

Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



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Scabies Management

At present there are supply issues with permethrin 5% cream (Lyclear®), which is the first-line agent in the management of scabies. These issues are expected to resolve early-March. Colleagues are reminded that when permethrin is not available, malathion 0.5% liquid (Derbac M®) should be used as an alternative treatment.

Please find attached further information relating to the prescribing for and management of scabies within the general population.

Epilim® (Sodium Valproate) Syrup (200mg/5ml) – Advance Notice of Shortage

We have had advance notice of Epilim Syrup going out of stock (mid-March to end April). Epilim® 200mg/5ml liquid (sugar-free) remains available and can support with any uplift during syrup shortage.

Please find the attached shortage notice for more information.

Palliative Care Evening Education Series

The Palliative and End-of-Life Care Network has organised a series of online evening talks for **palliative care network pharmacies**. The final event in the series is focused on Dementia, which will be led by Kenny Davidson, Specialist Nurse for Dementia held on 18th March 18:00-19:00.

Representative attendance from all palliative care pharmacies is required as part of your [SLA training requirements](#). This session will not be recorded.

We have noted your feedback on the early start time of these sessions and have passed this on to the Managed Clinical Network for future organisation.

In consideration of this the additional payment for attendance at training events will be awarded to any pharmacy who attended at least 1 of the 2 training sessions.

CLICK LINK TO REGISTER:

[Dementia at end of life, with Kenny Davidson, Monday 18 March 2024, 6pm.](#)

Smoking Cessation Update

No Smoking Day, 13th March 2024

ASH Scotland have released a fantastic tool kit in preparation for No Smoking Day on 13th March 2024. They have suggested key public messages, provided some costings and stated some facts and figures around smoking in Scotland. Find all the information in the attached PDF and please use them on your own social media pages in the build up to No Smoking Day.

Smoking Health Promotion Updated Resources

Public Health Scotland have released a whole new set of Quit Your Way Smoking Cessation posters. There are some which are specific to pharmacy, pregnancy, trying again and some generic posters. We will be sharing many of these on our Facebook page over the coming weeks but if you just can't wait, then you'll find them all at the link here: [Public Health Scotland News \(prgloo.com\)](https://prgloo.com).



Public Health Update

Eating Disorder Awareness Week, 28th February – 5th March

Eating Disorders Awareness Week is an international awareness event, fighting the myths and misunderstandings that surround eating disorders. You can find information on the below links:

- NHS Grampian services here: [Local Services - Grampian \(nhsgrampian.org\)](https://nhsgrampian.org)
- General information here: [The UK's Eating Disorder Charity - Beat \(beateatingdisorders.org.uk\)](https://beateatingdisorders.org.uk)
- Campaign Updates via our Facebook page: [Facebook](#)

Community Pharmacy Scotland Round-Up

	<p>Ask Me Anything - New UCF Recording for Pharmacy First Plus and General NHS Pharmacy First Scotland Service Questions</p> <p>We are hosting an Ask Me Anything on Wednesday, 6th March 2024 and Thursday, 14th March 2024 where we will let you know about the new Community Pharmacy Independent Prescriber (IP) activity reporting system for the Pharmacy First Plus Service, and we will also answer any questions you have on the NHS Pharmacy First (Scotland) Service...</p>	<p>Important Update for Pharmacies: NHS Scotland's SWAN Connection Upgrade</p> <p>NHS Scotland, in collaboration with BT, is set to enhance the Scottish Wide Area Network (SWAN), benefiting over 6,000 sites, including pharmacies. The upgrade promises improved communication and collaboration, with pharmacies experiencing faster fibre broadband for enhanced operational efficiency...</p>	
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Positive Pharmacy Feedback – Garthdee Pharmacy!

This week, we wish to re-circulate positive pharmacy feedback for Garthdee Pharmacy, following a miscommunication error. Dr Casserly from Aberdeen City drug and alcohol team has been in touch to commend Craig Robb and the team at Garthdee Pharmacy for the invaluable support they provide for patients accessing their service. Craig gave additional support in the pharmacy for Dr Casserly during a challenging consultation.

We also wish to congratulate Craig and the Garthdee team on achieving their Gold Standard Award!

We would like to continue this section as an opportunity for reward, recognition and good news stories of the teams who read this! Please submit any items for inclusion to:

gram.pharmaceuticalcareservices@nhs.scot

All weekly updates are uploaded to the [CP Grampian website](#).

Remember to like our Facebook page for regular updates: [Community Pharmacy Grampian – NHSG](#)