

Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



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Pharmacy Technician Fitness to Practise and Professionalism Webinar

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](#) to register.

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](#) if you have not done so already, by Friday 29th September 2023.

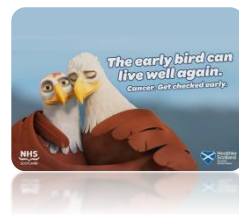
Public Health Update

New Community Pharmacy Scotland Poster Campaign

We can now confirm the next mandatory poster campaign! Lyme disease will be replaced with “Detect Cancer Early” using the hashtag #BeTheEarlyBird. The campaign, which will run from 18th September to 22nd October 2023, is to empower people with possible cancer symptoms to seek help, reinforcing the benefits of finding cancer at an earlier stage when there are more treatment options available.

Posters should have arrived in your pharmacies but if not, please contact: stockorders.DPPAS@theapsgroup.com.

Please find the attached information about the campaign and resources for your social media pages, which can also be viewed [here](#). To find more information on early cancer detection, please click here: [Get Checked Early](#).



Alzheimer Awareness Day, 21st September 2023

Alzheimer Awareness Day. Yesterday, 21st September was World Alzheimer Day. Dementia has been the leading cause of death in the UK in the past 10 years (Alzheimer Society) with over 900,000 people living with a dementia in Britain today, and millions more caring for their loved ones. Alzheimer Society aim to overturn the continuing, widespread misconceptions that dementia is just a natural, inevitable part of ageing, rather than being a terminal disease and offer support to recognise symptoms and seek help. More information, including the differing types of the disease can be found here: [Alzheimer's Society](#)

National Eye Health Week, 18th – 24th September

This year's National Eye Health Week (NEHW) is running from 18th to 24th September 2023, promoting the importance of good eye health and the need for regular eye tests for all! A sight test can detect early signs of conditions like glaucoma, which can be treated if found soon enough. During a sight test, other health conditions such as diabetes or high blood pressure may be detected. Encourage your patients to go for their free NHS sight tests regularly! For more information, please [click here](#).



Organ Donation Awareness Week, 18th – 24th September

This year's Organ Donation Week is running from 18th – 24th September 2023. It's an important subject for us all to share widely in our communities at any time. Why not get some posters to put up in your pharmacy? More information is available [here](#).

NES Pharmacy Update – September 2023

Please [click here](#) to view the September issue of the NHS Education for Scotland (NES) Pharmacy Update. This issue includes information on the new NES Pharmacy Director, upcoming Community Pharmacy Workforce Survey 2023 and a fantastic opportunity for Post-registration foundation pharmacists to support their Independent Prescribing.

Community Pharmacy Scotland Newsletter Round-Up



P&CFS Communication on May eSchedules

P&CFS have asked us to share the following on their behalf in regards to the ongoing delay to the May eSchedules...

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Flu and COVID Vaccines for Community Pharmacy Teams

There have been some reports of CP Team members being advised they are not eligible for COVID Vaccination. This is incorrect. The detail is here...

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The Happy Place 😊 Positive Patient Feedback

Tying in perfectly with National Eye Health Week, we received high praise from a patient who saw Matthew at Buchanhaven Pharmacy. She had an issue with her eye and, after thorough assessment, was referred onto the optician who diagnosed a corneal ulcer. Good shout Matthew, well done!

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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