

Weekly Script

Antimicrobial Resistance Takeover

This week's edition of Weekly Script is dedicated to World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week which takes place next week from Saturday 18th through to Friday 24th November 2023.

We hope that by focussing on this we will inspire Community Pharmacy Teams in Ayrshire & Arran to get involved in the campaign and that anyone not yet an 'Antibiotic Guardian' signs up to this also.



World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week – Fighting Antibiotic Resistance

World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week (WARAW) is an annual global campaign coordinated by WHO to increase awareness of antimicrobial resistance as a global problem, and to promote best practices among the public, health workers and policy-makers to reduce its spread.

Healthcare organisations around the world, including the RPS will be supporting World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week from 18-24 November 2023.



Our team member introducing themselves to you this week is **Eilidh Clark**

Eilidh is our Senior Pharmacist for Antimicrobial Pharmacotherapy in NHS Ayrshire & Arran. We caught up with Eilidh and asked her the 'meet the team' questions in advance of Antimicrobial Awareness Week 2023.

How long have you worked in NHS AA? I've worked here for 6 years now.

What roles have you previously held? Pre-Registration Pharmacist, Rotational Pharmacist (Hospital & Primary Care), Senior Pharmacist Surgical Services (ICU and Trauma & Orthopaedics), Senior Pharmacist Trauma & Orthopaedic Redesign.

What's the best bit of your job? Getting to meet and collaborate with such a wide variety of individuals on work which aims to improve the health and wellbeing of Ayrshire patients. Then getting to see the real time results of these interventions for patients.

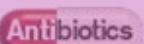
What do you do to relax outside of work? I like to travel and go to the gym.

We also asked Eilidh "What does World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week mean to you?"

"WARAW is an opportunity to raise awareness of the threats posed by antimicrobial resistance and make a conscious effort to improve my own and others' practice, to preserve the treatment of infection in years to come."



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Almost 195,000 health care professionals and members of the public have made a pledge and signed up to be an antibiotic guardian. If you haven't, you can sign up to become an [antibiotic guardian](https://antibioticguardian.com) and choose your pledge to make better use of antibiotics. Sign up at: <https://antibioticguardian.com>



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The posters above have been attached to the e-mail with the *Weekly Script* and can be printed for display in and around the pharmacy. These will be shared via NHS social media over the course of next week.

More resources and information on this year's WAAW campaign can be found via the RPS website (note you do not need to be an RPS member to access these).

[Antibiotic Amnesty \(rpharms.com\)](https://rpharms.com) / [Antibiotic Amnesty Resources \(rpharms.com\)](https://rpharms.com)

Stewarton Pharmacy

Thanks to Kerr and his team at Stewarton Pharmacy who kindly posed for a photo this week which will be attached to a press release from NHS Ayrshire & Arran regarding WAAW.

And thank you in advance to all pharmacies who will hopefully be receiving unused antibiotics for safe disposal following next week's campaign!



The Scottish Antimicrobial Prescribing Group (SAPG) app ***Antimicrobial Companion*** is available for community pharmacists and their teams to download.

The Ayrshire and Arran section is aligned with our formulary and contains lots of useful information on treatment guidelines including for common clinical conditions (e.g. Conjunctivitis)



Download the Antimicrobial Companion app from iTunes

or Google Play



app stores.



This week's communication summary

- **Tuesday 14th** – East Ayrshire Pharmacies only: E-mail from Alex Adam with contact details for East Ayrshire Drug and Alcohol Treatment Team.
- **Thursday 16th** – Clinical PCT: Counter Fraud Services, Intelligence Alert
- **Friday 17th** – aa.cpteam: MEMO Guanfacine Shortage – Guidance on procuring unlicensed preparations.
- **Friday 17th** – Clinical PCT: Community Pharmacy Christmas and New Year opening times – FOR REVIEW.

Key Messages

National Naloxone Service

- This service went live across ALL community pharmacies in Scotland on 30th October.
- Recent community pharmacy visits have highlighted that not all pharmacies have implemented this service in line with the PCA <https://www.cps.scot/s/Circular-PCAP202334-Additional-Pharmaceutical-Services-Naloxone-emergency-supply-service-12-09-23.pdf>

For Clarity, ALL pharmacies must have 2 Naloxone kits in stock and available for emergency use. In addition, all pharmacy staff should have completed the training. It is the contractors responsibility to ensure there are enough suitably trained staff to make this service available during the pharmacy's normal opening hours.

Pharmacy contractors have already received the payment for the initial purchase of Naloxone and to provide support towards the cost of training.

NB: Naloxone can be procured from pharmacy wholesalers or as directed by your contractor.

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