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MEET THE TEAM – Mhairi Millar



What is your current role? Senior Pharmacist for Primary Care in the East Health and Social Care Partnership covering the Kilmarnock cluster.

How long have you worked in NHS A&A? I have worked for NHS A&A for just over 2 years.

What roles have you previously held? I joined NHS A&A as a General Practice Clinical Pharmacist and worked within a few GP practices in Kilmarnock. Prior to joining NHS A&A I worked as a community pharmacist.

What's the best bit of your job? I enjoy the variety my job brings. I spend one day per week working in practice and enjoy this clinical role, interacting with patients and seeing the difference we can make to a patient's journey. I love working with and supporting the pharmacy team to deliver and improve the pharmacy service we provide to patients and supporting members of the pharmacy team to reach their fullest potential.

What do you do to relax outside of work? I enjoy spending time outdoors and exercising as well as spending time with my family and friends. I love to travel and explore places in Scotland in our campervan as well as visiting new places abroad. I have played tennis since I was very young so this has always been a big part of my life outside of work.

STAT OF THE WEEK – SERIAL PRESCRIPTIONS

We currently have 32,579 patients in Ayrshire & Arran on serial prescriptions. This represents 17.9% of all patients on regular repeat medication.

This service is key to allowing all of the pharmacy teams both in community pharmacy and in general practice to deliver clinical services due to the safety and efficiency of this prescribing mechanism. Over the coming months we will be actively increasing the number of patients on serial prescriptions and will be working with colleagues in all of our pharmacy services to support this for the benefit of all involved – especially patients!

GOOD NEWS STORY – AYRSHIRE ACHIEVES

Congratulations once again to the all the finalists INCLUDING – Sam Falconer & Ogg's Pharmacy and of course YOU, the COMMUNITY PHARMACY NETWORK of NHS Ayrshire & Arran – well done to all the worthy winners in each of the categories.

The Pharmacy department of NHS Ayrshire & Arran were honoured at the ceremony last night with the chairperson's award for special recognition of the significant role we play in the care of the people of Ayrshire & Arran as well as our innovation and dedication in providing high quality care. Congratulations and well done to all pharmacy colleagues!



COMMUNICATIONS SUMMARY

- **Friday 26th May – Email** – Protected learning time (PLT) for GP practices in June / July 2023
- **Tuesday 27th May – Email** – Proforma to request Saturday closures over the summer period

Key Messages

NHS Pharmacy First Scotland PGD's

The PGD's for Aciclovir and Flucloxacillin have been granted an extension from the NHS Ayrshire and Arran PGD group to permit the continued use of these for the skin infection and shingles services that form a part of NHS Pharmacy First Scotland.

The extended PGD's will be uploaded to the website in due course but please be assured that these PGD's remain valid and will be replaced with the new versions as soon as they are released from Scottish Government.

The extension has been granted until 3rd November 2023

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Midazolam 10mg/ml oromucosal liquid (Epistatus)

The above liquid is available as a 5ml bottle with 4 syringes, and is also available as pre-filled syringes which contain 2.5mg in 0.25ml, 5mg in 0.5ml, 7.5mg in 0.75ml and 10mg/ml.

Please be aware that there are 4 DIFFERENT sizes / strengths available!

Of these only the 10mg/1ml prefilled syringe is licensed, and thus appears in the EMC and BNF-C. The prefilled syringes are not graduated, so can only be used to administer the full volume they contain.

Please be aware that pre-filled syringes cannot be used to give part doses, there are no integrations on the syringe.

The paediatric epilepsy service are having reports of parents being given prefilled syringes from which they have to decant the prescribed dose. This is not appropriate. If a prefilled syringe of the correct dose is not available then the 5ml bottle should be prescribed.

Community Pharmacists can contact Marie Stewart or Alison Lockett, Paediatric Pharmacists, via the switchboard (01563821133) at UHC for further information.

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