

Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update

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Vaccination Services

Reminder: Community Pharmacy COVID clinics may now expand the offering to the following eligible groups:

- social care workers
- 50-64 year olds
- all 65 year olds and over

NHS Grampian will update COVID vaccination webpages and promote via social media posting to reflect this expansion.

Scottish Healthcare Awards 2022

We are delighted to report on Grampians success at the Scottish Healthcare Awards which took place last night. Buchanhaven Pharmacy and Summerhill Pharmacy were both shortlisted in the final 3 for the Management of Substance Dependency in the Community category which is an incredible achievement.

It reflects the amazing efforts that happen every day in an often disadvantaged group of people. The Substance Misuse Pharmacists and Pharmaceutical Care Services teams would like to pass on their sincere thanks to all with a special mention for Buchanhaven Pharmacy who were

crowned winners. Congratulations all, we hope you enjoyed your night!



FIGURE 1: STAFF MEMBERS FROM BUCHANHAVEN PHARMACY WITH THEIR AWARD

Positive Solutions- Texting Issue

Our Pharmacy Facilitator team has received some reports from Positive Solutions pharmacy users of intermittent issues with sending text messages.

Positive Solution sites all have application nhs.scot accounts that are set up to send texts from the PMR system. The same application account can be used to send emails from the PMR as well. Emails are currently not affected by this issue.

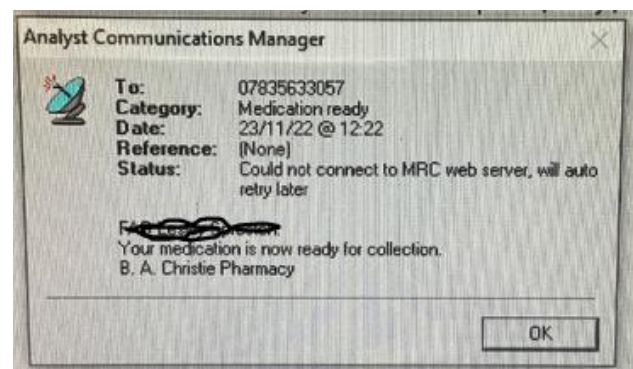


FIGURE 2: POSITIVE SOLUTION TEXT ISSUE ERROR MESSAGE

Public Health Update

Public Health Champions

We are looking for proactive community pharmacy healthcare staff (no pharmacists allowed!) to support their pharmacy team with provision of health promotion materials and resources. This is not a time consuming role (we know you are busy!) but will assist your team and patients greatly while being a point of contact for the public health practitioners in the PCS team. In return, we will ensure you are upskilled with super resources and points of contact to make you a public health champion in your pharmacy.

If you are interested in becoming one of our public health champions in community pharmacy or want to find out more, please email Suzanne or Denise at gram.pharmaceuticalcareservices@nhs.scot

Community Pharmacy Public Health Service Poster Campaigns 2022-PCA

The Scottish Government have now released an update outlining the next Public Health Service poster campaigns topics which will be distributed to pharmacies. See PCA attached to this email for your information.

Campaign Dates:

Right Care, Right Place

6 December – 9 January 2023

Smoking cessation

10 January – 6 February

Women's heart health

7 February – 6 March

Antimicrobial resistance

7 March – April

Education and Training Update

RPS Pain Management- A Million Chances to Make a Difference Webinar

If you are a member of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society you can join the next webinar in collaboration with the Scottish Pain Pharmacy Network. This is set up to be a very informative webinar focusing on how pharmacists in different settings can get involved in the support of pain patients. If you can't make it to the live webinar this will be recorded. Link to webinar below:

[Pain Management – A Million Chances to Make a Difference - New Registration \(rpharms.com\)](https://www.rpharms.com)

Winter Health Messaging



FIGURE 3: ANNA FERGUSON, PHARMACIST

An exclusive BTS shot of our winter health messaging filming today at Bairds King Street. A huge thanks to Keira and Anna for being superstars and of course the team for accommodating the comms team and Sarah while continuing their usual busy Friday service! Look out for the final clips on NHSG social media pages coming soon...

Medicines Management Update

Enteral feeding products – for information

Within NHS Grampian, enteral feeding products are prescribed by primary care following requests from the dietitian team. Prescriptions for these products are fulfilled by a third party supplier who deliver the products to the patient's place of residence.

On occasion, these prescriptions are sent to community pharmacy in error. The dietitian team kindly request that if a prescription is received for an enteral feed, that this is queried with the practice prior to ordering and dispensing medication – to ensure that the prescription has not been sent to a community pharmacy in error.

Please note enteral feeds (e.g. Nutrison®, Peptamen®, Perative®) and different from oral nutritional supplements (ONS) e.g. Fresubin® and Ensure®.

Should there be any queries relating to this please contact the dietetic team via email (gram.hetfdietitians@nhs.scot)

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Omeprazole 20mg

We are aware that the price of omeprazole 20mg capsules has increased significantly over the last few weeks. Stock is still available in wholesalers for you to order. This is currently causing significant traffic and workload back to GP practices unnecessarily.

A reminder that you are contractually obliged under the NHS (Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) Regulations, 2009, to supply medication in response to a prescription, regardless of the tariff price. Any refusal to dispense a prescription due to tariff price will be considered a breach of your contract. All shortages should continue to be reported via CPS here: [CPS Members Area | Shortage Reporter 2.0](#)

Christmas Decorations in November...



Is it too early to have your Christmas decorations up!? It's not even December yet, Bah Humbug. Suzanne from our team disagrees and has had her decorations up since 16th November! Think you can do better? Send your holiday decoration pictures to us and we will include in our newsletter. "Tis the season"

The Happy Space 😊

With a lot going on in the world just now we want to keep space in our newsletter for some good news stories, pictures or anything else which may raise a smile. If you have any suggestions please send them our way! We would love to hear from you.

Peterculter Pharmacy Saves the Day



Special mention this week to the Peterculter pharmacy team who had an unexpected arrival of over 60 Milltimber Primary School pupils requesting nasal influenza vaccinations as the planned HSCP clinics couldn't go ahead due to teaching strikes! The pharmacy team

ensured all pupils were vaccinated on the day. Thank you Peterculter pharmacy team!

Community Pharmacy Scotland Newsletter Round-up



Newsletter by,

The Pharmaceutical Care Services Team,

Have a great weekend.

Missed a copy of an update? Weekly Updates are uploaded to the [CP Grampian website](#)

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