



Dr Rose Marie Parr, BSc(Hons) MSc PhD FFRPS FRPharmS

T: 0131 244 9685
Email: rosemarie.parr@gov.scot

NHS Scotland Chief Executives
HSCP Chief Officers
NHS Scotland Directors of Pharmacy
Community Pharmacy Scotland
Care Inspectorate

28 July 2020

Dear Colleagues

NEW NHS PHARMACY FIRST SERVICE – UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION

As we are rapidly nearing the start date for the new NHS Pharmacy First Scotland service tomorrow, 29th July, I thought it might be helpful to provide you with a brief summary of the measures we have taken to support implementation.

We have published a number of resources to support the operation of NHS Pharmacy First Scotland as follows:-

- [Directions and Service Specification alongside Key Principles Guidance](#) for community pharmacy contractors
- [NHS Pharmacy First Scotland Approved List of Products](#) published on the SHOW website
- [Training](#) for community pharmacy teams available on the NES Turas website
- A [circular](#) to GP practice teams with [Signposting Guidance](#)
- An [information leaflet for patients](#) which will go live online on 29th July
- A poster which will also go live online on Scottish Government website on 29th July
- The [NHS Inform](#) website will be updated to include information for the public
- A Guidance sheet for Care homes will be published shortly on the [SHOW website](#).

Colleagues in the Scottish Government's communication team have been working with Health Boards' communications teams to develop consistent key messaging that can be used both nationally and locally to help raise awareness.

As with my previous letters, I would invite you to share this letter with your colleagues who will be involved in implementation of NHS Pharmacy First Scotland. I would be grateful if NHS Boards would copy it to their primary care leads, community pharmacy contractors and the Area Pharmaceutical Committee.

Kindest regards,



Rose Marie Parr PhD FRPharms FFRPS
Chief Pharmaceutical Officer
Scottish Government