

Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



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Naloxone Emergency Supply Service and Training

Please find the attached [PCA\(P\)\(2023\) 34 circular](#) which advises that a Naloxone Emergency Supply service will be added to the community pharmacy Public Health Service from 30th October 2023. **This is a mandatory national SLA which all pharmacies must comply with.**

All pharmacy teams should now complete the e-learning module for naloxone emergency supply, available on the NES TURAS Learn website. More information can be found [here](#). Two webinars to support the implementation of the service will be held on Wednesday 4th October and Tuesday 14th November 2023 at 19:30. To register, please see section 10 of the attached circular. The webinars contain the same content so one will be recorded and made available on TURAS as a supportive resource following the sessions.

Online Private Prescriptions

We are receiving more frequent enquiries from pharmacists about whether or not they should make a supply of medication following receipt of a private prescription via an online Dr service. The PCS team will never replace the professional judgment of individual pharmacists and will not make this decision for you, however below are some considerations we would ask you to review as part of your due diligence before making a supply:

- Confirm prescriber is genuine – check registration details
- Confirm prescriber is allowed to prescribe in this country
- Be satisfied that the prescriber has written the prescription (i.e. it has not been amended by the patient at any point)
- Be satisfied that the prescription meets all legal requirements.
- Guidance is available on GPhC regarding checking online prescribers: [Check registration for online health services | General Pharmaceutical Council \(pharmacyregulation.org\)](#)

If you do have any concerns about the validity of a prescription, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Private Requisitions

Following an incident which has been reported to the Health & Care Professions Council this week, we wanted to remind all pharmacists about due diligence if pharmacists are approached for private requisitions by a health care professional:

- All pharmacies considering making a private requisition to a health care professional must be familiar with the: [Guidance for pharmacist on repealed exemption.pdf \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)
- Any pharmacy considering making a private requisition of a controlled drug must be in possession of a controlled drugs' license.
- Pharmacies must be satisfied that any medicines requested by a health care professional are legally allowed according to that professional's registration and employment.

- Pharmacies must check the appropriate registration body to ensure the requisition request is being made by a genuine registered professional – the requesting professional should also provide a form of ID to verify their identity.
- The requisition as a minimum must detail the name, address, signature and profession of the requesting professional. It must also detail the drug name, strength, form, total quantity and purpose of the requisition.

If you have any concerns about the validity of such requests, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Final Reminder: Care Home SLA Survey

This is a reminder that we are currently undertaking an audit of the Care Home SLA. Response rates have been extremely poor and we would remind all pharmacies that participation in the audit of this service is mandatory if you have signed up to the care home waste SLA. Please complete the survey linked [here](#) by 5pm on **Friday 29th September 2023**.

Save the Date: Realistic Medicine and Value Based Health and Care Conference

We are very pleased to share this 'Save the Date' for the upcoming Realistic Medicine and Value Based Health and Care Conference, being run simultaneously in NHS Grampian and NHS Orkney on **Tuesday 28th November 2023**, which is an **all-day hybrid event**.

The theme of the event is about giving you the opportunity to reflect on how you demonstrate Realistic Medicine and Value Based Health and Care in your work.

Realistic Medicine are openly inviting guest speakers as we know there are so many excellent examples of putting the principles and ethos into practice and this is the time for you to celebrate these and share the difference, they make to those you work with and for. If you are interested in doing this, please contact: gram.realisticmedicine@nhs.scot by **Tuesday 10th October**.

Realistic Medicine are also accepting posters until the **14th of November**, to give you the opportunity to share your amazing work. Please email gram.realisticmedicine@nhs.scot for a template or use one of your own (either option to be shared with us by the date above).

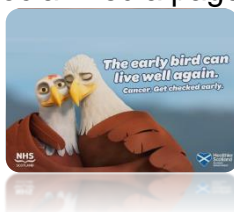
The event programme will be shared with you shortly along with information on how to register. Please feel free to share widely with your colleagues.

Public Health Update

New Community Pharmacy Scotland Poster Campaign

By now you should have received your poster for the new campaign "Be the Early Bird". If you haven't or if you'd like to change the size of your poster, please contact: stockorders.DPPAS@theapsgroup.com.

A new circular was issued and is attached to this newsletter in case you missed it. For more information on the campaign and links to use on your own social media pages, please [click here](#).



Who wants an October challenge?

There are a few challenges to better your health this October:

- Sober October encourages people to go alcohol-free in October to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. If you're interested, see the link here. <https://www.gosober.org.uk/>
Also remember there's the TRYDRY App which was launched recently and is great for tracking your drinking habits and more!

- Quit smoking this Stoptober! When you stop smoking, good things start to happen — you can begin to see almost immediate improvements to your health. So this October, whether it's yourself or your patients, join the thousands of smokers committed to quitting. Sign up to the 12 week pharmacy programme or self-refer to Healthpoint on 08085 20 20 30. Remember people are 4 times more likely to quit using NRT therapy AND with the support of a smoking advisor!
- What about increasing your walking? Take on the Cancer Research challenge and walk 100 miles this October. Complete your miles your way, choose to do lots of shorter walks, a few longer walks, or a mix of both, all while raising money for life-saving research. Other charities also have walking challenges in October or you could just do it without fundraising, purely for your health! Find more details here: [Walk 100 Miles in a Month Challenge | Cancer Research UK](#)

If you sign up to any of these challenges, we'd love to hear about it!

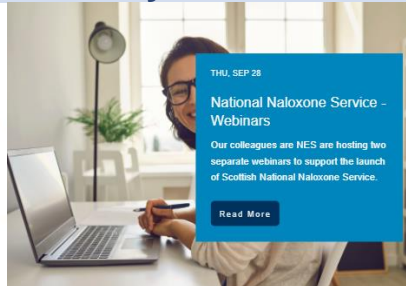
Community Pharmacy Scotland Newsletter Round-Up



Applications Open for CPHB Associate Members

At CPS, our Community Pharmacy Health Board committees are at the forefront of local service negotiation. Currently, a number of our CPHB Committees have vacancies available for Associate Members for

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National Naloxone Service - Webinars

Our colleagues at NES are hosting two separate webinars to support the launch of Scottish National Naloxone Service.

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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 😊 World Pharmacist Day!

World Pharmacists Day is observed on 25th September each year to pay tribute to pharmacists for the role they play in improving global health. The purpose of the annual Pharmacists Day is to encourage activities that promote and advocate for the role of the pharmacist in improving health in every corner of the world. "Pharmacy strengthening health systems" was the theme of World Pharmacists Day on 25th September 2023. For more information, please [click here](#).



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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