



# Weekly Script

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Pharmacy Services

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## Meet the Team – Laura McKinnell



What is your current role? Senior Pharmacist for the East HSCP.

How long have you worked in NHS AA? I started working for NHS Ayrshire in Arran back in 2018, I started as GPCP for the East, moving to the South Team in 2020 and I am now back in the East having taken up my new role as Senior Pharmacist for the East at the end of last year.

What roles have you previously held? Before joining NHS Ayrshire and Arran I worked in Community pharmacy for 10 years, I was Pharmacy Manager for a number of branches of a pharmacy chain, and worked with lots of amazing people during that time!

What's the best bit of your job? I enjoy the variety that the role brings, every day is different and I never have the chance to be bored! I love working alongside our teams to improve and develop the services we provide to our patients.

What do you do to relax outside of work? I am happiest spending time with my family and friends. My hubby and I have two wonderful kids, a daughter and a son. We are an adventurous and busy bunch and can usually be found out and about no matter what the Ayrshire weather throws at us



We are delighted to share that following agreement with CP A&A the hospital discharge pathway that was launched last year from our trauma and orthopaedics department is moving to patients being discharged from the NHS Ayrshire and Arran combined assessment units (CAU). The paperwork (PGD) is in the process of being updated and we plan to launch on 4th March 2024!

## CAU DISCHARGE SERVICE

The pharmacy team from CAU will join the community pharmacy team in hosting online learning sessions in advance of the discharge pathway moving to CAU on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March. The sessions will be on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 1pm and 7pm. Teams meeting links will be sent out in due course.

If you are one of the few pharmacies who have not yet signed up to the hospital discharge Service, contact Kirstie or Iain from the community pharmacy team who will help you to do so,



## COMMUNICATIONS SUMMARY

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January: Clinical PCT** – Confirmation of General Practice PLT dates 2024

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January: Clinical PCT** – Joint communication from CPS and P&CFS re timely and accurate payments  
: **Clinical PCT** - November Processing/January Payment 2024

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January: Clinical PCT** – Easter & May Public Holiday Opening Times 2024 - Reminder

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January: aa.cpteam** – Class 4 drug alert (pantoprazole 40mg GR tablets)

: **Joanne Leslie (AA dental)** – NDS Product recall PR376 – Viscopaste PB7

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February: aa.cpteam** – Class 4 drug alert – Gepretix 100mg **CAPSULES** (NB e-mail subject states 'TABLETS')

## This Weeks Key Messages

### MDS Packaging

See below information from Venalink regarding order of MDS packaging. The 4 items not highlighted at the top of the list can be ordered and will be reimbursed via the monthly claim form which will be updated to include the new products.

NB – the items in yellow are available from Venalink but are not reimbursable.



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### Venalink order codes and ordering

Product	Order Code	Box Quantity	Price per box
NHS Qube	T12F236	250	£58.32
NHS Scotland Qube Pro (No Label Spaces)	TLAS23420_026	250	£45.00
Generic Qube Pro (Label spaces)	TLAS_23420-004	250	£45.00
Qube/Qube Pro Blister	TBLIS_23659-00	250	£17.50
Qube Pro Sealing Template	PBQUBEPRO	1	£2.50
Qube Pro Repair Patches	RP5	Roll 300	£12.50
Qube Foam sealing template	PBCS1QUBE	1	£1.67
Qube Repair Patches	RP4	Roll 300	£12.50
Sealing Roller	ROL2	1	£7.94

Please note prices are excluding VAT and items in yellow are not currently on a reimbursement scheme through any Scottish Health authority.

Carriage charges are as follows:

Number of boxes	Rate	Carriage Service
1-20	£10	Individual boxes
21-40	£45	Individual boxes
41+	£90-100	Pallet (price per pallet)

### Placing an order:

To place an order please email: [sales@venalink.co.uk](mailto:sales@venalink.co.uk) or phone 01244 287050 (option 1).

If you do not currently have an account set up this can be done over the phone.

If you have an existing account, you can set up an online account using your account number (found on invoices). To do this, please visit [www.venalink.co.uk](http://www.venalink.co.uk).

Once you have set up an online account, you can then also order through our website. Simply save this to your favourites.

## Area Pharmacy Professional Committee

There are currently vacancies for two community pharmacists (one from East, and one from South Ayrshire H&SCP areas).

The APPC is one of NHS Ayrshire and Arran's professional advisory committees and provides pharmacy-specific advice to the board on a range of healthcare issues affecting the local population.

The committee is made up of representatives from community, hospital and primary care pharmacy services. The committee is co-chaired by Iain Fulton (from primary & community care) and Annmarie Crow (operational services manager - acute pharmacy).

We meet 6 times per year, normally for two hours alternating morning/evening every 8 to 9 weeks. An attendance fee is payable and will be paid to your contractor as a sessional rate (£175 per meeting). At a time when we are looking to transform health and care services across Ayrshire & Arran through the Caring for Ayrshire vision, our professional committees will have a key role to play as we explore new and innovative ways of designing and delivering healthcare services for our citizens.

As well as the opportunity to influence and input, membership of the APPC also provides an opportunity to build and enhance your professional network within the health board. Our Director of Pharmacy regularly attends the meetings and there are often guest speakers invited who present on their area of innovation and/or expertise.

If you are interested in gaining this leadership experience and enhancing your CV by becoming a member of the NHS Ayrshire & Arran APPC then please complete the nomination form that can be found [HERE](#). If you would like a chat about the committee and the available positions on it please contact Iain Fulton (Co-Chair APPC) who will be happy to have a conversation.

See also 'sway' document via the link below for more information on all the NHS A&A professional committees.



### Area Professional Committees - your Professional Advisory Committee Needs You!

Have your say on important issues affecting your profession

[Go to this  
Sway](#)

## Help Us Tackle Racism Survey

A ground-breaking new survey being undertaken by the Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights (CRER) is seeking views to help to tackle racism in Scotland's health and social care sector. The survey is for all staff working in health and social care in Scotland, as well as people who have left the sector within the past five years.

The Scottish Government has commissioned CRER to develop a suite of anti-racism resources for health and social care, and the survey is intended to inform the development of these resources. The survey can be found [here](#). Or by scanning the QR code below.

Please share with all your colleagues and encourage them to complete. The closing date for the survey is Monday 19 February 2024.

**Help us tackle racism**

The Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights (CRER) is seeking your views to help tackle racism in the health and social care sector

**Working in health and social care?**

The Scottish Government has commissioned CRER to develop a suite of anti-racism resources for health and social care, and the survey is intended to inform the development of these resources

The survey is for all staff working in health and social care Scotland, as well as people who have left the sector in the past five years

Find the survey at [crer.org.uk/hsc-arresources](https://crer.org.uk/hsc-arresources) or scan the QR code:

 **CRER**  
coalition for racial  
equality and rights

## **NHS Ayrshire and Arran Community Pharmacy Team – repeat message**

At this time, due to staffing, the CP team will be prioritising visits to our independent prescribing pharmacists to help support their ongoing development. We will still be able to provide support remotely to all contractors and if required we can arrange a visit if you wish to see a member of our team.

We hope these measures will be short term as there are plans to expand the team during the course of Alyson's maternity leave.

In the meantime, please contact **Iain Fulton** or **Kirstie Church** for support or to request a pharmacy visit. Contact details are at the bottom of every edition of ***Weekly Script***.

## **Pre Acceptance Waste Audit – repeat message**

This is a reminder that failure to complete and return the pre-acceptance waste audit will result in Tradebe ceasing to collect patient returns medicine bins from your pharmacy.

The audit and instructions on completing were have been e-mailed to your clinical mailbox several times over recent weeks. (The last reminder was sent from Clinical PCT on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024)

Many thanks to those of you who have completed and returned the audit already. If you have not as yet, we would be grateful that you prioritise this to ensure that waste continues to be collected from your pharmacy.

If you have any queries/questions please do not hesitate to Anne or Carolyn from the primary care contracts team – details below.



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**Register NOW for the community  
pharmacy network event 2024!**  
**See invite below**



# INVITATION



Fullarton  
**conneXions**

## WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024 COMMUNITY PHARMACY NETWORK EVENT

**Register now.....**

We hope to see as many of you as possible at this year's network event. All members of the pharmacy team and regular locums are welcome. Please register for the event by completing the form available here: [2024 Event Registration](#)



**BUFFET**  
**GUEST SPEAKERS**  
**NETWORKING**  
**OPPORTUNITIES**  
**RECOGNITION AND**  
**PRIZES**  
**ALL PHARMACY TEAM**  
**MEMBERS WELCOME**

### Fullarton ConneXions

Church Street, Irvine  
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Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Buffet: 6.30pm.

Main Event: 7.15pm

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