



Pharmacy Services

Community Pharmacy

Weekly Script

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MEET THE TEAM – Anne Marshall



What is your current role? - Principal Pharmacy Technician
– Non Medicines Prescribing NHS Ayrshire & Arran

How long have you worked in NHS A&A - I have been
working for the NHS now for 7 years

What roles have you previously held? I started working for an
independent community pharmacy straight from school on a

Youth Training Scheme and have always been grateful for the mentoring I received there.
This enabled me to progress my career in pharmacy, gain my qualifications and registration. I
then moved on to work for a large multiple until the opportunity to work in Primary Care came
along.

What's the best bit of your job? - The variety of workload in my job is what keeps me going, no
two days are the same.

What do you do to relax outside of work? - I try to attend as many live music events as I can and
love to take long beach walks with my dog to clear my head.

NHS FLU 23/24

Today, Friday 18th August was the deadline for signing up to provide the NHS
Flu service from your community pharmacy this year. Don't worry, if you have
Not yet signed up – we will still accept sign up's received by Monday 21st. After
This the participating pharmacies will be listed on the vaccination website, AAH
Vaccine allocations will be confirmed and VMT access organised for pharmacists.
The PGD has been released from Scottish Government and is going through the board sign off process.
We will forward this to participating pharmacies ASAP.



COMMUNICATIONS SUMMARY

Fri 18th August:

- Clinical PCT - CMO regarding
Advance notice of changes
to Scottish Government's
COVID-19 testing guidance

GOOD NEWS STORY – DOON VALLEY PHARMACY

Sandie Taylor, Principal Pharmacy Technician (South & East HSCP) shared the
following good news story with us last week:

*"A big thank you for the support from Natalie and Sharon from Doon Valley
Pharmacy who went above and beyond to arrange a very urgent blister
pack from scratch for a patient who's wife has had a recent palliative
diagnosis meaning she can no longer assist with her husband's medication.
Their daughter had contacted the surgery worried and upset and was very
grateful for the prompt support and kindness which she received from
Sharon and Natalie. They made the whole process seamless and had the
blister prepared for the patient within an hour of the request reducing
much angst for the patient and their family!"*

Another fantastic example of our community pharmacy teams in Ayrshire & Arran
making a real difference for patients when they need it most! Well done and thank
you!

Key Messages

NES Pharmacy: Designated Prescribing Practitioner Webinar

NES will be hosting a webinar on **Wednesday 23rd August at 7pm** for pharmacists who are thinking about becoming a DPP or for anyone who is about to start the role. This is a great opportunity to have questions answered, familiarise yourself with role requirements and resources available to support. There will also be a chance to hear from those who have undertaken the role already. If you would like to register, please book via the [DPP webinar course booking page](#) on TURAS. Any questions please get in touch with Eleanor Paton at NES.

The NHS A&A team would encourage as many prescribers as possible to attend this webinar as there is anticipated future demand for DDP's in community pharmacy settings.

NHS Pharmacy First Scotland – Hay fever service

Following the release of the circular (PCA2023(P)27) this week and the subsequent MEMO with the required documentation relating to the new NHS pharmacy first Scotland hay fever service we would like to highlight the following:

- GP practices were included in the distribution list from the Scottish Government and therefore are aware of the service.
- The expectation is that all pharmacies should be 'ready' to deliver the service from 31st August, or as soon as practically possible. If you have completed the training and signed the PGD's before this date then you should inform your local surgeries that you are able to deliver the service and also have discussions with colleagues in general practice regarding appropriate referral routes.
- Not all PMR systems have been updated as yet to include the new modules – if there is a delay with your PMR supplier, please inform your GP surgeries in order that patients are not referred for a service you are unable to deliver.
- Please send the signed PGD authorisation form by e-mail to aa.cpteam@aapct.scot.nhs.uk

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