



Community Pharmacy Communication Update

Date: Thursday 2nd September 2021



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	<p><u>Formulary change – buprenorphine 7 day patches:</u></p> <p>The preferred brand of buprenorphine 7 day patches on the NHSGGC total formulary will change from Butec to Sevodyne on 30th September 2021. Please adjust stocks accordingly.</p> <p>31.08.21</p>

REMINDER	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</p>

	<p>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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Action	Information on Prescribing Implementation Guide to support formulary compliance on adhesive removers						
	<p>Lift Plus 360 (order Code 5506 PIP Code 396-9763); or Lift Plus 360 Citrus (Order Code 5507 PIP Code 396- 9771)</p> <p>Current formulary compliance to the above products is around 25%.</p> <p>The majority of adhesive removers are used in stoma care by repeat script; with a smaller volume of acute scripts for wound management purposes.</p> <p>The NHS GGC Prescribing Support Team will identify and switch patients who are currently on non-formulary adhesive removers to Opus Lift Plus 360® Medical Adhesive Remover (citrus and standard).</p> <p>Current exclusion criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children • Patients who have a documented reason for alternative choice e.g. allergy to excipients of Lift Plus 360®. • Patients who have had a failed historical switch from another product to Lift Plus 360® <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="background-color: yellow;">PRODUCT</th> <th style="background-color: yellow;">UNIT COST PER 50ML</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="background-color: yellow;">OPUS_LIFT PLUS 360 MEDICAL ADH REMOVER SPY Formulary choice</td> <td style="background-color: yellow;">£5.30</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: yellow;">OPUS_LIFT PLUS 360 CITRUS MEDICAL ADH REMOVER SPY Formulary choice</td> <td style="background-color: yellow;">£5.30</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Lynne Watret, Interim NMP Lead on behalf of ADTC: Non Medicines Utilisation Sub Committee 14.09.21</p>	PRODUCT	UNIT COST PER 50ML	OPUS_LIFT PLUS 360 MEDICAL ADH REMOVER SPY Formulary choice	£5.30	OPUS_LIFT PLUS 360 CITRUS MEDICAL ADH REMOVER SPY Formulary choice	£5.30
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Action	Pre-approved price list for Commonly Requested Unlicensed Medicines
 Guide Prices for Commonly Requested Medicines Attached	Please see attached pre-approved guide price list for Commonly Requested Unlicensed Medicines. Elaine Paton 14.09.21

Action	DRUG ALERT CLASS 4 - 21 2021 – CLASS 4 MEDICINES DEFECT INFORMATION – CAUTION IN USE – ACCORD HEALTHCARE LIMITED – ROSUVASTATIN 5MG, 10MG & 40MG FILM COATED TABLETS
	Drug alert class 4 - 21 2021 – Class 4 medicines defect information – caution in use - Accord Healthcare Limited - Rosuvastatin 5mg, 10mg & 40mg film coated tablets (scot.nhs.uk) 10.09.21

Action	COVID THERAPEUTIC ALERT – INTERLEUKIN-6 INHIBITORS (TOCILIZUMAB OR SARILUMAB) FOR PATIENTS HOSPITALISED DUE TO COVID-19
	CEM/CMO/2021/016 - COVID therapeutic alert – interleukin-6 inhibitors (tocilizumab or sarilumab) for patients hospitalised due to COVID-19 (scot.nhs.uk) 13.09.21

Action	ADRS – Pharmacy Champion FAQ
 ADRS - Pharmacy Champion FAQ- Final Attached	Attached is a document developed by the ADRS Pharmacy Team in response to issues raised by the Pharmacy Champions on behalf of the Community Pharmacy Network. 14.09.21

Action	Lunch time Closures
 CV-19 iPoster Pharmacy 1hr Closure Attached	<p>We thought that in light of the ongoing pressures that community pharmacies are experiencing, we would remind all community pharmacies of the availability to utilise a one hour lunch break closure which already exists within the current core model hours. This could be used amongst other things to catch up, ensure that the staff get a rest and also to deep clean where required.</p> <p>We do not require you to advise us of any closure for one hour at lunch time however would ask that if this is not your usual opening hours you put a sign in the window advising patients of the lunch time closure as well as also advising your GP practices.</p> <p>A template poster is attached. This, and other useful resources can be found on the Closure page of the CPD Team website (link below).</p> <p>NHS Community Pharmacy Website (scot.nhs.uk)</p>

	Alan Harrison 14.09.21
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Action	Save the Date 22/09/2021 - Moving Pharmacy Forward A Strategic Framework 2021-26
	<p>We have a new branding identity for NHSGGC pharmacy to coincide with the launch of our Strategic Framework.</p> <p>We want all staff to have access to our new Pharmacy Toolkit, which has some useful resources available and more will be added in the coming days, weeks, and months. To find out more and to gain access please follow the link to our teams site.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wed, September 22, 2021, 12:00 PM</u> 8 Days remaining to Launch</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please add the virtual date above to your diary</p> <p>14.09.2021</p>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION	Reinstatement of Pharmacy Visit Programme – 2022
	<p>You may remember several years ago, members of the Community Pharmacy Team (CPD Team) undertook a programme of pastoral visits to the community pharmacy network in NHS GGC.</p> <p>This programme was put on hold when Richard Duke, Contracts Manager left the organisation in 2017.</p> <p>We are delighted that the CPD Team are now in a position to reinstate this programme. Visits will recommence from January 2022 (dependent on any Government restrictions in place at the time).</p> <p>As before the initiative will provide community pharmacists with an opportunity to secure protected time with members of the CPD Team to raise and discuss all/any issues which you feel relevant. Anything that can't be answered on the day will be investigated further and a response provided. The topics which will be covered during the visit will include: validation of the pharmacy's information held on Pharmaceutical List; communication networks; premises issues; PGD information and pharmacist prescribing. This list is not exhaustive and will evolve over time.</p> <p>With 289 community pharmacies across the Board to visit, this programme will stretch across the entire calendar year. The aim of this communication is to let you know that the programme is restarting with the support of CP GGC, and that it will be co-ordinated by one of our Contracts Administrators. The pharmacy will be contacted prior to the visit to ensure the principal pharmacist will be available on a specific date and to arrange a suitable time. These arrangements will be formally confirmed by letter prior to the visit.</p> <p>In the meantime we wish to stress that these visits do not replace any normal contact with us and we hope you will view this as a positive development. I must stress that this is a pastoral visit, primarily to ensure that the information held on the Board's Pharmaceutical List database is up to date.</p> <p>Janine Glen 14.09.2021</p>





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REMINDER	Save the Date 22/09/2021 - Moving Pharmacy Forward A Strategic Framework 2021-26
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Janine Glen
14.09.2021

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Daniel Gunn, Administrator
28.09.21

Action

Flu and Covid Booster vaccination program for community pharmacy teams

Health and Social Care staff across NHSGGC now have access to the [NHS Inform booking portal](#), which will enable you to book an appointment for the flu vaccination and COVID-19 booster.

Flu vaccination

All NHS health care workers are eligible for flu vaccination.

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COVID-19 booster

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New in this edition –

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NHS24 and the Out of Hours Service will be notified of service provision once the service level has been established.

To meet the Board's winter planning deadline and ensure robust details relating to your pharmacy are featured in any promotional material the Board might produce, ***it is essential that you complete and return the pro-forma*** no later than **Monday 25th October 2021**.

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5.10.2021

REMINDERS AND UPDATES:

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	<p>Please find link below to two further courses of the half day “Application of Clinical Skills” (common clinical conditions) to be delivered at the Golden Jubilee in Glasgow on Friday 1st October 2021. This is primarily aimed at Community Pharmacists undertaking the Pharmacy First Plus service, so I would be grateful if you could please circulate throughout your CP networks.</p> <p>https://learn.nes.nhs.scot/50297/pharmacy/clinical-skills-for-pharmacists-day-4-application-of-clinical-skills</p> <p>Rachel Bruce 31.08.21</p>

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REMINDER	Update from Area Pharmaceutical Committee meeting - 20th August 2021
	<p>At the last APC meeting, the following items were discussed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pharmacy Input to Glasgow Homelessness Health Services - PHOENIX project; • UKs Future Exhaustion of Intellectual Property Rights Regime, including effects on parallel imported medicines; • Scottish Government consultation on Adult Support and Protection Guidance for GPs and Primary Care Teams-the report was supported however APC provided feedback that the document should be widened in scope to more explicitly apply to non-medical practitioners; • Environmental sustainability-one of the new members of APC raised the issue of environmental sustainability in pharmacy as an agenda point for the October APC; <p>If you have examples of positive steps you have taken or ideas related to this issue that you would like to see implemented please make contact with your relevant APC member ahead of Wednesday 20th October 2021</p> <p>(contact amy.white5@ggc.scot.nhs.uk if you are not sure who to contact)</p> <p>Ian Millar-Chair APC 21.09.21</p>

REMINDER	Advance Notification of Webropol Survey for NHSGGC Customer Complaints - Patient Rights (Scotland) Act 2011.
	<p>This message is advance notification that the next Webropol survey will be emailed to your clinical mailbox, week commencing Monday 27th September 2021 with a closing date of Friday 22nd October 2021.</p> <p>I should remind you that the provision of this information is a contractual requirement for pharmacy contractors. You must submit this information <u>even where you have a nil return</u>. Contractors that have not responded by the time the survey closes will be</p>

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