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Meet the team – *KAZ BURNS*



What is your current role?

Pharmacy department secretary based at Eglinton House.

How long have you worked in NHS AA?

I have worked for NHS AA since March 2021

What roles have you previously held?

I began with the COVID 19 Results Hub as one of the Administrators here in Eglinton House. I then moved to the COVID Community Testing Team at Crosshouse Hospital to assist the team with their administration. In July 2022 I was successful in gaining this permanent post with the Pharmacy & Prescribing Team in Eglinton House I feel I have come full circle!

What's the best bit of your job?

The variety of the tasks that have to be carried out on a daily basis makes the job more interesting, as well as meeting the other staff from different areas of the department/hospitals. All the Staff are so friendly which in turn, makes my day even more enjoyable. Yes I can safely say that I really enjoy my job. There isn't really just one aspect of the post that I can say is better than the other, especially in light of only being in the pharmacy team for just over 7 months.

What do you to relax outside of work?

I have recently moved house, so I am enjoying exploring my new surroundings and going out walking which I enjoy. I also go to Aquafit every week where I meet up with my friends. I enjoy socialising (with the occasional glass of wine) when possible and also enjoy DIY and gardening. I also visit my family up in Clackmannanshire as often as I can.

Stat of the week....

Community Pharmacy Supply of Bridging Contraception

The number of supplies of bridging contraception continues to increase month on month. 55 Supplies were made in November 2022 and the average over the previous 6 month was 47. There are still less than 50% of our pharmacies providing this service so if you need to increase your skill and/or confidence in this please review the Lunch & Learn session which can be found via the link on the CP A&A Website!
<https://www.communitypharmacy.scot.nhs.uk/nhs-boards/nhs-ayrshire-arran/lunch-learn/>

COMMUNICATIONS SUMMARY:

MON 13TH: FROM CLINICAL PCT – EASTER PROFORMA (OPENING HOURS RETURN)

MON 13TH: CIRCULARS x 4 (EXTENSION OF SSP'S INCLUDING CHANGE TO ANTIBIOTIC SUBSTITUTIONS)

TUES 14TH: SAFETY ACTION NOTICES x 2 (EPIMAX & FREESTYLE)

THURS 16TH: FIELD SAFETY ACTION NOTICES x 3 (FREESTYLE)



Gallagher Pharmacy
Hamilton Street - Saltcoats

GOOD NEWS STORY

Congratulations to Val Graham, Technician, who has worked in pharmacy for over 30 years and we would like to wish her a Happy 60th Birthday!

Val also regularly goes above and beyond. A recent example: Prior to surgery closing time, an elderly lady phoned asking for assistance with her prescription. She was not one of their patients and had visited her GP earlier that day to hand in a urine sample. She was expecting antibiotics that evening but the lady's prescription was not in their pick up pile. Val took the initiative to phone the surgery and ask for the prescription, ensuring that it was dispensed and delivered to the patient before the weekend. **Thanks Val!**

Please remember to share your success / good news stories with the community pharmacy team for inclusion in future editions of
Weekly Script

Key Messages

FAO : Childrens flu vaccination pharmacies:

The Fluenz Tetra nasal sprays you have in your pharmacy will have either expired or will expire at the end of February. Please appropriately destroy any out of date stock you have in your pharmacy. There is no more stock available for this season.

FAO: All Pharmacies

See below a request to participate in research for Glasgow Caledonian University:



Investigating the Acceptability of a Blue-Green Prescribing Programme for Primary Mental Healthcare in Scotland

Hello stewards of human and planetary health! Scotland is abundant in natural water environments or 'blue spaces' which help promote mental health and wellbeing. However, these blue spaces are at risk to pharmaceutical pollution such as the existence of antidepressants in our lochs and rivers. This has negative impacts on public health and the health of our water ecosystems.

The Blue-Green Prescribing Research, funded by the Scottish Government and the Scottish Funding Council, is designing a mental healthcare programme that would help protect our blue spaces so these can be enjoyed by everyone for their health and wellbeing. As stewards of human and planetary health, we need your help in ensuring that the design of this environmentally sustainable mental healthcare programme is acceptable to you – healthcare professionals.

Help us make this mental healthcare programme work for you and your patients by answering a quick online survey. You can access the survey by scanning the QR code using your mobile phone or by following this link:
<http://bit.ly/bluegreenprescribingsurvey>.



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