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	<a href="#">PCA(P)(2021)14 – Additional pharmaceutical services: NHS Pharmacy First Scotland: revised approved list of products</a> 5.10.21
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Update	NHSGGC Pharmaceutical List as at 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2021
 rpt_PharmaciesIndex.pdf   rpt_PharmaceuticalList.pdf   Pharmaceutical Amendments Oct 2021  Attached	The Pharmaceutical List has been updated as of 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2021.  The following are attached and can also be found on the Community Pharmacy Website: <a href="#">contractor lists</a> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete alphabetical index;</li> <li>Complete Pharmaceutical List; and</li> <li>A list of amendments made since the previous notification.</li> </ol> Please ensure you remove your current index and replace with new version. Please remove old pages and replace with updated pages.  <b>Note for community pharmacies: Please check that the details for your pharmacy are complete and correct. If any amendment is required, please notify me in writing as soon as possible. This will allow our records and the Pharmaceutical List to be updated.</b>  <b>Next Update is due – 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022.</b>  Karen Armstrong – Contracts Administrator 5.10.2021

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Index and copies of the Communications Update documents can be found at:  
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New in this edition –

- **NES funded IP places**
- **Q&A Session - NES Funded Independent Prescribing Places**

ACTION	INDEPENDENT PRESCRIBING COURSES 2022/ 23 - APPLICANT INFORMATION for NES FUNDING
	<p>In collaboration with Health Boards, Community Pharmacy Scotland, Robert Gordon University and University of Strathclyde, we have revised the application process for NES funded Independent Prescribing (IP) places. I am now pleased to invite notes of interest for the next IP Courses.</p> <p>There are <b>4 courses</b> available for 2022/23 with a total of <b>244 NES funded places</b>. IP course dates can be found below. Places are open to all sectors of pharmacy practice, and are now distributed on a Health Board allocation rather than a first come, first served basis. As a result, requests should be made directly to your Health Board using the relevant contact email or link in the table below.</p> <p>As part of this NES funding, attendance at consultation and clinical skills training is also required. These skills courses will also be fully funded by NES, and all successful NES funded IP applicants will automatically be offered a place on these courses once they become available.</p> <p><b>Course dates and number of NES IP funded places:</b></p> <p><b><u>Robert Gordon University</u></b></p> <p>Start date: January 2022- Residential/virtual week 2 - 6 May 2022 - 85 places.</p> <p>Start date: September 2022 - Residential/virtual week January 2023 (date tbc) - 41 places.</p> <p><b><u>University of Strathclyde</u></b></p> <p>Start date: March 2022 - Residential/virtual week 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> June and 2<sup>nd</sup> September - 58 places.</p> <p>Start date: June 2022 - Residential/virtual week 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> September and 9<sup>th</sup> December - 60 places.</p> <p><b>Prior to applying for the course, you must have a Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP) in place, and seek formal approval from your line manager in relation to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prescribing being an agreed development need for you</li> <li>• The clinical service(s) you plan to deliver as a pharmacist prescriber</li> </ul>

- Release from service for all course dates (including all relevant clinical skills courses) and agreement to support you during the period of learning in practice
- Release for attendance at a Teach and Treat Common Clinical Conditions (CCC) hub if planning to deliver the Pharmacy First Plus service in Community Pharmacy

**If demand for NES funded IP places exceeds allocation, Health Boards will be required to prioritise places. If unsuccessful at initial application, you will be added to a waiting list should a place then become available.**

Please note the following information:

1. Data sharing. The details you provide will be shared with NHS Education for Scotland, The University of Strathclyde or Robert Gordon University (as applicable), Dundee Clinical Skills Collaborative, and in the case of community pharmacists with Community Pharmacy Scotland (for remuneration purposes)
2. Although we will endeavour to provide clinical skills training at your preferred location, these may be subject to change based on availability
3. By accepting NES funding you agree to attend NES consultation skills and to submit a recorded consultation for peer review; to attend clinical skills training; to attend any other relevant training required for service delivery such as Teach and Treat sessions

**Contact details to note your interest for a NES funded IP place. Please email the name relevant to your sector of practice in your relevant Health Board (or click on the link where appropriate)**

Heath Board	Community Pharmacy Contact	Primary Care Contact	Hospital Contact	CP places	PC places	Acute places
Ayrshire+Arran	<a href="mailto:Jacqueline.Seenan@aapct.scot.nhs.uk">Jacqueline.Seenan@aapct.scot.nhs.uk</a>	<a href="mailto:Jacqueline.Seenan@aapct.scot.nhs.uk">Jacqueline.Seenan@aapct.scot.nhs.uk</a>	<a href="mailto:Jacqueline.Seenan@aapct.scot.nhs.uk">Jacqueline.Seenan@aapct.scot.nhs.uk</a>	8	8	4
Borders	<a href="mailto:Amina.SlimaniFersia@borders.scot.nhs.uk">Amina.SlimaniFersia@borders.scot.nhs.uk</a>	<a href="mailto:Amina.SlimaniFersia@borders.scot.nhs.uk">Amina.SlimaniFersia@borders.scot.nhs.uk</a>	<a href="mailto:Amina.SlimaniFersia@borders.scot.nhs.uk">Amina.SlimaniFersia@borders.scot.nhs.uk</a>	2	2	1
Dumfries+Galloway	<a href="mailto:liane.holmes2@nhs.scot">liane.holmes2@nhs.scot</a>	<a href="mailto:liane.holmes2@nhs.scot">liane.holmes2@nhs.scot</a>	<a href="mailto:liane.holmes2@nhs.scot">liane.holmes2@nhs.scot</a>	4	2	2
Fife	<a href="mailto:fife.educationandtraining@nhs.scot">fife.educationandtraining@nhs.scot</a>	<a href="mailto:fife.educationandtraining@nhs.scot">fife.educationandtraining@nhs.scot</a>	<a href="mailto:fife.educationandtraining@nhs.scot">fife.educationandtraining@nhs.scot</a>	8	6	4
ForthValley	<a href="mailto:kirstin.cassells3@nhs.scot">kirstin.cassells3@nhs.scot</a>	<a href="mailto:Clare.colligan@nhs.scot">Clare.colligan@nhs.scot</a>	<a href="mailto:vicky.hough@nhs.scot">vicky.hough@nhs.scot</a>	7	4	3
Greater Glasgow & Clyde	<a href="https://forms.office.com/r/qSMd9e9Kq2">https://forms.office.com/r/qSMd9e9Kq2</a>	<a href="https://forms.office.com/r/qSMd9e9Kq2">https://forms.office.com/r/qSMd9e9Kq2</a>	<a href="https://forms.office.com/r/qSMd9e9Kq2">https://forms.office.com/r/qSMd9e9Kq2</a>	24	13	10
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Highland	<a href="mailto:nhsh.cpsoffice@nhs.scot">nhsh.cpsoffice@nhs.scot</a>	<a href="https://forms.office.com/r/irg6tqL0fz">https://forms.office.com/r/irg6tqL0fz</a>	<a href="https://forms.office.com/r/irg6tqL0fz">https://forms.office.com/r/irg6tqL0fz</a>	7	6	3
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Western Isles	<a href="mailto:natalie.bowling@nhs.scot">natalie.bowling@nhs.scot</a>	<a href="mailto:liam.callaghan@nhs.scot">liam.callaghan@nhs.scot</a>	<a href="mailto:liam.callaghan@nhs.scot">liam.callaghan@nhs.scot</a>	0	1	0

**If contacting your Health Board lead by email you MUST supply the following information by the 18<sup>th</sup> October:**

- a. In the subject header: **NOTE OF INTEREST FOR NES FUNDED IP PLACE**
- b. Your name
- c. Your email address
- d. A contact telephone number
- e. GPhC number
- f. Sector of practice (Community Pharmacy, Primary Care, Acute, Other (e.g. cross sector. NHS24))
- g. Contractor code (if a community pharmacist)
- h. Work address
- i. Name of line manager (if applicable)
- j. Preferred 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choice of course

Following receipt of your notes of interest to the Health Board, these will be sent to NES Pharmacy to approve funding and will then be shared with your selected University. The University will contact you to complete a full application. If you are a community pharmacist, your details will be shared with Community Pharmacy Scotland (CPS) to facilitate any employer payments.

Details relating to academic requirements for attending the prescribing course can be found on the University websites <http://www.rgu.ac.uk/health-professions/study-options/distance-and-flexible-learning/pharmacist-independent-prescribing> OR <https://www.strath.ac.uk/courses/postgraduatetaught/pharmacistindependentprescribing/>

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Additional information is available on the NES website which you are advised to view prior to applying <https://learn.nes.nhs.scot/35679/pharmacy/independent-prescribing> If you require any additional information, please refer to our webpage or email [pharmacy@nes.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:pharmacy@nes.scot.nhs.uk)

Rachel Bruce  
Principal Lead, Prescribing and Clinical Skills  
NES Pharmacy  
12.10.21

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#### **Microsoft Teams meeting Links**

Join on your computer or mobile app - [Click here to join the meeting](#)


Join with a video conferencing device - [28485375@t.plcm.vc](mailto:28485375@t.plcm.vc)

**Video Conference ID: 123 058 783 5**

**Please note:** Closing date for applications in NHS GGC has been extended to **Wednesday 20th October 2021** due to school holidays.

Fiona Bruce  
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<b>REMINDER</b>	<b>Update from Area Pharmaceutical Committee meeting</b>
	<p>At the last APC meeting, the following items were discussed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pharmacy Input to Glasgow Homelessness Health Services - PHOENIX project;</li> <li>• UKs Future Exhaustion of Intellectual Property Rights Regime, including effects on parallel imported medicines;</li> <li>• 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;</li> <li>• 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;</li> </ul> <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 <b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021</b></p> <p>(contact <a href="mailto:amy.white5@ggc.scot.nhs.uk">amy.white5@ggc.scot.nhs.uk</a> if you are not sure who to contact)</p> <p>Ian Millar-Chair APC 21.09.21</p>

<b>REMINDER</b>	<b>Advance Notification of Webropol Survey for NHSGGC Customer Complaints - Patient Rights (Scotland) Act 2011.</b>
	<p>This message is <b>advance notification</b> that the next Webropol survey will be emailed to your clinical mailbox, week commencing <b>Monday 27th September 2021</b> with a closing date of <b>Friday 22nd October 2021</b>.</p> <p>I should remind you that the provision of this information is a contractual requirement for pharmacy contractors. You must submit this information <b><u>even where you have a nil return</u></b>. Contractors that have not responded by the time the survey closes will be considered in breach of their contract and the Board will need to consider appropriate action to take on an individual case by case basis.</p> <p>Can I take this opportunity to thank everyone who completed the Webropol Survey for the period of April to June 2021, which closed on the 23rd July 2021.</p> <p>Michelle Cooper 21.09.21</p>

<b>REMINDER</b>	<b>COP26 Conference Glasgow 2021</b>
	<p>As you will be aware the COP26 Climate change conference will be coming to Glasgow between the <b>25<sup>th</sup> October and the 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021</b>. The conference will be centred within the Scottish Exhibition Centre at Finnieston , Glasgow City Centre.</p> <p>There will be a number of Road closures around the Centre including the Clydeside expressway which may not directly affect you; however please note that deliveries may need to be diverted which could result in delays.</p> <p>All information on the conference and the road closures can be viewed and is updated regularly at the following link: <a href="https://www.getreadyglasgow.com/cop26/traffic-and-travel">https://www.getreadyglasgow.com/cop26/traffic-and-travel</a></p>

	<p>We will be contacting those pharmacies that are nearer to the venue (mainly G3, G11, G12 postcodes) as well as those in the City centre and South side of the Clyde in the Govan area with specific information nearer the time.</p> <p>I ask at this point that everyone access the website and familiarise themselves with the current guidance.</p> <p>Alan Harrison 28.09.21</p>
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Update	NHSGGC Pharmaceutical List as at 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2021
 rpt_PharmaciesIndex.pdf  rpt_PharmaceuticalList.pdf  Pharmaceutical Amendments Oct 2021  <p style="text-align: center;">Attached</p>	<p>The Pharmaceutical List has been updated as of 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021.</p> <p>The following are attached and can also be found on the Community Pharmacy Website: <a href="#">contractor lists</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Complete alphabetical index;</li> <li>ii) Complete Pharmaceutical List; and</li> <li>iii) A list of amendments made since the previous notification.</li> </ul> <p>Please ensure you remove your current index and replace with new version. Please remove old pages and replace with updated pages.</p> <p><b>Note for community pharmacies: Please check that the details for your pharmacy are complete and correct. If any amendment is required, please notify me in writing as soon as possible. This will allow our records and the Pharmaceutical List to be updated.</b></p> <p><b>Next Update is due – 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022.</b></p> <p>Karen Armstrong – Contracts Administrator 5.10.2021</p>

<b>REMINDERS</b>	<p><b>Please find below details of issues which have appeared in recent Updates. Detailed information can be found on the Update Index by following the link below:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="https://www.communitypharmacy.scot.nhs.uk/nhs-boards/nhs-greater-glasgow-clyde/" style="color: white;">https://www.communitypharmacy.scot.nhs.uk/nhs-boards/nhs-greater-glasgow-clyde/</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PGD for local sign off - Bridging Contraception Desogestrel – 28.09.21</li> <li>• Post-registration Foundation Programme for Newly Qualified Pharmacists - October 2021 - 28.09.21</li> <li>• Flu and Covid Booster vaccination program for community pharmacy teams – 28.09.21</li> </ul>
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Index and copies of the Communications Update documents can be found at:  
<https://www.communitypharmacy.scot.nhs.uk/nhs-boards/nhs-greater-glasgow-clyde/>

We are keen for any feedback you have about this Update. Please submit your comments/suggestions to:  
[cptd@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:cptd@ggc.scot.nhs.uk)





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Action	Advance ADRS prescriptions for COP26
	<p>Due to the forthcoming COP26 travel and access restrictions, the Alcohol and Drug Recovery Services (ADRS) will support patients and pharmacies by issuing prescriptions in advance to maintain continuity of treatment during this period of potential disruption.</p> <p>Please ensure that advance prescriptions are stored appropriately and dispensing dates double checked.</p> <p>Dr Carole Hunter FRPharmS / Lead Pharmacist 12.10.2021</p>

Action	Buvidal Factsheet for Clinical Pharmacists in GG&C
 Buvidal Info Sheet.pdf  Attached	<p>Please see attached</p> <p>12.10.21</p>

<b>Action</b>	<b>PCA(P) (2021) 16- ADDITIONAL PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES NHS PHARMACY FIRST SCOTLAND</b>
 PCA(P)(2021) 16 - NHS Pharmacy First :	Please see attached
Attached	12.10.21

<b>Action</b>	<b>Circular PCA(P)(2021)15 - NHS Community Pharmacy Post-Registration Foundation Pharmacy Programme 2021</b>
 Circular PCA(P)(2021) 15 - NH	Please see attached
Attached	12.10.21

<b>Action</b>	<b>ORDERING OF DRUGS ASSOCIATED WITH HIV/HEP C</b>
	<p>Over the last few months, we have seen an increase in the number of times that the Brownlee has supplied medication to community pharmacies due to difficulties in obtaining stock.</p> <p>On further investigation, for the most part, the medication was available from the designated route, but the community pharmacist either wasn't aware of the ordering process, or sufficient time wasn't allowed for the ordering process to be complete so that a break in treatment would only be avoided by the Brownlee providing the stock.</p> <p>If you have any HIV/Hep C patients, please make yourself familiar (and any locums or support staff who may be involved in the care of the patient) with the ordering arrangements for these drugs. You will find the details on the individual pages for each service within the Community Pharmacy website (links below).</p> <p>Hep C - <a href="http://scot.nhs.uk">NHS Community Pharmacy Website (scot.nhs.uk)</a>          HIV - <a href="http://scot.nhs.uk">NHS Community Pharmacy Website (scot.nhs.uk)</a></p> <p><b>The Brownlee can only make stock available in exceptional circumstances and only after all other routes have been exhausted. This facility should not be used as a matter of routine.</b></p> <p>If you have any queries regarding the ordering of these medications, please let us know: <a href="mailto:ggc.cpdevteam@nhs.scot">ggc.cpdevteam@nhs.scot</a>.</p> <p>Thank you for your continued co-operation in this matter.</p> <p>Janine Glen 12.10.21</p>

<b>Action</b>	<b>Referring to local Macmillan Cancer Support and Information Services</b>
 Macmillan at GL relaunch_QR code.pc	Macmillan @ Glasgow Libraries Update  <b>ALL Pharmacy staff can refer into Macmillan @ Glasgow Libraries</b>  Macmillan @ Glasgow Libraries provide free emotional, practical and financial support to anyone affected by cancer. Free support and information is now being provided in 6
Attached	


	<p>libraries with new, weekly, in-person appointments available for people living with or beyond cancer, family, friends or carers, and people who are bereaved.</p> <p>Drop ins are also available offering support, information and the space to talk confidentially. Appointments and drop ins are available at the Mitchell, Dennistoun, Pollok, Royston, Castlemilk and Partick libraries. Find out more about the look and feel of the relaunched services at <a href="https://vimeo.com/585846962">https://vimeo.com/585846962</a></p> <p>One-off and regular support is being provided over the phone alongside the in-person support, and all options can be discussed with anyone referred in to ensure their requirements are met.</p> <p>Find out more about Macmillan @ Glasgow Libraries at <a href="http://www.glasgowlife.org.uk/macmillan">www.glasgowlife.org.uk/macmillan</a> or the QR code in the poster attached. Please display the poster in your pharmacy and get in touch if you have any questions.</p> <p><b>To refer:</b></p> <p>You can refer people into Macmillan @ Glasgow Libraries for in-person or telephone support via <b>0141 287 2903</b>, <a href="mailto:macmillan@glasgowlife.org.uk">macmillan@glasgowlife.org.uk</a> or <b>NHS inform</b>. Pass on their name, number, and any further info such as the support required or how they are affected by cancer.</p> <p>12.10.21</p>
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<b>Action</b>	<b>NES Webinar - Treating Bugs Beyond Pharmacy First - Thursday 28th October 2021</b>
	<p>Our next webinar presented by Dr Scott Jamieson will discuss the assessment and when to treat and not to treat common conditions including UTIs, respiratory tract infections, everything ear nose and throat and eye conditions that fall out with the scope of the PGDs covered by the Pharmacy First Service. This event will also cover some basic assessment skills and would be particularly suited to any community pharmacist IPs who are delivering Pharmacy First Plus.</p> <p><b>Learning Outcomes:</b> At the end of the event, you will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Describe the treatment approach to take when treating patients out with the scope of Pharmacy First</li> <li>2. Be able to undertake basic assessment skills when treating patients with common infections.</li> <li>3. Describe when not to treat common conditions</li> </ol> <p><b>Prerequisites:</b> Please come prepared with scenarios or situations from your own practice to share and discuss</p> <p><a href="#">Treating common bugs beyond Pharmacy First (Webinar)   Turas   Learn (nhs.scot)</a> <b>Thursday 28th October 2021 19:00-21:00 (at the latest)</b></p> <p><b>Contact Email:</b> <a href="mailto:Lynsey.Boyle@ggc.scot.nhs.uk">Lynsey.Boyle@ggc.scot.nhs.uk</a></p> <p>12.10.21</p>

<b>Action</b>	<b>Endorsement of urgency for all prescriptions for subcutaneous (SC) medicines for palliative care patients in primary care</b>
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	<p>To help community pharmacists prioritise the dispensing and supply of SC palliative care medicines in primary care, it would be helpful if all prescriptions for either SC 'as required', SC regular bolus or continuous subcutaneous infusions via a syringe pump, could be endorsed with one of the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>'Urgent' if needed the same day, or</u></li> <li>2. <u>'Just in Case' if needed in the next 12-24 hours</u></li> </ol> <p>This will allow the community pharmacist to accurately prioritise both the dispensing and delivery (if identified as being needed) for these important medicines to patients in primary care.</p> <p>Our courier service for palliative care patients remains available, but there are currently significant staffing challenges being faced by the company which provides it for us. Endorsement of prescriptions as stated above will help to identify those scripts which are the most urgent and prevent any unintentional delays.</p> <p>If you have any queries regarding the change above then please contact <b>Elayne Harris (07876 478140), Carolyn Mackay (07775 012560) or Susan Addie (07880 786659).</b></p> <p>12.10.21</p>
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<b>Action</b>	<b>Unplanned Closure Process</b>
	<p>We would like to clarify that while community pharmacies are required to advise the Board of any unplanned pharmacy closure where this lasts more than 15 minutes; this does not extend to community pharmacies who utilise the option to close their pharmacy for an hour at lunch time (where they would previously have stayed open over lunch).</p> <p>We have amended the wording on the CPD website to make this clearer.</p> <p>We have also introduced a pro-forma for the communication of closures. You will find this at the link below.</p> <p><a href="https://www.scot.nhs.uk">NHS Community Pharmacy Website (scot.nhs.uk)</a></p> <p>Thank you for your continued co-operation in this matter.</p> <p>Janine Glen 11.10.2021</p>

<b>Action</b>	<b>MHRA Drug Safety Update – Polyethylene Glycol/Macrogol Laxatives and the use of Starch-based Thickeners</b>
 Drug Safety Alert Laxatives.pdf  Attached	<p>Please see attached memo from the ADTC Safer Use of Medicines Committee highlighting an MHRA drug safety update on the use of macrogol laxatives in combination with starch based thickeners.</p> <p>12.10.21</p>

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**Community Pharmacy Communication Update**

Date: Thursday 14th October 2021



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New in this edition –

- **DRUG ALERT CLASS 2 - 24 2021 – CLASS 2 MEDICINES RECALL ACTION WITHIN 48 HOURS – WRAFTON LABORATOIRES LTD (T/A PERRIGO) TESCO FLU MAX ALL IN ONE CHESTY COUGH & COLD POWDER FOR ORAL SOLUTION (GSL)**
- **Private Prescriptions for Schedule 4 and 5 Controlled Drugs**

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	<a href="#">Class 2 Medicines Recall: Tesco Flu-Max All In One Chesty Cough &amp; Cold Powder for Oral Solution Wrafton Laboratoires Limited (trading as Perrigo) EL (21)A/24 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a>
	13.10.21

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>Private Prescriptions for Schedule 4 and 5 Controlled Drugs</b>
	<p>It has been brought to our attention from colleagues across Scotland that there has recently been an influx of private prescriptions being presented at community pharmacies for Schedule 4 and 5 controlled drugs – those being Diazepam, Dihydrocodeine and high dose Codeine preparations and for large quantities. Some of these prescriptions have been from Coldbath Clinic, others from <a href="http://signaturerx.co.uk">signaturerx.co.uk</a> who's parent company appears to be called EU Meds.</p> <p><b>We would be grateful if you could highlight to us if you have had prescriptions of this nature presented to you.</b></p> <p>As with all private prescriptions (or any prescription for that matter) we would ask that all due diligence is given to ensuring the prescriber details and the authenticity of any prescription are checked before a professional and clinical decision is made as to whether supply is appropriate.</p> <p>If you have any queries regarding this then please contact our controlled drugs team at the following email address</p> <p><a href="mailto:CDGovernance@ggc.scot.nhs.uk">CDGovernance@ggc.scot.nhs.uk</a></p> <p>Thanks for your support in this matter.</p> <p>Alan Harrison 14.10.21</p>

## REMINDERS AND UPDATES:

REMINDER	INDEPENDENT PRESCRIBING COURSES 2022/ 23 - APPLICANT INFORMATION for NES FUNDING
	<p>In collaboration with Health Boards, Community Pharmacy Scotland, Robert Gordon University and University of Strathclyde, we have revised the application process for NES funded Independent Prescribing (IP) places. I am now pleased to invite notes of interest for the next IP Courses.</p> <p>There are <b>4 courses</b> available for 2022/23 with a total of <b>244 NES funded places</b>. IP course dates can be found below. Places are open to all sectors of pharmacy practice, and are now distributed on a Health Board allocation rather than a first come, first served basis. As a result, requests should be made directly to your Health Board using the relevant contact email or link in the table below.</p> <p>As part of this NES funding, attendance at consultation and clinical skills training is also required. These skills courses will also be fully funded by NES, and all successful NES funded IP applicants will automatically be offered a place on these courses once they become available.</p> <p><b>Course dates and number of NES IP funded places:</b></p> <p><b><u>Robert Gordon University</u></b></p> <p>Start date: January 2022- Residential/virtual week 2 - 6 May 2022 - 85 places.</p> <p>Start date: September 2022 - Residential/virtual week January 2023 (date tbc) - 41 places.</p> <p><b><u>University of Strathclyde</u></b></p> <p>Start date: March 2022 - Residential/virtual week 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> June and 2<sup>nd</sup> September - 58 places.</p> <p>Start date: June 2022 - Residential/virtual week 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> September and 9<sup>th</sup> December - 60 places.</p> <p><b>Prior to applying for the course, you must have a Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP) in place, and seek formal approval from your line manager in relation to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prescribing being an agreed development need for you</li><li>• The clinical service(s) you plan to deliver as a pharmacist prescriber</li><li>• Release from service for all course dates (including all relevant clinical skills courses) and agreement to support you during the period of learning in practice</li><li>• Release for attendance at a Teach and Treat Common Clinical Conditions (CCC) hub if planning to deliver the Pharmacy First Plus service in Community Pharmacy</li></ul> <p><b><u>If demand for NES funded IP places exceeds allocation, Health Boards will be required to prioritise places. If unsuccessful at initial application, you will be added to a waiting list should a place then become available.</u></b></p> <p>Please note the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Data sharing. The details you provide will be shared with NHS Education for Scotland, The University of Strathclyde or Robert Gordon University (as applicable), Dundee Clinical Skills Collaborative, and in the case of community pharmacists with Community Pharmacy Scotland (for remuneration purposes)</li><li>2. Although we will endeavour to provide clinical skills training at your preferred location, these may be subject to change based on availability</li><li>3. By accepting NES funding you agree to attend NES consultation skills and to submit a recorded consultation for peer review; to attend clinical skills training; to</li></ol>



attend any other relevant training required for service delivery such as Teach and Treat sessions

Contact details to note your interest for a NES funded IP place. Please email the name relevant to your sector of practice in your relevant Health Board (or click on the link where appropriate)

Heath Board	Community Pharmacy Contact	Primary Care Contact	Hospital Contact	CP places	PC places	Acute places
Ayrshire+Arran	<a href="mailto:Jacqueline.Seenan@aapct.scot.nhs.uk">Jacqueline.Seenan@aapct.scot.nhs.uk</a>	<a href="mailto:Jacqueline.Seenan@aapct.scot.nhs.uk">Jacqueline.Seenan@aapct.scot.nhs.uk</a>	<a href="mailto:Jacqueline.Seenan@aapct.scot.nhs.uk">Jacqueline.Seenan@aapct.scot.nhs.uk</a>	8	8	4
Borders	<a href="mailto:Amina.SlimaniFersia@borders.scot.nhs.uk">Amina.SlimaniFersia@borders.scot.nhs.uk</a>	<a href="mailto:Amina.SlimaniFersia@borders.scot.nhs.uk">Amina.SlimaniFersia@borders.scot.nhs.uk</a>	<a href="mailto:Amina.SlimaniFersia@borders.scot.nhs.uk">Amina.SlimaniFersia@borders.scot.nhs.uk</a>	2	2	1
Dumfries+Galloway	<a href="mailto:liane.holmes2@nhs.scot">liane.holmes2@nhs.scot</a>	<a href="mailto:holmes2@nhs.scot">holmes2@nhs.scot</a>	<a href="mailto:liane.holmes2@nhs.scot">liane.holmes2@nhs.scot</a>	4	2	2
Fife	<a href="mailto:fife.educationandtraining@nhs.scot">fife.educationandtraining@nhs.scot</a>	<a href="mailto:fife.educationandtraining@nhs.scot">fife.educationandtraining@nhs.scot</a>	<a href="mailto:fife.educationandtraining@nhs.scot">fife.educationandtraining@nhs.scot</a>	8	6	4
ForthValley	<a href="mailto:kirstin.cassells3@nhs.scot">kirstin.cassells3@nhs.scot</a>	<a href="mailto:Clare.colligan@nhs.scot">Clare.colligan@nhs.scot</a>	<a href="mailto:vicky.hough@nhs.scot">vicky.hough@nhs.scot</a>	7	4	3
Greater Glasgow & Clyde	<a href="https://forms.office.com/r/gSMd9e9Kq2">https://forms.office.com/r/gSMd9e9Kq2</a>	<a href="https://forms.office.com/r/gSMd9e9Kq2">https://forms.office.com/r/gSMd9e9Kq2</a>	<a href="https://forms.office.com/r/gSMd9e9Kq2">https://forms.office.com/r/gSMd9e9Kq2</a>	24	13	10
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**If contacting your Health Board lead by email you MUST supply the following information by the 18<sup>th</sup> October:**

- a. In the subject header: **NOTE OF INTEREST FOR NES FUNDED IP PLACE**
- b. **Your name**
- c. **Your email address**
- d. **A contact telephone number**
- e. **GPhC number**
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Rachel Bruce  
Principal Lead, Prescribing and Clinical Skills  
NES Pharmacy  
12.10.21

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I ask at this point that everyone access the website and familiarise themselves with the current guidance.

Alan Harrison  
28.09.21

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Alex Thurlow - Health Improvement Pharmacist  
5.10.21

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ACTION	Restricted Pages on CPDT Website
	<p>Some of you have reported that access to the Restricted Pages on the CPDT website is down at the moment. Inputting username and password is not allowing you to proceed.</p> <p>It appears that this is system related.</p> <p>We are currently trying to get to the bottom of the issue and will provide further information when we have it. In the meantime, we would ask you to bear with us while we try and work with the system administrators to identify and resolve the issue.</p> <p>Janine Glen 26.10.21</p>

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<b>ACTION</b>	<b>DRUG ALERT CLASS 3 - 26 2021 – CLASS 3 MEDICINES RECALL ACTION WITHIN 5 DAYS – ASPIRE PHARMA LIMITED BIMATOPROST ASPIRE 0.3MG/ML EYE DROPS, SOLUTION IN SINGLE DOSE CONTAINER 0.4ML X 30</b>
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<b>ACTION</b>	<b>Proton Pump Inhibitor Guideline for Neonates and Paediatrics</b>
	Please see below the link to guidance for prescribing proton pump inhibitors for neonates and paediatrics  <a href="https://clinicalguidelines.scot.nhs.uk/media/2849/proton-pump-inhibitor-guideline-for-neonates-and-paediatrics.pdf">https://clinicalguidelines.scot.nhs.uk/media/2849/proton-pump-inhibitor-guideline-for-neonates-and-paediatrics.pdf</a>  Alan Harrison 26.10.21

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## Community Pharmacy Communication Update

Date: Thursday 28th October 2021




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New in this edition –

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### REMINDERS AND UPDATES:

REMINDER	PenCycle Launch Event - Monday 1st November 2021
 <p>PenCycle Invitation -1st Nov 2021.pdf</p> <p>Attached</p>	<p>PenCycle is officially launching on <b>Monday 1st November 2021</b>, and as part of this we would like to invite you to participate in a virtual webinar to engage, educate and excite those who are critical to the success of the scheme and played such an active role in its development.</p> <p>Attached is a webinar invitation to the official launch event on <b>Monday 1st of November (7-8pm)</b></p> <p>Matt Barclay 19.10.21</p>

REMINDER	PGD for Bridging Contraception
 <p>Rev 2023 11 PGD POP Bridging Contrac</p>	<p>Notification of the new Bridging Contraception service was communicated to the community pharmacy network at the end of September 2021. <a href="#">Additional pharmaceutical services public health service – addition of bridging contraception (scot.nhs.uk)</a></p>





PGD POP Bridging  
Contraception APPRO

The service will commence on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021**.

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19.10.21

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- **ADRS Teams – Introduction of a Stamp – 19/10/2021**
- **Uplift of Pharmaceutical Waste – 19/10/2021**

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