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MEET THE TEAM – Louisa Burns



What is your current role? **Principal Pharmacist - Pharmacotherapy**
How long have you worked with NHS A&A? **8 Years**
What roles have you previously held? **I started out my career as a hospital pharmacist and worked across A&A and GGC. Then took up a role as a community pharmacy manager within A&A and then moved back to hospital pharmacy and specialised within psychiatry. I then moved to primary care and have held various roles within the primary care team in A&A since.**

What's the best bit of your job? **The diversity of my role, the opportunities it provides and getting to work alongside a great team. I love a challenge and I am always looking at new ways to develop our services to ensure we meet the needs of our patients and achieve the healthiest life possible for everyone in Ayrshire and Arran. I also really enjoy supporting the development and training of our team to enable them to reach their fullest potential.**

What do you to relax outside of work? **I enjoy spending time with my family and friends and I am always planning my next holiday as I love travelling and seeing new places!**

Stat of the week – NHS Flu vaccination service 22/23

We have come to the end of the flu vaccination season with the PGD expiring tomorrow (31st March 2023)

This year we delivered a total of **3928** vaccinations from **43** participating pharmacies. The average number per pharmacy was 90 and this year, for the first time we delivered **382** childhood nasal vaccinations.

Thank you and well done to all participating pharmacies!

COMMUNICATIONS SUMMARY

Mon 27th: N/A

Tuesday 28th: N/A

Wed 29th: **Safety Notice – Freestyle LibreLink App for Android**

Thu 30th: **Class 4 Drug Alert – Briviact 75mg**

Fri 31st: N/A

SUCCESS STORY

Lloyds Pharmacy – Glasgow Rd

A gentleman attended Lloyds with his daughter and was given Flucloxacillin under the skin infection PGD following a consultation with the pharmacist, Bismark, on duty that day. They both came back after the course of antibiotics to say that her he was not getting better despite completing the course and taking as prescribed. Bismark took another look and was quite concerned and rather than send the patient away with instruction to phone for a GP appointment, decided to phone himself with their permission. Turns out the patient actually had a type of skin cancer and is now undergoing treatment. The daughter was so grateful and praised the service she received from their local pharmacy!

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

Key Messages

NHS Flu vaccination service 22/23

The PGD for this service expires tomorrow (31st March 2023). You are therefore no longer able to provide the service.

Uplift's of sharps bins have been requested and these will be collected from your pharmacy in the next few weeks.

Any left over vaccine stock can be destroyed in the pharmacy with no need to report any numbers.

Hospital Discharge Service

There are a few pharmacies (excluding Boots and Lloyds) still not signed up to this service. We are hoping to have this service available from all community pharmacies across our Ayrshire & Arran network. If you have not yet signed up can we please ask that you do so as soon as possible and if you have any issues with this or wish to discuss it then please contact Iain, Kirstie or Alyson (all contact details below).

All the required documents can be found on our website [HERE](#) and the required actions are:

- 1) Complete the pilot sign up form and e-mail to ClinicalPCT@aapct.scot.nhs.uk
- 2) Complete the PGD agreement by practitioner form and e-mail to aa.cpteam@aapct.scot.nhs.uk

Community Pharmacy Network Event 2023

Many thanks to those of you who joined us on Thursday evening in CentreStage. It was fantastic to have so many people in the theatre and we hope that you enjoyed the event.

For those of you who did not manage along, we are hoping to produce a written summary of the event that we will share with you soon.

For those who did attend, we will be sending out a link to a feedback survey in the coming days and would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to provide us feedback by filling in the survey.

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