

Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



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Access to Vaccination Management Tool (VMT)

As highlighted within our update on 15th March, the Vaccination Team will be removing those who currently have access to the Vaccination Management Tool (VMT) and have not logged into the system since 1st December 2023. The first report is scheduled to take place on **Monday 13th May** and those who have not logged in for 3 months will have their access removed.

If you have not logged in to VMT recently and still require access, please ensure to log in over the next couple of days to avoid the removal of access.

Advanced Payment for High Cost Prescription Items

Please be reminded of the steps outlined below and within the attached document when requesting advanced payment for high cost prescription items. A high cost item can be described as any item on a GP10, GP10a or HBP that is to be dispensed in a single instalment, which has a cost equal to or greater than £1000.

- The Community Pharmacy is to email a scanned copy of the original prescription and associated invoice requesting authorisation for advance payment to Lesley Anderson (lesley.anderson5@nhs.scot) from their secure nhs.scot email account.
- The GP10/GP10a/HBP must be fully endorsed ensuring that patient details and are visible to ensure authorisation is not held up. Particular attention should be paid to hand-written forms, ensuring that all items are legible.
- The Community Pharmacy retains the original prescription and submits this with their normal monthly bundle sent to/collected by PSD.
- If the prescription is for more than one item, only the prescription cost for the high cost item be reimbursed as an advance payment. Any additional items on a prescription will be reimbursed via the normal route.

Under no circumstances should advance payment requests be posted by mail as there is a risk of these being lost in the post. Therefore the process for requesting an advance payment requires the relevant paperwork to be submitted electronically via the secure nhs.scot email system.

Please ensure all Enzalutamide advance requests are attached with an Alliance invoice only.

MSc Rural Advanced Practice

The University of the Highlands and Islands are offering an MSc in Rural Advanced Practice with 10 NES funded places. If you are interested to put your name forward for an NES funded place, please email gram.pharmaceuticalcareservices@nhs.scot. For more information on the course, please [click here](#).

Free Health MOT Day - 23rd May 2024

A Free Health MOT Day for African, Asian and Minority Ethnic Communities is taking place on Thursday 23rd May 2024 from 11am – 3pm at Aberdeen Arts Centre. Please find the attached flyer for more information.

Introduction to Sexual Health Course – 7th June 2024

Attached you will find a flyer with information to register for the upcoming Introduction to Sexual Health course, which will be held on Friday 7th June 2024, between 9am and 12pm and is being held online via Microsoft Teams, for your attention. Please share this information with interested colleagues and submit any enquiries to: gram.srhtraining@nhs.scot.

Public Health Update

Gold Standard Awards

Last June, as a pilot project, we recruited 12 pharmacies around Grampian who worked towards a set criteria to become Gold Standard Pharmacies. These pharmacies were picked due to their existing high standard of service delivery and because they had some lower socio-economic communities within their geographical area. The main focus of the project involved creating an ethos of MEOC (Making Every Opportunity Count) and offering more advanced Public Health services.

We will be letting you know soon how you can be part of the next cohort to achieve this award!



In our final week of shout-outs and as already highlighted on our Facebook page this week, we give huge congratulations to:



Ferryhill Pharmacy

Led by Pharmacist Helen Goldie and Public Health Champion Anita Christie. Well done team!

Cullen Pharmacy

Led by Pharmacist Nathan Cardno and Public Health Champion Heather Sutherland. Huge congratulations!





Strachan's Pharmacy Banff

Led by Pharmacist John Strachan and Public Health Champion Mairi Milne.
Great work!

NES Pharmacy Update – May 2024

Please [click here](#) to view the May 2024 issue of the NHS Education for Scotland (NES) Pharmacy Update which includes Scottish Pharmacy Clinical Leadership Fellows Recruitment 2024-25, Launch of Pharmacy Simulation Strategy and Turas Learn page, Clinical Decision Making and GatewayC Early Cancer Diagnosis resources, events and NES programmes.

Community Pharmacy Scotland Round-Up

NHS Pharmacy First Scotland Approved List of Products

The update is to Section 10 Skin to remove
Epimax Ointment and Epimax Paraffin free
Ointment from NHS Grampian's list only.

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Gateway C Platform Launched

Not specifically for CP IPs, but may be a
useful resource in pharmacy practice.

Gateway C has been launched in Scotland.
It is a free online cancer education platform
for primary care health profession.

[Read More](#)



Deletions to Part 7S as of 1st May 2024

The new updated version of Part 7 is now
available for May 2024. In this month there
are three deletions to Part 7S of the drug tariff
we wanted to make you aware of.

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The Happy Place 😊

Positive Smoking Cessation Feedback

This week we wish to give a shout out to Davidson's Chemist, Banchory. A smoking cessation patient recently reported positive feedback of the pharmacy team who have been very supportive. Excellent work! 😊

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

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