

Community Pharmacy Communication Update



Date: Thursday 4th January 2024



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
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	<p>Please find link to PCA (P)(2023) 44 : Pharmaceutical Services Guaranteed Minimum Income Adjustment Payment: PCA2023(P)44.pdf (scot.nhs.uk)</p> <p>28/12/2023</p>

REMINDER	Access to Clinical Mailbox
	<p>I would like to take this opportunity to thank all pharmacies who supported by opening over Christmas weekend. Early feedback has been hugely positive however we have had a couple of episodes where pharmacies did not have access to clinical mailboxes to receive prescriptions from various services and this has led to a problem with patients receiving medication in a timely manner.</p> <p>Can you please ensure that for the hours the pharmacy is open someone is able to access the clinical mailbox - especially as we head into another extended holiday weekend.</p> <p>Should you need to request additional access you should use the Service Now portal here.</p> <p>Instructions on how to access can be found here.</p> <p>Where possible over the extended break you should utilise existing log-ins as the response time for Service Now may be slightly delayed due to the time of year.</p> <p>Alan Harrison 27/12/2023</p>

REMINDER	Briefing note on nitazenes for community drug services
 <p>GGC Briefing note on nitazenes Dec 2023.pr</p>  <p>RADAR Nitazenes update November 23</p> <p>Attached</p>	<p>Please find attached an important communication from NHSGGC Public Health and the GGC Drug Trend Monitoring Group updating local community drug services about the current position regarding nitazenes in the drug supply.</p> <p>The overall picture is still quite unclear however we do know that we are picking up evidence of nitazenes in a variety of drugs and that nitazene use, whether it is intentional or not, can lead to harmful effects including accidental overdose.</p> <p>The resources in the briefings have been produced for use across Scotland but we feel it is important to also highlight the following points.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poly drug use remains the main cause of overdose especially if content uncertain. The advice surrounding this has not changed and should be discussed with clients at every opportunity. The advice around harm reduction is important. • Check that your service has an appropriate stock of Naloxone for emergency use and for supply to clients (if set up to do so). If supplies are low please order more as soon as possible. Supplies of Naloxone should be ordered through normal ordering process. • Encourage clients to take and carry Naloxone at all times. Always suggest they also take a spare kit and remind them that more Naloxone than normal may be needed to reverse an overdose. • Synthetic Opioid information posters and booklets for services in GGC will be available soon. Please request a supply for your service by contacting john.campbell@ggc.scot.nhs.uk. <p>Further information, resources and advice can be found by clicking this link: STOP THE DEATHS.</p> <p>For reporting any concerns regarding nitazene use in your area please email john.campbell@ggc.scot.nhs.uk. For general enquiries about this briefing please contact ggc.mhead@ggc.scot.nhs.uk</p> <p>In addition to this, John Camobell will be delivering posters and booklets (for clients) to all pharmacy IEPs. John hopes to complete deliveries by the end of next week. An alert will also be placed on NEO.</p> <p>Dr Daniel Carter Consultant in Public Health Medicine 21/12/2023</p>

REMINDER	APC Round Up
 <p>APC Meeting report Dec 23.pptx</p> <p>Attached</p>	<p>Please find attached the updated APC report from the December 2023 meeting.</p> <p>Josh Miller Advanced Pharmacist 21/12/2023</p>

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04/01/2024
Mani Narwan

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Janine Glen
09/01/2024

REMINDER

Changes within the Community Pharmacy Development Team

The Community Pharmacy Development Team would like to inform you that Lauren Keenan (Contracts Officer) has moved on to pastures new.

Lauren has been an integral part of our team, providing excellent administrative support to the Community Pharmacy Network, and other NHS services.

Please direct all communications you would normally send to Lauren to: ggc.cpdevteam@nhs.scot




10/01/2024




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ACTION	Accessing Rifampicin Stock
	<p>We have been made aware that there may be an issue being able to access Rifampicin. Please see below the guidance that was previously circulated when this was an issue before</p> <p>Pharmacies need to email an anonymised copy of the prescription to dtp-uk@sanofi.com they would also need to provide their AAH/Phoenix account number in order for the supply to be authorised and supplied through one of the said wholesalers.</p> <p>I hope this helps to ensure that ongoing supply can be maintained.</p> <p>Alan Harrison 26/01/2024</p>

ACTION	Smoking Cessation Training														
 Smoking Cessation Training.pdf Attached	<p>In order for a Community Pharmacy to become an accredited Quit Your Way Pharmacy it is mandatory for a one day training programme to be completed by pharmacists, locums and support staff – 9am- 3:00pm (approx)</p> <p>We presently have some places available for the event on the 20th February, 2024.</p> <p>The training will include key elements from the NES Smoking Cessation training pack, together with brief intervention techniques and NRT products. This session is open to all pharmacy staff. Fees will be paid to the pharmacy contractor to cover the costs of staff attending, (as pre-reg students are paid through NES, no need to claim).</p> <p>Please contact us ASAP by phone on <u>0141 201 4945</u>, or by e-mail pharmacyhit@ggc.scot.nhs.uk</p> <p>Places will be allocated on a first-come basis and will be confirmed in writing.</p> <p>Lunch will be provided. Please inform us if you do not require lunch or you have special dietary requirements.</p> <p>Parking is available on a first come basis.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="376 1451 1533 1727"> <tr> <td>Tuesday 20th February 2024</td> <td>9:00</td> <td>15:00</td> <td>30</td> <td>Campanile Hotel Tunnel St, Glasgow</td> <td>0141 201 4945 pharmacyhit@ggc.scot.nhs.uk</td> <td>QYW Training</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wednesday 20th March 2024</td> <td>9:00</td> <td>15:00</td> <td>30</td> <td>Beresford Suite Leverndale Hospital</td> <td>0141 201 4945 pharmacyhit@ggc.scot.nhs.uk</td> <td>QYW Training</td> </tr> </table> <p>Annette Robb 30/01/2024</p>	Tuesday 20 th February 2024	9:00	15:00	30	Campanile Hotel Tunnel St, Glasgow	0141 201 4945 pharmacyhit@ggc.scot.nhs.uk	QYW Training	Wednesday 20 th March 2024	9:00	15:00	30	Beresford Suite Leverndale Hospital	0141 201 4945 pharmacyhit@ggc.scot.nhs.uk	QYW Training
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