

Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



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CPS and SG Funding Agreement Reached

CPS have released a statement confirming that they have accepted an improved funding offer from Scottish Government. The details of this have not yet been released, we will share once available.

Medicines Management Update

Adoport[®] Supplies

Please see the attached document for information on the current shortage of Adoport[®] 2mg capsules. This has also been circulated to all community pharmacy teams and the Primary Care Brief to all practices.

AMS Digital Webinar 27th July

Information from the AMS Digital Team: *It has been sometime since the programme has updated all contractors on the progress of AMS Digital. We would like to take the opportunity to invite you along to a webinar on the evening of **27th July 2023 (7-8pm)**. The webinar will contain information on the background of the programme, where we are now and what contractors are expected to do when going live. Please see attached newsletter sent to Early Adopter sites giving them guidance and advice. A MS Teams Link will be sent out in advance of the webinar.*

Reminder: DPP Webinar 23rd August

A reminder that 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](#). Please note this session will be recorded and made available post event.

Reminder: Emailed Prescriptions

Last week we shared with you that all general practices have been advised that prescriptions should not be routinely scanned and emailed for patient convenience. We understand that some miscommunication has since occurred between practices and pharmacies, so we want to be clear on the messaging:

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.

- 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.

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 alone emailed or phoned by an admin person or other non-prescriber as this does not provide assurance that this prescription has been signed by a prescriber.

Smoking Cessation Update

Vaping Support

A reminder that the community pharmacy smoking cessation programme is for **tobacco smokers only**. The service specification does not permit you to treat vapers at this current time.

You may be aware that Quickmist® is licensed for vapers. If vapers want a product to help them stop vaping, they can purchase Quickmist® but you should not be prescribing this product or any other NRT product (no other NRT product has been licensed for vaping) for the purpose of ceasing vaping.

New Government guidance is due to come out in Autumn this year and we will update you with any changes to vaping guidance. We are well aware of the scale of vaping in Grampian and working groups are already in place to tackle the problem.

In the meantime, anyone wishing to quit vaping should be referred to Quit Your Way Services (QYW) on 0800 84 84 84.

PCR Errors and Missed Submissions

From the most recent January to March 2023 smoking cessation data analysis report, there was a rise in people signing up to the smoking cessation service from 627 clients in Oct-Dec 2022 to 1033 clients in Jan-March 2023. This is great news, however there are still a high number of missed submissions at the 4 week mark. During this quarter, of the 1033 clients signed up (quit dates set), 293 (28%) of those were not correctly submitted or missed on the PCR system, accumulatively adding up to a loss of £4,395 over all pharmacies in Grampian. By 12 weeks, only 17 (4%) were missed, totalling a loss of £595.

The table below shows the amount of sign ups and missed submissions in all community pharmacies in Grampian over the past year (note the data is always released 6 months behind). Please ensure your housekeeping for smoking cessation is adequate and you have a weekly system in place to check for any pending submissions. Also please ensure all staff are completing PCR submissions correctly.

QUARTER	HOW MANY SIGNED UP (QUIT DATES SET)	NUMBER OF MISSED SUBMISSIONS AT 4 WEEKS	MISSED SUBMISSIONS AS A PERCENTAGE
APRIL – JUNE 2022	829	299	36%
JULY – SEPT 2022	732	251	34%
OCT – DEC 2022	627	223	35%
JAN – MARCH 2023	1033	293	28%

Attached is a document about common PCR errors which will lead to failed payments. (See PDF)

Public Health Update

Health Promotion/Information Resources Service

Health Promotion Resources will be closed for stock taking purposes from 27th July 2023 to 11th August 2023. During this time, they will be unable to process any orders so ensure you get any orders submitted before that date. More information is available [here](#).

The Happy Place 😊

Buchanhaven Pharmacy Scoops Local Award



Congratulations to the team at Buchanhaven Pharmacy who scooped the Business of the Year at the Best of Buchan Awards, as part of Peterhead Scottish Week. Here are some of the girls having a great time celebrating last weekend, congratulations to all!

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

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CPS Accepts Improved Funding Offer

Further to the negotiations on the Financial Settlement for 2023/24, we are pleased to confirm that an improved written offer has been received and accepted by your Community Pharmacy Scotland Board...

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Funded community pharmacy Post-registration Foundation programme - registration opening soon!

If you are a Foundation Pharmacist, this is your chance to turbo-boost your professional development and secure your IP place...

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NHS Pharmacy First and Pharmacy First Plus Scotland - Service Details

We have had a few questions on the details of the service here is some information that you may find useful...

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Newsletter by,

The Pharmaceutical Care Services Team,

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