

# Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



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## Reminder: National Naloxone Service

This is a reminder that the national emergency supply naloxone service became live on 30<sup>th</sup> October. 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 below.

A reminder that training for pharmacy support staff is also available, so this can be a whole team approach: [Naloxone Emergency Supply Service - Additional Pharmaceutical Services — Community Pharmacy Scotland \(cps.scot\)](#)

## Community Pharmacy Delivery Scam Alert

This week you will have received an alert via email regarding a reported community pharmacy delivery scam. If you missed this, please be aware of the scam where patients are receiving phone calls from a London number asking for their bank details in order to secure on-going prescription deliveries.

You may wish to remind your delivery patients that you will never call asking for their bank details for a prescription delivery.

## Coeliac Disease Training and Gluten Free Food Service

A reminder of the updated training available on TURAS relating to the gluten free food service: [Gluten-Free Food Service | Turas | Learn \(nhs.scot\)](#)

As part of the service specification for GGFS, all patients registered require to have an annual check at their pharmacy. Much of this can be done over the phone. You can run a report on your PCR to find any outstanding annual checks to be completed for your patients. All information regarding the service is available here: [Gluten Free Food Service — Community Pharmacy Scotland \(cps.scot\)](#)

In addition, in Grampian, the online ordering platform is available to all coeliac patients registered for GFFS. This platform only holds items on the Grampian GFF Formulary and ensures each patient only orders the units they are entitled to. If you haven't visited already, please have a look here: [Scotland Gluten Free - Order your prescription online](#)

A reminder that patients are required to input the postcode of their pharmacy to enter the site, not the postcode of their home.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the PCS team directly [gram.pharmaceuticalcareservices@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.pharmaceuticalcareservices@nhs.scot)

## Smoking Cessation

### Smoking Data for Quarter 1, April - June 2023

The data is always 6 months behind. A comparison has been made with the same quarter from 2022 and shows some overall improvement over Grampian pharmacies:

- Sign-ups: VERY subtle rise from 829 to 838 people.
- Missed submissions at 4 weeks: fallen from 299 to 249 cases.
- Missed submissions at 12 weeks fallen from 86 (29%) to 6 (2%) Based on a percentage of 4 week successes continuing to 12 weeks.
- 12 week successful quits: rise from 117 to 179 cases. *That's a 53% rise!*

Well done everyone! A note of caution however. The total number of patients completing the whole 12 week course remains well under the national target which is to obtain 710 twelve week quits from the 40% lowest socioeconomic groups. If your submissions are problematic, it's likely your Public Health Practitioner will be in touch in due course to alert you and discuss any support you may require.

Please be reminded that capturing data is absolutely crucial. Using your PCR "reports function" every week will cut down on missed data. A Wednesday is the ideal time to capture data before national database collection (this will also avoid any issues with the same patient restarting before their previous attempt is captured). If you are not competent with PCR use, please watch the 18 minute video linked on the Community Pharmacy Website here: [Smoking Cessation Support Tool Webcast - YouTube](#).

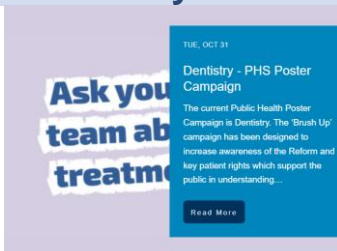
## Community Pharmacy Scotland Round-Up



### Asthma Event - Wed 8th Nov

The company who has organised a recent series of respiratory events is running an asthma event on Wednesday 8th November. Details are here. Please note that this event is highlighted but not sponsored by CPS...

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### Dentistry - PHS Poster Campaign

The current Public Health Poster Campaign is Dentistry. The 'Brush Up' campaign has been designed to increase awareness of the Reform and key patient rights which support the public in understanding...

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### Respiratory Pharmacist Roadshow - Friday Nov 10th

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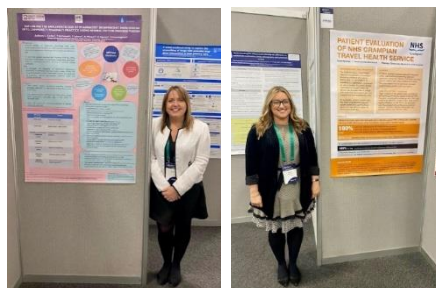
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## The Happy Place 😊

### European Society of Clinical Pharmacy Conference 2023

This week, Laura Karim presented her research on the implementation of pharmacist prescribers in community pharmacy and Sarah Buchan presented a patient evaluation of the NHS Grampian Travel Health Service. The theme of the European Society of Clinical Pharmacy conference, held at P+J Live, was innovation, with representatives attending from across the world, so it was great to have NHS Grampian representation to present local work.



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

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