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### Meet the team

Iain Fulton



What is your current role? Principal Pharmacist for community pharmacy, public health and South Ayrshire H&SCP  
How long have you worked in NHS AA? 17 months.  
What roles have you previously held? Various roles in community pharmacy from pharmacy assistant to regional manager positions.  
What's the best bit of your job? I love seeing pharmacy come together to benefit patients so the exposure I have to hospital and primary care colleagues as well as community pharmacy is great!  
I also enjoy innovation and change....*"without change there would be no butterflies"* so I hope you enjoy the new weekly communication!  
What do you do to relax outside of work? Being a pharmacist, I'm used to multi-tasking and my favourite combination is to throw a ball for Woody (my Cockapoo) while watching my son and stepsons play football!

## Stat of the week....

### COMMUNITY PHARMACY EMERGENCY CARE SUMMARY (ECS) ACCESS

October 2022 was a record month for pharmacists & technicians accessing emergency care summaries when delivering patient care.

**40** individuals accessed records a total of **312** times!

Both of these are **record numbers** and accesses have increased by more than **100%** since October 2021

Please refer to the lunch & learn session available on the community pharmacy website <https://www.communitypharmacy.scot.nhs.uk/nhs-boards/nhs-ayrshire-arran/> or speak to one of our team if you need support in accessing ECS from your pharmacy.

## COMMUNICATIONS SUMMARY

**WEDNESDAY 4TH: DRUG ALERT**

**1 2023 – BYLVAY CAPSULES.**

**FRIDAY 6TH: FOR PALLIATIVE CARE**

**NETWORK – E-MAIL WITH LINK TO MS**

**FORM FOR UPCOMING TRAINING  
SESSIONS.**

## SUCCESS STORY

Gallagher Pharmacy

Glasgow Rd, Ardrossan

One evening this week, the team in Gallagher Pharmacy re-opened the pharmacy after shutting down to dispense a prescription presented for a palliative care patient. The pharmacy (and our director of pharmacy) received the message of thanks below from the Doctor.

*Their generosity of time and spirit allowed me to fill an emergency prescription for palliative medications that will allow someone to die with dignity tonight. This was true compassionate care and I am massively grateful for their support. It made me proud to work in healthcare.*

Thanks and well done to the team at Gallaghers!

Please share your success stories with the community pharmacy team for inclusion in future editions of

*Weekly Script!*

## Key Messages

- Serious shortage protocols for penicillin remain in place. The most recent circular, PCA (P)(2022)43, sent on 30<sup>th</sup> December details the latest amendments. The current expiry of the SSP's is 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023.

- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023 is #StrokePreventionDay  
The cps website ([www.cps.scot](http://www.cps.scot)) has a news article with links to the stroke association website where you can download social media assets etc. We encourage you to take part in this event.



- **Winter vaccination programme**

Flu infections are rising and COVID remains a real challenge in the community and across our health care sites. One of the best ways to protect yourself, your family and vulnerable patients is to have your seasonal flu and COVID vaccines.

Eligible health and social care workers who have not already been vaccinated this winter are invited to attend drop-in vaccine clinics run at mass vaccination centres in locations around Ayrshire. Please visit [NHS Ayrshire & Arran - COVID-19 Vaccination Appointments \(nhsaaa.net\)](https://nhsaaa.net) to view upcoming clinics if you wish to drop-in – no appointment necessary.

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