

Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



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Medicines Management Update

Shortage of Disulfiram 200mg tablets (Anatabuse®)

Please see the attached document for information on the current shortage of disulfiram 200mg tablets (Anatabuse®). No new patients should be initiated on treatment at this time. As of 14th July 2023, Teva advise that stock may be available again at some point between July - September 2023. Brown & Burk advise they may have stock available mid-August. Target specials manufacturer may be able to supply capsules pack 50 and should be contacted for patients urgently requiring stock. No other specials supplier currently hold stock. Please note requests for specials will require authorisation from the specials team via email.

NES Pharmacy: Designated Prescribing Practitioner Webinar

NHS Education for Scotland (NES) will be hosting a webinar on Wednesday 23rd August at 7pm for pharmacists who are thinking about becoming a DPP or for anyone who is about to start the role. This is a great opportunity to have questions answered, familiarise yourself with role requirements and resources available to support. There will also be a chance to hear from those who have undertaken the role already. If you would like to register, please book via the [DPP webinar course booking page](#).

Emailed Prescriptions

Following extensive feedback and audits of emailed prescription workload, all general practices have been advised that prescriptions should not be routinely scanned and emailed for patient convenience.

Where a prescription is clinically urgent to reach the pharmacy on the same day, ideally a relative or patient should collect this from the surgery. If this is not possible, then there are 2 options:

1. The barcode of the script is phoned to the community pharmacy by the prescriber and the paper copy left for pharmacy collection or posted to the pharmacy if a collection service is not available.
2. The signed script is scanned and emailed to the pharmacy. As above, the paper copy must be left for pharmacy collection or posted to the community pharmacy.

The paper prescription remains the legal document and must be received by the community pharmacy within 72 hours of the request to dispense whether this was made by phone or by email. Pharmacists have

a professional responsibility to ensure that all medications dispensed are from a signed script which has been seen by the pharmacist or phoned through by a prescriber.

Pharmacists cannot accept barcodes emailed or phoned by an admin person or other non-prescriber.

Compression Hosiery Prescriptions

Pharmacies should continue to provide measuring and fitting of hosiery products where required. Community Pharmacy Scotland (CPS) have full guidance on the process to follow from the web link [here](#).

Substance Use Service Update – Buvidal Dispensing

Please be reminded that Buvidal should **not** be dispensed to patients. In Grampian, this has recently resulted in an incident where a patient received and injected their own Buvidal. Please only provide Buvidal to the CPN / key workers collecting on behalf of the patient.

Smoking Cessation Update

Updated Pharmacy Stop Smoking Service Pack – Version 4, Updated June 2023

The training pack has recently been updated and is now available on the Community Pharmacy Grampian website at the link [here](#). Please note that all references to using CO monitoring as a tool within your sessions have been removed at the present time but we will keep you updated with any developments on this and update the training pack accordingly as changes occur.

Also updated on the website is the National Centre for Cessation and Training (NCCT) guidance and the Q&A section which we've updated to include the recurring question around vaping guidance. The Q&A's have also been included within the updated training pack.

Healthpoint Services

Healthpoint is more than just a smoking cessation service in the community. They also offer free advice on:

- Practical ways to improve your health.
- Your health concerns.
- Support groups and organisations.
- How to access NHS services.
- Long term conditions e.g. asthma, diabetes.
- Access to free condoms and sanitary products.

There is a walk-in service on the main concourse at ARI and also at Dr Grays Hospital in Elgin. Telephone support is available too on 08085 20 20 30. Self-referrals or professional referrals are welcomed. Please find a short video attached for more information.

Public Health Update

Public Health Services Pharmacy Visits

The NHS Grampian Public Health Practitioners, Denise Stirling and Suzanne Cowie, are currently on a round of opportunistic visits to all pharmacies. These visits are an opportunity for you to discuss any issues around health promotion and your smoking cessation services. If your pharmacy would prefer a pre-arranged appointment, please contact your relevant Public Health Practitioner:

suzanne.cowie@nhs.scot – Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire South

denise.stirling@nhs.scot – Moray and Aberdeenshire North

Aberdeenshire and Moray Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Leaflets/HFSV Postcards

Please look out for a **small** number of postcards being sent out to be used selectively, these can be attached to (preferably stapled on outside) your prescription bags. The postcards are a way of getting information and contact details across to elderly (60+) and vulnerable people within your communities, so SFRS can provide valuable home safety information and possible home visits across Aberdeenshire and Moray areas.

Home fire safety visits are a valuable initiative aimed at promoting fire prevention, risk reduction, and community safety, by engaging residents and providing them with fire and home safety awareness.

Please see the attached electronic version of the Leaflet/HFSV Postcard for more information.

The Happy Place 😊 Plastic Free July!

It's officially [Plastic Free July](#) and time to ditch single-use plastic and try out some plastic-free alternatives around your home and on the go.

Plastic Free July is a global movement that helps millions of people be part of the solution to plastic pollution, working towards cleaner streets and safer oceans. The organisation provides resources and ideas to help people reduce single-use plastic waste every day at home, at work, at school and while out and about.

Here are [31 plastic-free swaps](#) for the month of July...



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

Community Pharmacy Scotland Newsletter Round-up



Contact Details for Post Registration Training Foundation Course

If you need to make an enquiry re the above course, please use the following contact details

[Read More](#)

NES Webinar DPP

Discussion on the role of the Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP) Our colleagues at NES have sent the following which we are sharing for your information:

[Read More](#)



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The Pharmaceutical Care Services Team,

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