



COMMUNITY PHARMACY LANARKSHIRE NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2023 EDITION 2



NEWS/OPPORTUNITIES

Call for
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Pharmacy Champions 2023

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We are looking for notes of interest for our Pharmacy Champions 2023!

Evening work, flexible adhoc sessions & project work will all be considered, for those working full time and concerned about time away from pharmacy. This is a paid opportunity, and a chance to do something different, shape what the champions work will look, and a chance to support our fellow pharmacists. Please share with your locum pharmacists

If you're interested, we would love to hear from you- please contact myself on lauren.gibson@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk

Cross Sector IP Peer Review Opportunity

Are you a Pharmacist Independent Prescriber looking to connect with pharmacist peers from different sectors? Join us for the first NHS Lanarkshire Cross Sector Pharmacist Independent Prescriber Peer Review on **Thursday, August 24th from 1:00-1:30 PM.**

This event is open to all active independent prescribing pharmacists working in Community Pharmacy, Hospital Pharmacy, Primary Care, and Specialist Services. Come together to share your prescribing practices in a safe and collaborative space.

Book your place via: <https://forms.office.com/e/hdLiFUtkAQ> *Data collected from the booking may be used for research purposes, including publication.*

NES Pharmacy Update – July 2023 - New Resources- Common Clinical Conditions

NES have updated and redesigned a suite of Common Clinical Conditions resources into a collection of micro-learning modules, with each one covering a specific condition. The main landing page can still be found on the Common Clinical Conditions page on Turas Learn and as before the resources are grouped according to their therapeutic area.

Homecare Delivery to Community Pharmacy

Homecare are secondary care medications dispensed through third party Homecare Providers and delivered directly to the patient at home or workplace. Please now be aware delivery to & pick up of homecare deliveries from community pharmacy is discouraged due to governance in the supply & storage chain. If you receive a request from a patient to accept a delivery from a homecare provider, please direct the patient to their clinical team or the Homecare Medicines Team (nhs.l.homecare@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk or 01698 366635). Thank you.



LET'S CELEBRATE: GOOD NEWS STORIES- PHARMACY FIRST

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THANK YOU

Pharmacy First Activity - Thank You!

March this year seen community pharmacies in Lanarkshire deliver over **50,000** Pharmacy First Interactions across our network! This is just under **40,000** (39,993) Pharmacy first items issued to the communities of Lanarkshire, with an additional **7559** consultations only, and **3352** referrals to the GP, illustrating only 6% of pharmacy first interactions required further referral to GPs. This is a significant contribution to the healthcare of our communities and for this we share our thanks. March also seen good usage of the Pharmacy First PGDs:

- UTI PGD- 1466 interactions, 1182 items prescribed, 30 consultations only, with 254 GP referrals
- Impetigo PGD -166 interactions, 150 items prescribed, 6 consultations only, 10 GP referrals
- Shingles PGD -52 interactions, with 34 items prescribed, 3 consultations only, and 15 referrals
- Skin Infection PGD - 287 interactions, with 217 items prescribed, 11 consultations only, and 59 referrals

We thank you for the good work being delivered to the local communities in Lanarkshire.

If you have any good news stories about your own pharmacy, or to showcase good work you are doing please get in touch with Lauren ☺

PHARMACY FIRST PLUS + UPDATES

Process for starting the Pharmacy first PLUS +service- Notice of starting the First Plus service and requests for pads should be emailed to Isobel Marshall isobel.marshall@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk . You will be sent 3 forms to fill in and return.

*You must also register with NSS nationally to get paid for the service, **as this is paid nationally and not locally** (PCA (P) 2020 16) Circular [Primary and Community Care Directorate \(scot.nhs.uk\)](https://www.scot.nhs.uk/primaryandcommunitycare/directorate). To ensure you start receiving payment, please email completed form Annex A, from PCA circular 2020(P)16: [Primary and Community Care Directorate \(scot.nhs.uk\)](https://www.scot.nhs.uk/primaryandcommunitycare/directorate) to nss.psd-pharm-pay@nhs.scot*

NES DPP Webinar 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. If you would like to register, please book via the [DPP webinar course booking page](#). (on turas) Any questions please get in touch.

CD Prescribing on Pharmacy First Plus Reminder- A reminder that Pharmacy first plus is not the route for patient access to controlled drugs. Please ensure patients are signposted to other appropriate services for this. Thank you

CLINICAL SERVICE UPDATES

Addiction Services DISULFIRAM STOCK AVAILABILITY- There are stock availability issues with disulfiram tablets. NHS Lanarkshire is aware there are some stocks of specials / unlicensed disulfiram products available at specials wholesalers. These stocks have an increased cost. NHS Lanarkshire would ask you to follow the normal process for ordering specials medications. Pro forma and instructions attached, email ulmrequest@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk.

OOH The New Urgent Care PGD is now live and online, please remember to sign the PGD, & ask your locums to sign and send to the pharmacy admin team. Thank you.

Clinical mailbox A gentle reminder to ensure you have access to your clinical mailbox, especially at weekends, and ensure weekend staff and locums know how to access this and remember to check this, for OOH prescriptions.

Emergency Care Summary A gentle reminder to also ensure weekend staff have access to the Emergency Care Summary, and ensuring weekend staff and locums know how to access this, & have the logins required available to them.

IT/Digital - The NHS Lanarkshire Community Pharmacy Website, will be undergoing updates & a refresh. [NHS Community Pharmacy Website \(scot.nhs.uk\)](https://www.scot.nhs.uk/nhs-community-pharmacy/)

Cancer services – Reminder to pharmacies that STAC medicine Abiraterone, is returning to hospital dispensing in September - keep an eye on your stock control.

SHORTAGES UPDATE

Medicines shortages general guidance

Shortages continue to be an issue placing a significant burden on community pharmacy and primary care teams appreciate your ongoing support with these. Teams can access Community Pharmacy Scotland's Medicines Shortages Guidance (<https://www.cps.scot/drugtariff/shortages-information>) which provides comprehensive guidance on what action to take in the event of medicines shortages. To keep up to date with current serious supply protocols, <https://www.cps.scot/drugtariff/ssp> and <https://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/> (search for MSAN.)

In the instance that alternative options have been exhausted, the prescriber should be contacted for further advice. Please be aware, prescribers' access to information on availability of medicines may be limited, so it would be helpful to advise GPs which alternatives are currently available in your communications with them.

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