

Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



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Migraine Management in Pharmacy Training Events

This is a reminder of the training dates for Migraine Management in Pharmacy. These are open to all staff in pharmacy teams who wish to attend. To register, please contact: gram.transformationteam@nhs.scot.

- Crimond Health Centre Wed 6th September 2023 6.30-8:30pm (limited spaces available)
- Online (Teams) Tues 5th September 2023 7-9pm
- Online (Teams) Tues 19th September 2023 7-9pm
- Online (Teams) Wed 20th September 2023 7-9pm

Pharmacy Technician Fitness to Practise and Professionalism Webinar

A myth-busting webinar on Fitness to Practise and Professionalism, with focus on Pharmacy Technicians and Pre-registration Technicians, is being hosted on Zoom by GPhC and APTUK on Tuesday 26th September from 7-8pm. If you wish to attend the webinar, please [click here](#).

Duty of Candour Resources

Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians across all sectors of pharmacy work hard to provide person-centred, safe and effective care to patients. But, in reality sometimes things go wrong. The resources attached to this email focus on our duty of candour and learning from real life examples. Please use this as an opportunity to reflect as a team on your recent near miss log or error reports.

Change to PC70 Form: Instalment/Supervised Doses Dispensing Claim Form

Please be aware of a change to the current PC70 instalment/supervised doses dispensing claim form. From 23rd August 2023, the PC70 form will change colour from lilac (purple) to white. This change is due to recent and ongoing challenges in procuring lilac coloured paper.

NHS National Services Scotland (NSS) and Community Pharmacy Scotland (CPS) have agreed that the best suitable option to avoid further delays in procuring lilac PC70 forms is to replace the forms with a white version of the PC70. However, please exhaust any existing stocks of the lilac PC70 form.

Please note:

The PC70 form template has been updated. If you have a barcoded prescription, please add the Barcode UPN number only or continue to add the prescription serial number for all non-barcoded prescriptions. Please see the example attached.

General Use:

Use of the white PC70 form should follow the existing process and a reminder of this process has been noted below.

- The PC70 form must be completed for each instalment-controlled drug prescription as the pharmacist is legally obliged to sign and date the prescription form each time a CD is dispensed.
- The PC70 is linked and is counted as an extension to the original form and, in order to ensure correct payments, the pharmacist must endorse the prescription form with the details of the instalment dispensing.
- Completed PC70 forms can also help alert pharmacy staff to the fact that instalments have not been collected. Ideally the proposed dates of supply should be completed at the time the script is received to help ensure no instalments are supplied beyond the end date of the prescription.

For any further guidance or questions relating to the PC70 form change, please contact nss.psd-pscriber-statnry@nhs.scot

International Overdose Awareness Day – 31st August 2023

International Overdose Awareness Day 31st August

An email was circulated on Monday 21st August detailing how pharmacies can support International Overdose Awareness Day, please ensure to read through this if you have not done so already.

Services across Grampian will be supporting activities on the day with buildings across Scotland being lit up purple in a show of support and promoted by radio adverts and social media. Aberdeen in Recovery will also be out and about across Aberdeen City.

Free Naloxone Training is scheduled to take place on 31st August from 11am – 3pm at Tillydrone Community Campus. Please find the attached flyer and feel to drop in by yourselves to support!

Care Home Waste Survey

We are currently undertaking an audit of the Care Home Waste service and looking for information from community pharmacies to assist us in improving the service. If your pharmacy has signed up to the care home waste SLA, please complete the survey linked [here](#) by Friday 8th September 2023.

Locum Pack 2023-24

The 2023-24 Locum Pack is now available on the community pharmacy website [here](#). The revised version includes an update to ECS and PCR Registration forms, now hosted on Microsoft Forms, in replacement of the previous word-format forms. Please encourage all locum pharmacists working in your pharmacies to register with NHS Grampian to receive communications directly.

Smoking Cessation Update

Sign up to Scotland's Charter to support a smoke free generation by 2034!

Scotland has a goal of creating a tobacco-free generation by 2034, meaning by 2034 less than 5% of adults will smoke. By supporting Scotland's Charter for a Tobacco-free Generation, your pharmacy can help achieve this goal and improve health and wellbeing of the people and communities you work with. Over 400 organisations, including many pharmacies in Grampian have already pledged support for Scotland's Charter for a Tobacco-free Generation. Endorsing the Charter is free and a great way to help improve people's wellbeing. It shows your pharmacy's commitment to creating healthier communities. Once you have registered, your pharmacy will be proudly displayed on a list of supporters. ASH Scotland will send you a welcome pack, telling you about ways to get involved with the Charter, resources and support available to help realise your pledges. To find out more and sign the Charter, [click here](#).

Tobacco policy for all staff

May we remind all staff to be mindful of the legislation around smoking, please [click here](#) for more information. No staff should be smoking on pharmacy premises, at the door, whilst in uniform or during any other situation where you are representing your pharmacy and the wider health and social care sector. It is a breach of legislation and looks extremely unprofessional.

Public Health Update

Human Papilloma Virus vaccination (HPV)

The vaccine for HPV is usually offered to S1 pupils. If someone has missed out on the HPV vaccine at school and asks you in pharmacy about receiving it, they should contact the relevant number below to arrange an appointment.

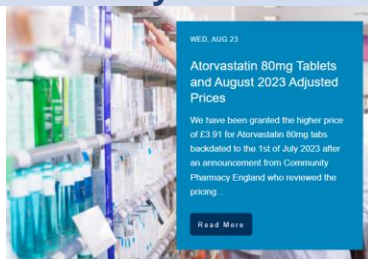
- Aberdeen City - 0800 030 4713
- Aberdeenshire - 01224 555 333
- Moray - 0345 337 9899

Community Pharmacy Scotland Newsletter Round-Up

PCA(P)(2023)28 - Extension on the SSP for Utrogestan® 100mg Capsules

This Circular advises community pharmacy contractors that the Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) for Utrogestan® 100mg capsules due to expire on 18 August 2023, has been extended.

[Read More](#)



Independent Prescriber Courses

We are pleased to let you know that the details for the next round of the above courses for our CP legacy employee pharmacists will be available at the end of next week...

[Read More](#)

The Happy Place 😊

National Banana Split Day!

Go bananas, because August 25th is National Banana Split Day! Give your taste buds the thrill of delicious ice cream and luscious chocolate covering a fresh banana topped off with nuts, a cherry and whipped cream. Surprisingly, the original banana split wasn't created in an ice cream parlor but in a pharmacy in 1904. Banana splits were the brainchild of David Evans Strickler, a pharmacist's apprentice who enjoyed experimenting with new soda fountain sundaes in his free time. They were so popular with the college crowd that students willingly paid double the price of a normal sundae. Try a banana split today and you'll understand why this amazing dessert is a classic!



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

Newsletter by,

The Pharmaceutical Care Services Team,

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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