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## Meet the Team – Margaret Scott



What is your current role? I am the Pharmacotherapy Project Coordinator.

How long have you worked in NHS AA? I've worked in A&A for 18 years and joined the pharmacy team in 2021.

What roles have you previously held? I've had a few roles. I previously worked for 12 years with Primary Care Contracts, from where some of you will know me as I covered Pharmacy & Optometry with Anne Shaw. One of my tasks was to ensure CP claims were paid accurately and on time!

What's the best bit of your job? I enjoy the variety of work I am involved in as well as working with the Eglinton House team & wider teams and getting to know everyone better. I like to feel that I make a difference!

What do you do to relax outside of work? Out with work I read and go for walks. I also catch up with friends for coffee on a regular basis. I'm not much of a TV fan however I have been known to binge watch i.e. the latest Reacher series as I am a huge fan!



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

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February: Clinical PCT** – Joint communication from CPS and P&CFS

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February: Clinical PCT** – Easter & May 2024 Bank Holiday Opening Times for Community Pharmacy

## This Weeks Key Messages

### Area Pharmacy Professional Committee – repeat message

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 – repeat message

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

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**

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Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Buffet: 6.30pm.

Main Event: 7.15pm

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