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	Karen has been an integral part of our team for more than 13 years, providing excellent administrative support to Community Pharmacist, and other NHS services.
	Please direct all communications you would normally send to Karen to: <u>cpdt@ggc.scot.nhs.uk</u>
	29/08/2023

REMINDER	Form PC70 - Instalment/Supervised Doses Dispensing Claim Form
	Please be aware of a change to the current Form PC70 - Instalment/Supervised Doses Dispensing Claim Form.
	As of 23rd August 2023, the PC70 form will change colour from lilac (purple) to white. This change is due to recent and ongoing challenges in procuring lilac-coloured paper. NHS National Services Scotland (NSS) and Community Pharmacy Scotland (CPS) have agreed that the best suitable option to avoid further delays in procuring lilac PC70 forms is to replace the forms with a white version of the PC70. However, please exhaust any existing stocks of the lilac PC70 form.
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- The PC70 is linked and is counted as an extension to the original form and, in order to ensure correct payments, the pharmacist must endorse the prescription form with the details of the instalment dispensing.
- Completed PC70 forms can also help alert pharmacy staff to the fact that instalments have not been collected. Ideally the proposed dates of supply should be completed at the time the script is received to help ensure no instalments are supplied beyond the end date of the prescription.

For any further guidance or questions relating to the PC70 form change, please contact <u>nss.psd-pscriber-statnry@nhs.scot</u>

Annette Robertson 29/08/2023

REMINDER	Patient Alert
	We are aware of an individual who is continuing to attend multiple practices across NHS Grampian seeking pain relief for a number of conditions. Whilst this patient is thought to be currently residing in Grampian, we are aware that she also presents in other Health Board areas seeking analgesics.
	 They are using a number of different names/DoB/address details to be seen as a Temporary Resident/patient including: Roseanne Reid Kay Reid Edith McKenzie Mary Cameron (most recent name used)
	Other names used in the past also include - CAMERON Jane, COOK Charlotte, DONALDSON Isobel, JOHNSTONE Margaret, MAUGHAN Bridget, MCDONALD Isabelle MCDONALD Isabella, MCDONALD Catherine, MCKENZIE Catherine, MCPHEE Margaret, REID Jean, STEWART Bella
	The individual appears 40-50 years of age, medium build ~ 5'3, with dark/grey hair (usually tied up).
	Contact mobile number that has been used in all cases - 07456 728435.
	The presentation has been for the ongoing treatment of back pain or abdominal pain, with a plausible history and description of symptoms. There have also been requests for additional medication due to loss/need to travel/visiting.
	This individual has managed to obtain a significant amount of opioid medication (dihydrocodeine) over the past few weeks.
	Lyn Robertson - Medicines Management Pharmacist 23/08/2023

REMINDER	Useful Contact Information for Community Pharmacies
PF Pharmacy Services Contact List v1.pdf	I'm pleased to share that community pharmacies have now received the A3 size laminated copies of the useful contact sheet, which is aimed at providing quick and easy access to important contacts and resources.
	Based on recent feedback received, I have now attached a pdf copy for locum pharmacists. This will enable you to have a digital version readily available for reference, making it even more convenient for you to access the essential contact details whenever needed.
	Additionally, you can find it located within the 'Contacts' and 'Locum' sections on the left- hand side of the Community Pharmacy website: <u>NHS Community Pharmacy Website</u> (scot.nhs.uk)
	If you have any questions, suggestions, or further feedback, please don't hesitate to contact me at ggc.cpdevteam@nhs.scot
	Lauren Keenan 21/08/2023

REMINDER	Webinar on FtP for Pharmacy Technicians, 26 Sept 2023
	The GPhC have today sent an email inviting pharmacy technicians and pre-registration trainee pharmacy technicians to a webinar on fitness to practise and professionalism on Tuesday 26 September from 19:00-20:00.
	They are hosting this joint webinar with APTUK. People can register directly on Zoom using the following link - https://eu01web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Uz9WzheyTAum9r7MeT8n0w
	Carole Muir, General Pharmaceutical Council 11/08/2023

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- Sandyford for Young People Campaign Launch Today
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ACTION	Inhixa® to Clexane® switch
	It is the intention of Acute services to switch the prescribing of enoxaparin from Inhixa to Clexane starting on the 9 th of October for all new patients being discharged from acute sites. Nurses will be advised to wait and educate patients once the discharge medications have arrived on the ward to ensure that patients are educated on the correct brand.
	This will mean a reduction in the use of Inhixa within primary care for ongoing treatment although for those patients currently using Inhixa they will continue to use until treatment is complete.
	Please bear this in mind when considering stock holding and reordering of these products.
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Creon 25k OOS Corr	Alison McAuley - Senior Pharmacy Technician, Central Prescribing Team
Attached	08/09/2023

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION	Sandyford for Young People - Campaign Launch Today
Sandyford For	I'm writing to let you know that today we will be launching an advertising campaign for Sandyford's <u>Young People Service</u> .
Young People Camp Attached	This targeted campaign is aimed at 13-17 year olds in the Greater Glasgow & Clyde area. Our aim is to raise awareness of the sexual health services we provide in an approachable manner, to encourage young people to reach out to us for support. We would very much appreciate your support in sharing our campaign messages and assets, and have provided a communications pack with social media images/copy and all other key info, to help make this as easy as possible for you.
	It may also be of interest to you that next week (11-17 September) is also <u>Sexual</u> <u>Health Awareness Week</u> , so our campaign content may be of added interest to your audiences during this time. Feel free to add the Sexual Health Awareness Week campaign hashtag (#SHW23) to our social media copy when you're posting during this time.
	All other necessary info is in the document attached, but any questions, please just get in touch - happy to chat.

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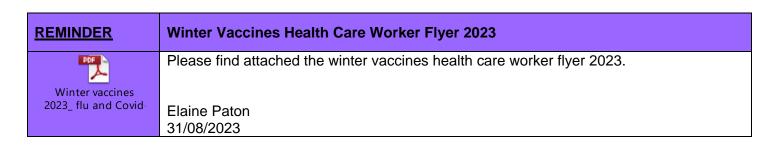
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1.5.xlsx	Version 1.5 contains up to date contractor codes for those pharmacies who have recently transferred ownership.
	A copy is attached and can also be found here.
	Please ensure that you are using the most up to date version before submitting your workbook.
	I hope this is helpful. As always if you have any issues, please let us know.
	Janine Glen – Contracts Manager 31/08/2023



REMINDER	Glasgow Recovery Communities September 2023
NWRC Recovery.pdf	A number of weekly recovery cafes and groups take place across Glasgow City, allowing individuals the opportunity to access a number of different activities and support. Please consider displaying a poster(s) of the events in your area.
Programs September	
SCRN Recovery Program September 2	
PDF	
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	ADRS Central Pharmacy Team 04/09/2023

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	Stock is expected back to Orion at the end of this week.
	Mairi-Anne McLean
	05/09/2023

REMINDER	NES Update - September 2023
	Please find the latest news update from NES <u>here</u> . I would draw your attention to two specific articles in relation to the Community Pharmacy Workforce Survey and also the Independent Prescribing courses for 2024 as these both have key delivery dates within September.
	Alan Harrison 05/09/2023



Please refer to the attached guidance for further information relating to accessing supplies of disulfiram medication. Further updates will be communicated when available.

Amanda Laird - ADRS Central Pharmacy Team 05/09/2023

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- AMS Digital Payments Programme Update
- PCA (P)(2023) 35 Pharmaceutical Services Drug Tariff Part 7 Dispensing Pool Payment
- <u>eSchedule</u>

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	As you'll be aware, we've been in the process of implementing a new system, nDCVP. As part of this implementation, some unexpected technical challenges were experienced.
	Processing times and key rates are currently lower than we anticipated, and this has resulted in a post-implementation backlog with the new system. We are doing everything possible to recover this situation, and be able to return to normal. However, given the current challenges, we are writing to inform you that all Pharmacy contractors will receive estimated payments this month, September 2023.
	Our immediate focus is to ensure all contractors receive a payment on time, and that any underpayments are paid by BACs as soon as we have calculated them. We are working hard to resolve these issues to enable a return to actual payments for all contractors as soon as possible. Where estimates are needed, we will keep you and your NHS Boards informed and work to reconcile these as quickly as possible.
	Unfortunately, in order to ensure all contractors receive a payment into their bank account for September 2023, it has been necessary for this month's payment to be an estimate. We have based this estimated payment on a comparable to previous months scripts load which is "March dispensing paid May 2023" payment. We aim to inform all CPs of their payment in respect of the actual value of the estimated payment which will be paid on the 29 th September 2023. This communication will be issued on or before the payment date of 29th of September 2023.
	In line with the Circular issued on the 21 September 2023 in respect of PCA(P)(2023)35 - Pharmaceutical Services Drug Tariff Part 7 - Dispensing Pool Payment, we are pleased to be able to inform you that if you are eligible, you will also receive a dispensing pool payment which will be in your bank account Thursday 28th of September. Again, we will communicate the actual amount.
	Any underpayments due to you from the August 2023 estimated payments will be paid by BACs as soon as they have been calculated, and any overpayments will be recovered from the next available actual months payment schedule. Once the end of month process for August 2023 is complete, the data loaded into the Warehouse is complete, and Public Health Scotland (PHS) release the data for use, we will issue the e-schedules for August 2023 as soon as possible.
	We will continue to seek to resolve the ongoing issues and put in place steps to improve this situation as soon as possible and appreciate your patience while we implement this new pricing system.

Georgina Anderson - ePharmacy Customer Service Helpdesk Manager 26/09/2023

ACTION	AMS Digital Payments Programme Update
	The AMS Digital Payments Programme Team would like to officially advise the programme will <u>NOT</u> be going live on <u>1st November 2023</u> .
	The programme continues to discuss the new direction of travel with Scottish Government (SG) & Community Pharmacy Scotland (CPS), however, we wish to note that new timescale to go live is from January 2024 .
	The programme will initially establish a like for like service in 2024; where scanning of all 6.5 million scripts will continue. Separation of scripts (barcoded and non-barcoded) will still be required at the pharmacy end ahead of AMS Digital going live. This allows opportunity for continued checks on this critical step for AMS Digital and to provide required assurance.
	The Early Adopter phase will continue as is, and provide learnings for the future phases of the AMS Digital programme. The AMS Digital Payments Programme will continue to work with all contractors and PMR Suppliers to plan the implementation through incremental stages.
	The following phases are those of delivery by PMR Suppliers in April 2024
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	Phase 2 – (a) Remove Flexible Claiming (b) Mandate functionality for 'claim on hold awaiting endorsement' for AMS <u>Following PMR Phases in 2025</u>
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ACTION	PCA (P)(2023) 35 - PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES DRUG TARIFF PART 7 DISPENSING POOL PAYMENT
	www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2023(P)35.pdf
	26/09/2023

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Date: Thursday 28th September 2023

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	The AMS Digital Payments Programme Team would like to officially advise the programme will <u>NOT</u> be going live on <u>1st November 2023</u> .
	The programme continues to discuss the new direction of travel with Scottish Government (SG) & Community Pharmacy Scotland (CPS), however, we wish to note that new timescale to go live is from January 2024 .
	The programme will initially establish a like for like service in 2024; where scanning of all 6.5 million scripts will continue. Separation of scripts (barcoded and non-barcoded) will still be required at the pharmacy end ahead of AMS Digital going live. This allows opportunity for continued checks on this critical step for AMS Digital and to provide required assurance.
	The Early Adopter phase will continue as is, and provide learnings for the future phases of the AMS Digital programme. The AMS Digital Payments Programme will continue to work with all contractors and PMR Suppliers to plan the implementation through incremental stages.
	The following phases are those of delivery by PMR Suppliers in April 2024

Phase 1 – (a) Switch to AMS Digital mode (b) Reconciliation Lite (c) Claim at the Point of Collection (prevent claiming at point of labelling - only allow claims after patient collection)
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REMINDER	July Processing paid September 2023
	As you'll be aware, we've been in the process of implementing a new system, nDCVP. As part of this implementation, some unexpected technical challenges were experienced.
	Processing times and key rates are currently lower than we anticipated, and this has resulted in a post-implementation backlog with the new system. We are doing everything possible to recover this situation, and be able to return to normal. However, given the current challenges, we are writing to inform you that all Pharmacy contractors will receive estimated payments this month, September 2023.
	Our immediate focus is to ensure all contractors receive a payment on time, and that any underpayments are paid by BACs as soon as we have calculated them. We are working hard to resolve these issues to enable a return to actual payments for all contractors as soon as possible. Where estimates are needed, we will keep you and your NHS Boards informed and work to reconcile these as quickly as possible.
	Unfortunately, in order to ensure all contractors receive a payment into their bank account for September 2023, it has been necessary for this month's payment to be an estimate. We have based this estimated payment on a comparable to previous months scripts load which is "March dispensing paid May 2023" payment. We aim to inform all CPs of their payment in respect of the actual value of the estimated payment which will be paid on the 29 th September 2023. This communication will be issued on or before the payment date of 29th of September 2023.

In line with the Circular issued on the 21 September 2023 in respect of PCA(P)(2023)35 - Pharmaceutical Services Drug Tariff Part 7 - Dispensing Pool Payment, we are pleased to be able to inform you that if you are eligible, you will also receive a dispensing pool payment which will be in your bank account Thursday 28th of September. Again, we will communicate the actual amount.
Any underpayments due to you from the August 2023 estimated payments will be paid by BACs as soon as they have been calculated, and any overpayments will be recovered from the next available actual months payment schedule. Once the end of month process for August 2023 is complete, the data loaded into the Warehouse is complete, and Public Health Scotland (PHS) release the data for use, we will issue the e-schedules for August 2023 as soon as possible.
We will continue to seek to resolve the ongoing issues and put in place steps to improve this situation as soon as possible and appreciate your patience while we implement this new pricing system.
Georgina Anderson - ePharmacy Customer Service Helpdesk Manager 26/09/2023

REMINDER	Permethrin 5% w/w cream
MSAN (2023)23 - Permethrin 5pc cream	Please find attached medicine supply alert notice.

REMINDER	Estradiol (FemSeven®) 75micrograms/24hours and 100micrograms/24hours
MSAN (2023) 25.pdf	Please find attached medicine supply alert notice.
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REMINDER	Estradiol valerate/medroxyprogesterone acetate (Indivina®) 1mg/5mg tablets
MSAN (2023) 24.pdf	Please find attached medicine supply alert notice.
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REMINDER	Advanced Notification – Q2 Customer Complaints / Whistleblowing
	Q2 Customer Complaints / Whistleblowing, for the collection of information relating to the Patient Rights (Scotland) Act 2011 will be sent in the next two weeks.
	You should note that submission of this information is a contractual requirement and as such you should complete the Webropol survey within the timescale which will appear in the covering message.
	Thank you for your continued co-operation.
	Michelle Cooper

REMINDER	Falls Prevention Awareness Week Poster
Falls Awareness Week poster 2023.pdf	Please find attached Falls Prevention Awareness Week poster.
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