

# Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



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## Reminder – National Naloxone Service Go Live Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October

A reminder that the national emergency supply naloxone service goes live on Monday. Participation in this service is mandatory for all contractors and you must all ensure you have completed the required training and have the correct stock available in your pharmacies.

All information including the SG Circular, training links for TURAS and FAQ's can be found here: [Naloxone Emergency Supply Service - Additional Pharmaceutical Services — Community Pharmacy Scotland \(cps.scot\)](#)

## MHRA Guidance – Dispensing Valproate Products

Please [click here](#) for an update from the MHRA on the dispensing of Valproate-containing products. We would encourage pharmacy teams to read and understand this guidance - it effectively mandates original pack dispensing of these products, with a few exceptions which can be made following assessment on a patient-by-patient basis.

## Save the Date: Training Events

Please see the below list of upcoming training sessions which are taking place in Grampian:

Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP) Q&A Session	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2023, 12pm.	Booking is available at: <a href="#">DPP Drop-in Session   Turas   Learn (nhs.scot)</a>
Introduction to Sexual Health course	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2023, from 9am - 12pm.	MS Teams, flyer attached.
NHS Grampian and Orkney Realistic Medicine and Value Based Health and Care Conference	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 (all day event)	Hybrid event. Link to register <a href="#">here</a> , programme attached.
Sexual Health and Reproductive Health Service Fitters (Coils/Implants) Forum Update	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 from 6.30pm – 8pm.	MS Teams, flyer attached.

## Childhood Vaccination in Children Questionnaire Posters

An evaluation is currently being undertaken for Childhood Vaccinations in NHS Grampian. You will find the attached questionnaire posters with a QR code, which all community pharmacies in Grampian will receive a hard copy of in the mail over the next few weeks to display for the public. Remember to keep a look out for these arriving at your pharmacy, and encourage the questionnaire to be completed by 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

## Smoking Cessation Update

### Smoke Free Generation

Would you like to have your say about creating a smoke free generation and how we can tackle youth vaping? The UK Government has launched an 8 week consultation paper and is welcoming comments from all parents, teachers and health professionals. This consultation asks questions on proposed action to protect future generations from the harms of smoking, by creating the first smoke free generation. It also asks about proposals to crack down on youth vaping and ensure the law is enforced. To find out more information, please [click here](#).

## Public Health Update

### Inhaler Sustainability

Please be reminded to encourage patients to return all their empty inhalers to pharmacy which should be disposed of correctly for incineration. The guidance on arrangements for collection and disposal of Healthcare Waste can be viewed [here](#) and the attached poster can be shared with patients.

Also, please encourage your patients to have effective inhaler technique in order to get the most from each puff and cut down on waste. For more information, please [click here](#).

### New Mandatory Poster Campaigns

You should have received the attached PCA(P)(2023) 39 circular regarding all the pending poster campaigns which are a mandatory part of the core Public Health services. Posters will arrive automatically and note that dates may change. If you need a display frame or want a different size of poster, please contact: [stockorders.DPPAS@theapsgroup.com](mailto:stockorders.DPPAS@theapsgroup.com).

The campaigns are as follows:

Detect Cancer Early	17 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 – 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
Dentistry	31 <sup>st</sup> October 2023 – 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2023
Right Care Right Place	12 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 – 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
Smoking Cessation	9 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 – 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Sexual Assault Response Co-ordination Service	6 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 – 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
Menopause	5 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 – 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024

In addition, materials in relation to appropriate use of antibiotics will be distributed to pharmacies for use but these are optional and do not need to be displayed in the pharmacy window position allocated to Scottish Government health campaigns.

## Community Pharmacy Scotland Round-Up



Circular PCA(P)(2023)38 - Extension to Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) issued for Jext 300 micrograms/ 0.3mL

This Circular advises community pharmacy contractors that the active Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) for Jext® 300 micrograms/ 0.3mL (1 in 1000) solution for injection auto-injector pen, an adrenaline auto-injector product, due to expire on 20 October 2023, has now been extended until Friday 27 October 2023.

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National Naloxone Service - Webinars

Our colleagues at NES are hosting a webinar to support the launch of Scottish National Naloxone Service...

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## The Happy Place ☺ Happy Halloween!

Halloween is celebrated on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Whether you touch wood or avoid opening umbrellas indoors, we all have little things we do to avoid run-ins with bad luck. Interestingly, while our fear of evil spirits and bad omens remains pretty much the same across the globe, each culture seems to have its own superstitions. For a tour of the worldwide spine-chilling superstitions, [click here](#).



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

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