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MEET THE TEAM – Lauren Frew



What is your current role? Pharmacist Manager for the M&D Green Group in Bellfield, Kilmarnock

How long have you worked in community pharmacy? I qualified in 2010 and started working as a locum pharmacist for 6 months, trying to gain a variety of experience in different pharmacies. I was then employed as a Pharmacist Manager for the M&D Green Group, with whom I had previously completed my pre-registration training. I was positioned in Bellfield when the pharmacy opened in February 2011 and have been here ever since! Overall, that's 13 years now working in community pharmacy.

What do you think about the future of community pharmacy? Having just qualified as an Independent Prescriber, I am excited about the prospect of offering Pharmacy First Plus in Bellfield. I am looking forward to offering a broader range of treatment options to patients, easing the strain on other healthcare professionals and aiming to improve the patient journey...which should be our combined goal at the end of the day!

What do you to relax outside of work? Outside of work I try to relax by going on walks and love spending time with my family, including my gorgeous one-year-old niece. I recently expanded the family and decided to welcome a couple of Ragdoll kittens into my home, so that has definitely been keeping me on my toes!

Stat of the week – Supply of Aciclovir PGD

In keeping with our good news story this week we thought we would share some stats around the supply of Aciclovir through the national Pharmacy First PGD.

Aciclovir prescribing accounts for 2.33% of all Pharmacy first items in A&A. This is just a little higher than the Scottish total of 2.28%

44% of the prescribing, unsurprisingly, comes from the 50-69 age category.

A reminder that the current Aciclovir PGD has an extension until 3rd November 2023.

COMMUNICATIONS SUMMARY

Mon 1st August:

- Clinical PCT – PCA2023(P)25 Extension SSP Clarithromycin
- Class 2 Drug Alert – Braun Medical

Tue 2nd Aug:

- Clinical PCT – Flu 23/24

Thur 3rd August:

- Safety Action Notices

GOOD NEWS STORY – BELLFIELD PHARMACY, KILMARNOCK

A patient attended her local pharmacy in Bellfield with concerns that she had shingles. Having had an extremely bad experience and lengthy recovery from this condition a couple of years ago, the patient was keen to get advice and treated if needed. The team at Bellfield assessed the patient and did indeed confirm a diagnosis of shingles. The patient was delighted to discover that she did not need to attend the doctor to receive a prescription for treatment and instead could be treated at the pharmacy. The pharmacy team at Bellfield issued the patient a prescription for Aciclovir under the Shingles PGD and gave worsening advice. The patient's shingles quickly resolved following completion of her Aciclovir course and she was so grateful to the pharmacy team that she handed them in some sweet treats to enjoy!

A great example that showcases the services available within community pharmacy and of course, the excellent patient care that can be delivered through the use of these!

Key Messages

Changes to ECS

In a bid to improve patient safety ECS will now highlight in yellow any medications that have not been dispensed in the last 90 days within the Repeat Medication section. Where a dispensed date is not available it will use the prescription date and once again highlight the medication in yellow if this is over 90 days. This should act as a prompt to check the medication status with another source (patient/other).

No other tab or section within ECS has changed.

Medication Start Date	Prescription Date	Dispensed Date
22-Nov-2022	15-Dec-2022	
30-Oct-2019	15-Dec-2022	
28-Sep-2022	22-Nov-2022	
06-Sep-2022	06-Sep-2022	18-Oct-2022
06-Sep-2022	06-Sep-2022	11-Feb-2023
06-Sep-2022	06-Sep-2022	11-Feb-2023
06-Sep-2022	06-Sep-2022	23-Nov-2022
30-Oct-2019	15-Dec-2021	
17-Apr-2019	02-Aug-2021	

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