



## National Pharmacy Technician Group Scotland



### Key Messages – August 2020

<b>NPTGS Chair</b>	NPTGS has a new chair! Melanie Bryan was elected to the position of Chair by the group following the decision by Nicky Nardone to step away from NPTGS after several years of providing inspirational leadership and guidance. We would like to thank Nicky wholeheartedly for her service both as chair and for being a prolific member of the group. Although sad to lose Nicky we are equally delighted to welcome Melanie as chair.
<b>Pharmacy First</b>	Matt Barclay, Director of Operations for Community Pharmacy Scotland attended our meeting and gave us an excellent overview of Pharmacy First and how well the launch of this new service has gone. We were delighted to hear about the benefits of this service and how Community Pharmacy Technicians are an integral part of this.
<b>Institute of Healthcare Management (IHM)</b>	The IHM is the leading independent membership organisation for managers and leaders, who commission, deliver and support health and care in the UK and across the world. Their mission is to support your personal and professional development and to help you improve health and well-being for all through quality management and collective expertise from all sectors. Free membership is available to all health and social care managers living or working in Scotland up until October 31 <sup>st</sup> . Further information can be found on their webpage here: <a href="https://ihm.org.uk/">https://ihm.org.uk/</a>
<b>Foundation Framework</b>	NES Pharmacy has developed a Vocational Training Foundation Programme for Pharmacy Technicians which is currently being piloted in both primary care and acute sectors, with plans to roll this out in the community sector in the coming months. The programme, which takes approximately 18 – 36 months to complete, is aimed at newly registered pharmacy technicians to allow them to further develop their knowledge, skills and behaviours and support role development. For further information please contact <a href="mailto:arlene.turnbull@nes.scot.nhs.uk">arlene.turnbull@nes.scot.nhs.uk</a>
<b>PGD SBAR</b>	The Association of Pharmacy Technicians UK (APTUK) has commenced lobbying of key stakeholders for legislative change to allow Pharmacy Technicians to supply and administer vaccines (routine, seasonal influenza and COVID-19) under a Patient Group Direction (PGD) due to a window of opportunity afforded by the Coronavirus Act 2020. NPTGS have presented an SBAR to the Directors of Pharmacy and are fully supportive of this position. The UK Government are currently conducting a consultation on the proposed changes to the legislation – we encourage you to participate and have your say. The consultation can be accessed <a href="#">here</a> .

#### Comments, suggestions or further information:



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