



Weekly Script

Pharmacy Services

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MEET THE TEAM – Kerr Maconochie



What is your current role? **Community Pharmacist, Willis Pharmacy Stewarton**

How long have you worked in community pharmacy? **19 years**

What's the best bit of your job? **I enjoy using my Independent Prescribing qualification to enhance the service and care we can give the patients in our local community. It is also enabling a closer working relationship with the local GP surgery, with two-way referrals. I was recently invited to the GP surgery half day training when they were closed to engage with the multi-disciplinary team around Pharmacy First Plus and help the practice grow Serial Prescription percentage.**

What do you think about the future of community pharmacy? **With more Pharmacists completing their independent prescribing course, it will allow pharmacists to work at the top of their scope of practice more often and in turn give patients better care within community pharmacy. The public and wider healthcare perception of community pharmacy is gradually changing to be much more than dispensing prescriptions.**

What do you like to do to relax outside of work? **I love to run, spend time with the family and support my local football team - Kilmarnock. I have a marathon in Valencia coming up on Sunday 3rd December which will be my third marathon this year.**

COMMUNICATIONS SUMMARY

Mon 20th :

- Clinical PCT – PCA (P)(2023)41 SSP Clarithromycin
 - Clinical PCT – CP Claim form November
- Tues 21st
- Clinical PCT – Joint Comms eSchedule communication and exceptions process

Thurs 23rd

- Clinical PCT – Christmas delivery Schedule
- Clinical PCT – Christmas and New Year bank holiday opening times CP A&A

Fri 24th

- Clinical PCT – Vaccination availability for health care staff

STAT OF THE WEEK

Bridging Contraception – In October pharmacies in Ayrshire and Arran supplied bridging contraception for **78 patients**.

This is the highest number of supplies since the national service was launched.

In 2024 we will be focussing on Community Pharmacy Sexual Health Services – including our local C card and STI testing and treatment service.


We will also be updating the EHC pro-forma to include prompts for bridging contraception, C Card condom supplies and STI testing kit provision.

This Weeks Key Messages


Nitazenes

A number of overdoses in people taking heroin contaminated with Nitazenes, in UK and Ireland, has prompted Ayrshire & Arran Drug Trend Monitoring Group to issue a local warning. Nitazenes are strong synthetic opioids and are deemed as having a substantial risk due to their high potency. Naloxone will work, but you may have to give multiple doses and use multiple kits.

The below flier has been circulated. Please ensure that your pharmacy has naloxone available for supply via the Community Pharmacy Emergency Naloxone Holding Service.



EXTREME OVERDOSE WARNING



EXTREME RISK

Nitazene-type opioids found in powder form being sold as heroin following recent cases of serious overdose in Dublin.

CONCERN

Nitazenes are strong synthetic opioids and are deemed as having a substantial risk due to their high potency.

APPEARANCE

Nitazene can be found in pills or powder and powders may vary in colour..

RECOMMENDATION

- Treat all substances with caution as you can't be sure of what's in it or its strength.
- Mind yourself and care for others.
- Don't be afraid to seek medical help if you or a friend feels unwell after using drugs.
- Do not buy new types or drugs, new batches, or from new sources.

Should an overdose occur, Use NALOXONE. Multiple doses and multiple kits may be required before the overdose is reversed.

NHS Pharmacy First Scotland PGDs

The National PGDs for Flucloxacillin and Aciclovir have passed their original expiry date. The new versions of these PGDs have not yet been finalised by Scottish Government and NHS 24.

The existing PGD's have been extended by the NHS Ayrshire & Arran PGD group and can therefore continue to be used to make supplies via Pharmacy First.

The extended versions will be added to the community pharmacy website – there is no need to resend signed practitioner forms to the CP team.

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