all feedback and comments to improve our communications to you, please don't hesitate to get in touch on gram.pharmaceuticalcareservices@nhs.scot