

Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



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Paracetamol PGD

There has been much confusion regarding the paracetamol PGDs. We want to confirm that the PGD on NHS Grampian PGD page is for administration of paracetamol at the time of MenB injections only. This PGD has been removed from the CP website and all associated packs to avoid confusion.

Supplies of paracetamol for post vaccination fever from pharmacies via Pharmacy First are only licensed where the infant is at least 8 weeks old. If a child presents younger than 8 weeks, a clinician prescription will have to be issued by GP practice as this is out with the licensing of paracetamol liquid.

Save the Date: Training Events

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

Partnering with pharmacy teams to improve migraine management in NHS Grampian	Thursday 14 th December from 7pm – 9pm.	<i>This workshop is intended for those who have attended the sessions in September 2023 and will be an opportunity to consolidate the learning from the eLearning module and live sessions.</i> If you have not already received an MS Teams invite please contact: gram.transformationteam@nhs.scot
ON ALERT: New opioids and benzos in Scotland's drugs supply	Wednesday 20 th December at 12pm - 1pm.	<i>This session will be recorded.</i> To be held on Zoom - link to register here .
Management of ear conditions in Community Pharmacy	Wednesday 17 th January 2024, 7pm - 8.30pm.	To be held on MS Teams - link to register here .

Pen Cycle Webpage Access Issues

The Pen Cycle webpage [here](#) is currently under review by Novo Nordisk following reported access issues. If you are having trouble accessing the webpage, please contact Alliance Healthcare who will support to arrange deliveries. Please note an Alliance Account number will be required in order to do this: 0330 100 0448 / 0208 391 2323.

Public Health Update

New Poster Campaign – Right Care, Right Place

The Scottish Government's National poster campaign starts on the 12th December 2023 and runs through to 8th January 2024. You should have received the posters directly to your pharmacy by now.

We've had a few comments that pharmacy services are not mentioned within the poster which, we agree, is a missed opportunity to promote services. Attached is a poster you can share on your own social media platforms. It has a little more detail than the National poster, highlighting the many health services that are available to patients. There is lots of information available at NHS Inform here: [Right care right place – NHS inform](#).

Useful services for those in need in Aberdeen City

Food Poverty Action has put together a catalogue of useful services in Aberdeen City, covering food poverty, financial assistance, mental health and wellbeing, housing and homelessness and support for families with children.

Please signpost any relevant patients to these very worthy services and share them on your own digital platforms. A PDF of the catalogue is attached.

NES Pharmacy December Update

Please [click here](#) to view the December issue of the NHS Education for Scotland (NES) Pharmacy Update. This issue includes pharmacists initial education and training reforms, programme of resources/events and the retirement of Anne Watson, NHS Education for Scotland, Director of Pharmacy.

Community Pharmacy Scotland Round-Up



Are you a Designated Supervisor Who Has Not Yet Started Community Pharmacy IP Training?



Webinar Jan 31st 2024 - Sustainability and our Respiratory Patients



Providing Unscheduled Care Through Community Pharmacy

The Happy Place 😊

Christmas Jumper Day – 7th December 2023

Yesterday was Christmas Jumper Day! Millions of people up and down the country joined to raise money for the Save the Children charity. Did your pharmacy take part? Please send us photos of your staff with their festive jumpers on and we will share in next week's update! Save the Children is a great cause who back charitable causes across the UK and abroad. If you would like to donate please [click here](#).



Michie's Banchory elves! Brilliant effort! 😊

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

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.

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