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Action	COVID THERAPEUTIC ALERT – PAVILIZUMAB PASSIVE IMMUNISATION AGAINST RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS (RSV) IN PRE-TERM INFANTS
 <p>CEM_CMO_2021_014.pdf</p>  <p>Palivizumab_RPS_June_2021_.pdf</p> <p>Attached</p>	<p>Please see attached UK CMO letter and rapid policy statement, which extends eligibility for Palivizumab beyond the guidance issued by the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI).</p> <p>Karen Carberry 03.08.21</p>

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New in this edition –

- **Information update - Specials A-Z GGC July 2021 CP.xlsx**


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<p> Specials A-Z GGC July 2021 CP V2.pdf Attached</p>	<p>Previous attachment had formatting errors</p> <p>The Specials A-Z has now been fully updated and reviewed for use by prescribers and dispensing community pharmacies. The A-Z should be used in conjunction with advice within NEWT guidance for those patients with either enteral feeding or swallowing difficulties. Details are accurate at point of publication.</p> <p>The A-Z examines possible alternatives for commonly prescribed unlicensed medicines that should be considered before a ULM is prescribed and may be used as part of the decision making process or discussions between the GP practice and the pharmacy. In the event of a ULM still being needed, the community pharmacy should follow the authorisation process as per normal.</p> <p>This version supersedes any previous versions and you are asked to update your records accordingly.</p>

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REMINDER	PGD – PARACETAMOL V5
 <p>Paracetamol PGD (post-vacc) v5.pdf</p>  <p>Appendix 1. Paracetamol dosing P</p>	<p>Please find attached Version 5 of PGD Paracetamol Suspension (for childhood immunisation programme) and Appendix 1. These can also be found on the restricted page of our website.</p> <p>This has been updated due to a change in clinical guidance for very small babies. The weight of the infant now advised to be 4kg or heavier before paracetamol can be supplied as part of the PGD.</p> <p>Please note this supersedes the previous version sent earlier in the year and must be signed.</p> <p>Can you please read the PGD and return the signed signature sheet to this office by Friday 6th August 2021.</p> <p>Karen Armstrong – Contracts Administrator 6.7.2021</p>

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Action	DRUG ALERT CLASS 2 - 19 2021 – CLASS 2 MEDICINES RECALL ACTION WITHIN 48 HOURS – AVENTIS PHARMA LTD T/A SANOFI, ZENTIKA K.S AND PARALLEL DISTRIBUTORS DONCASTER PHARMACEUTICALS GROUP, MPT PHARMA LTD, PCO MANUFACTURING LTD AND GOWRIE LAM
	<p>Please follow link to Drug Alert No 19/2021 Medicines recall</p> <p>Drug alert class 2 no 19 2021 – class 2 medicines recall – action within 48 hours – Aventis Pharma Ltd T/A Sanofi, Zentika k.s and Parallel Distributors Doncaster Pharmaceuticals Group, MPT Pharma Ltd, PCO Manufacturing Ltd and Gowrie Lamixco Ltd T/A B&S Healthcare [recall of specific batches of Aprovel and Co-Aprovel] (scot.nhs.uk)</p> <p>10.08.21</p>

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	<p>Over the last four or five weeks, a perfect storm of self isolation requirements, positive COVID testing, routine annual leave and the lack of available pharmacists (amongst other things) has caused an escalation to short-notice closures/late opening/early closing incidents within the community pharmacy network in NHS GGC.</p> <p>This is now having a significant impact on direct patient care and access to medicines.</p> <p>There is a clear duty on pharmacy contractors to ensure they provide services in line with their contractual arrangements with the Health Board, however we accept that the current pressures may cause contractors to make difficult decisions in terms of service provision.</p> <p>For the most part, where a pharmacy is effected, the contractor follows the established procedure which allows the Community Pharmacy Development Team (CPDT) to log the event and make sure relevant healthcare colleagues are informed.</p> <p>Over the last week however on three separate occasions, we were not aware of the closure until notified by a third party.</p> <p>I am once again providing a reminder of the process that must be followed if your pharmacy has to close outwith normal contracted hours for any reason:</p>

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0141-201-6041/6042/6046/6047/6049/6054
2. You must advise the time you will close and the reason for it
3. You must confirm when you will reopen
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Action	Disallowed Items
	<p>A review of the recent Disallowed Report from PSD is showing a few common recurring themes:</p> <p>Wrong form used for drug is often being cited in relation to disallowed items for the UCF services and community pharmacy teams are reminded to select the correct service prior to generating the electronic claim. Whilst the paper form itself is no longer required for submission, the electronic message combines the product supplied and the service selected. We are seeing a significant number of POM medicines supplied on “CP2” forms on the report which is suggesting that users may be incorrectly selecting something else instead of the Unscheduled Care services. This is also true for smoking cessation service products – pharmacy teams need to select the smoking cessation service on UCF to ensure correct payment.</p> <p>NHS Pharmacy First Scotland is supported by an approved list. The description of items within this list is very tightly controlled and some of the disallowed items is as a result of the product supplied as the description does not match word for word for the product on the approved list. For example, Beconase hayfever 50micrograms/dose nasal spray (omega pharma ltd) 180 dose is incorrect due to the inclusion of the supplier.</p> <p>As ever, there are a large number of disallowed items for wrong forms being used (GP prescriber on a GP10N, or vice versa) and also products not matching the SDT entries – size does actually matter here and the sizing of the item prescribed must match the description in the Drug Tariff.</p> <p>Elaine Paton, Senior Prescribing Advisor 16.08.21</p>

Action	Circular PCA(P)(2021)11 - Universal Access Lateral Flow Device Test Kits - Community Pharmacy COVID-19 Test Kit Distribution Service - Correct Reporting of Supply
	<p>PCA(P)(2021)11 - Universal access lateral flow device test kits – community pharmacy covid-19 test kit distribution service – correct reporting of supply (scot.nhs.uk)</p> <p>16.018.21</p>

Action	Patient Safety Concerns Relating to Online Prescribing Services
	<p>We are continuing to identify serious patient safety concerns relating to registered pharmacies dispensing prescription-only medicines from prescribers based in the EEA working alone or for third-party online prescribing services.</p> <p>Since April 2019, we have taken enforcement action against over 40 pharmacies linked to their provision of online pharmacy services. The majority of these pharmacies were working with online prescribing services that were prescribing medicines which are liable to abuse, misuse and overuse to people, on the basis of an online questionnaire.</p> <p>Our inspections found that our standards were not being met and our guidance on providing pharmacy services at a distance was not being followed. This meant the dispensing pharmacies did not adequately safeguard vulnerable people who may be trying to obtain medicines which are not clinically appropriate for them. This puts patients at risk of serious harm or death.</p> <p>We have taken swift and robust enforcement action against these pharmacies and the pharmacists involved have been referred for a Fitness to Practise investigation. We are continuing to act quickly on intelligence we receive relating to online pharmacy services and will take further action where needed to protect patients.</p> <p>Action to take</p> <p>Pharmacy owners, superintendent pharmacists and pharmacists must make sure that they are meeting our standards and following our guidance on providing pharmacy services at a distance, including on the internet, if they are involved in any online pharmacy services.</p> <p>We recognise that many will be already doing so, but there is a significant minority of pharmacies and pharmacy professionals who are not meeting our standards and following our guidance at all times. These pharmacies and pharmacy professionals could face enforcement actions and sanctions against their registration.</p> <p>It is important to emphasise that it is not enough to meet legal requirements only relating to EEA prescriptions. Pharmacy professionals are responsible for ensuring all medicines they supply are clinically appropriate for patients.</p> <p>Please ask your members to review the guidance on providing pharmacy services at a distance now and ensure that the safeguards outlined in the guidance are in place, including particular safeguards that are necessary when working with a prescriber and/or prescribing service based outside the UK.</p> <p>We publish inspection reports and details of enforcement action we have taken against pharmacies on our inspections website.</p> <p>There are also further resources available to help pharmacy owners and pharmacists understand what is expected when supplying medicines online, including this article in Regulate and examples of notable practice in online/distance selling pharmacies on our Knowledge Hub.</p> <p>Claire Bryce-Smith, Director of Insight, Intelligence and Inspection, GPC 16.08.21</p>

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	<p>Last week we notified you of a Class 2 medicines recall for various Ibersartan-containing products.</p> <p>The update we are making is to an expiry date for one of the batches, please use the link below to note these changes. All other details remain the same.</p> <p>DRUGALERT (govdelivery.com) 19.08.21</p>

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	<p>A review of the recent Disallowed Report from PSD is showing a few common recurring themes:</p> <p>Wrong form used for drug is often being cited in relation to disallowed items for the UCF services and community pharmacy teams are reminded to select the correct service prior to generating the electronic claim. Whilst the paper form itself is no longer required for submission, the electronic message combines the product supplied and the service selected. We are seeing a significant number of POM medicines supplied on “CP2” forms on the report which is suggesting that users may be incorrectly selecting something else instead of the Unscheduled Care services. This is also true for smoking cessation service products – pharmacy teams need to select the smoking cessation service on UCF to ensure correct payment.</p> <p>NHS Pharmacy First Scotland is supported by an approved list. The description of items within this list is very tightly controlled and some of the disallowed items is as a result of the product supplied as the description does not match word for word for the product on the approved list. For example, Beconase hayfever 50micrograms/dose nasal spray (omega pharma ltd) 180 dose is incorrect due to the inclusion of the supplier.</p> <p>As ever, there are a large number of disallowed items for wrong forms being used (GP prescriber on a GP10N, or vice versa) and also products not matching the SDT entries – size does actually matter here and the sizing of the item prescribed must match the description in the Drug Tariff.</p> <p>Elaine Paton, Senior Prescribing Advisor 16.08.21</p>

REMINDER**Patient Safety Concerns Relating to Online Prescribing Services**

We are continuing to identify serious patient safety concerns relating to registered pharmacies dispensing prescription-only medicines **from prescribers based in the EEA** working alone or for **third-party online prescribing services**.

Since April 2019, we have taken **enforcement action against over 40 pharmacies** linked to their provision of online pharmacy services. The majority of these pharmacies were working with online prescribing services that were prescribing medicines which are liable to abuse, misuse and overuse to people, on the basis of an online questionnaire.

Our inspections found that our standards were not being met and our guidance on providing pharmacy services at a distance was not being followed. This meant the dispensing pharmacies did not adequately safeguard vulnerable people who may be trying to obtain medicines which are not clinically appropriate for them. This puts patients at risk of serious harm or death.

We have taken swift and robust enforcement action against these pharmacies and the pharmacists involved have been referred for a Fitness to Practise investigation. We are continuing to act quickly on intelligence we receive relating to online pharmacy services and will take further action where needed to protect patients.

Action to take

Pharmacy owners, superintendent pharmacists and pharmacists must make sure that they are meeting our standards and following [our guidance on providing pharmacy services at a distance, including on the internet](#), if they are involved in any online pharmacy services.

We recognise that many will be already doing so, but there is a significant minority of pharmacies and pharmacy professionals who are not meeting our standards and following our guidance at all times. These pharmacies and pharmacy professionals could face enforcement actions and sanctions against their registration.

It is important to emphasise that it is not enough to meet legal requirements only relating to EEA prescriptions. Pharmacy professionals are responsible for ensuring all medicines they supply are clinically appropriate for patients.

[Please ask your members to review the guidance on providing pharmacy services at a distance now](#) and ensure that the safeguards outlined in the guidance are in place, including particular safeguards that are necessary when working with a prescriber and/or prescribing service based outside the UK.

We publish inspection reports and details of enforcement action we have taken against pharmacies on [our inspections website](#).

There are also further resources available to help pharmacy owners and pharmacists understand what is expected when supplying medicines online, including [this article in Regulate](#) and examples of notable practice in online/distance selling pharmacies [on our Knowledge Hub](#).

Claire Bryce-Smith, Director of Insight, Intelligence and Inspection, GPC
16.08.21

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REMINDER	Local Implementation Group - Friday 27th August 2021
	<p>The Local Implementation Group (LIG) provides a vehicle for communication and collaboration between Pharmacy Services, the Pharmacy Champion Network, the Lead Community Pharmacist network and the Community Pharmacy network. This group meet on the last Friday of each quarter.</p> <p>The next meeting of the LIG is due to take place on Friday 27th August 2021. Noted below are the contact details for the Pharmacy Champions. If you have any concerns you would like raised at this meeting, please speak to your Pharmacy Champion in the first instance –</p> <p>East Dunbartonshire - sultana.khalig@nhs.scot East Renfrewshire - Elizabeth.rodick@nhs.scot Inverclyde - Sandra.reynolds@nhs.scot North East - derek.jamieson@ggc.scot.nhs.uk or hannah.mcphail@nhs.scot North West - garry.scott@nhs.scot or stuart.dinnie@nhs.scot Renfrewshire - sarah.docherty@nhs.scot South - Karen.macdonald4@ggc.scot.nhs.uk or narinder.dhillon7@nhs.scot West Dunbartonshire - joan.miller@ggc.scot.nhs.uk</p> <p>Trish Cawley, Contracts Co-ordinator 10.08.21</p>

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 <p>Post-reg foundation infograph</p> <p>Attached</p>	<p>Please see attached information for the Post-registration Foundation Programme for Newly Qualified Pharmacists.</p> <p>Please use the link within the attachment to apply.</p> <p>Deadline for Expressions of interest is: 31st August 2021</p> <p>03.08.21</p>

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Action	Incomplete Stage 1 assessments
	<p>Under arrangements for Medicines, Care and Review (MCR), all patients are entitled to receive pharmaceutical care and as such, the Pharmacy Care Record (PCR) has now been changed to reflect the new requirements for the service. All patients registered for the service must have a completed patient profile and a completed Stage 1 assessment within 16 weeks from registration. It is the completion of the stage 1 assessment that triggers the current payment associated with the registration.</p> <p>In addition, details for the service contained within NHS Circular: PCA (P)(2021) 3 Additional Pharmaceutical Services .Medicines: Care And Review Service – Directions And Service Specification, there is a new requirement for an annual assessment to take place. The PCR update now includes a new reporting tool to identify when these new annual assessments are due.</p> <p>As part of the wider support for the service, I monitor activity with the stage 1 assessments and the most recent report (based in registrations and assessments on 1st August) have shown that some pharmacy teams have larger numbers where the stage 1 assessment appears to have not been completed. This means that you will not have been paid for the registration for this patient.</p> <p>To help community pharmacy teams, I recently sent each a copy of the registrations and number of missing stage 1 assessments as of 1st August for you to review and action as appropriately. It may be that the reviews have taken place but the “complete” button has not been triggered. It may also be possible to conduct this review safely in a face to face environment with the patient, on the telephone or via NHS Near Me or other VC methods that you may have access to use for those assessments that are still outstanding.</p>

	<p>I hope that you find the report helpful but please feel free to contact either myself by email or phone, or your local Community Pharmacy Champion for advice.</p> <p>Elaine Paton, Senior Prescribing Adviser 31.08.21</p>
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