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Community Pharmacy

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## MEET THE TEAM – Heather Fraser



*What is your current role?* I am a Senior Pharmacist for Primary Care in East Ayrshire and supervise the pharmacotherapy teams in the Cumnock cluster

*How long have you worked with NHS A&A?* I have worked here for just over 7 years.

*What roles have you previously held?* When I first started with the NHS I was a prescribing support pharmacist in South Ayrshire, and once pharmacotherapy was introduced I moved into the GP clinical pharmacist role.

Prior to working here, I was a pharmacy manager for Lloyds for 11 years.

*What's the best part of your job?* The diversity! In this position I have so many different roles to play and I interact with a huge variety of people. I love our team in East Ayrshire, we have an amazing bunch of pharmacy support workers, technicians and pharmacists.

*What do you do to relax outside of work?* I love spending time with my partner and our two Chihuahuas. I am passionate about exercise and can be often found on the treadmill or outdoors on a run and I am currently training for a few races.

## Stat of the week – Drug-related Deaths

Drug-related deaths in Scotland are a National Public Health emergency. In 2021, there were 1330 drug misuse deaths registered in Scotland. Ayrshire and Arran has the second highest rate of drug-related deaths in Scotland. Naloxone is a first aid intervention which can temporarily reverse the effects of opioid drugs and can preserve life until an ambulance can arrive.

Many community pharmacies in A&A have already signed up to the local Naloxone service. For those who have not yet signed up but are interested in doing so, please contact visit [NHS Community Pharmacy Website \(scot.nhs.uk\)](https://www.scot.nhs.uk/nhs.uk/community-pharmacy) or speak to your Senior Pharmacist Primary Care and Community Pharmacy for further information.

## COMMUNICATIONS SUMMARY

### Fri 14<sup>th</sup>

- MEMO – Independent Prescriber Simulation Events
- Drug Alert Class 4 – CIPLA Sereflo Cephalexin 50mcg/250mcg

### Tues 18<sup>th</sup>

- ClinicalPCT – September Public Opening Times \*Reminder\*
- E-mail from Alex Adam (SSPiSM) re Buvidal - dispensing NHS prescriptions.

### Thurs 20<sup>th</sup>

- ClinicalPCT – CP Claim Form July 2023
- Drug Alert Class 2 – Sodiofolin solution.

## GOOD NEWS STORY – MUIRKIRK PHARMACY

A life was saved following an emergency situation in Muirkirk when Naloxone was administered to a patient who had taken extremely unwell.

The pharmacy in Muirkirk had only signed up to the local Naloxone service a week previous. Having a supply of this medication within their pharmacy that was accessible to any member of the community in a moment of need meant that the nurse who was involved in this emergency situation could obtain a supply of naloxone without difficulty, and administer to the patient in their moment of need.

This is a great example of the significance of signing up to local services available and the value that holding this medication can have in saving lives.

Thank you to all who contributed in this life threatening situation.

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

## Key Messages

### Unscheduled Care PGD – V30

If you have not yet signed and returned this PGD, please do so as soon as possible as V30 of the Unscheduled care PGD is now live. Return by e-mail to [aa.cpteam@aapct.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:aa.cpteam@aapct.scot.nhs.uk)

### NHS Flu service 2023/24

Following two very successful years of community pharmacy supporting the delivery of the Flu vaccination program, this year once again there will be the opportunity for the community pharmacy network to be involved with delivering this service.

We hope to have the service specification released and distributed early next week and would encourage a prompt response please in order that we can get participating pharmacies set up for the distribution of NHS vaccine stock which will once again be via AAH.

Further details and relevant forms will be circulated to clinical mail boxes early next week.

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