

11 days to go until our network event for 2024.

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Meet the Team – Lynsey Lawless



What is your current role? My current role is Associate Director of Pharmacy (Clinical Services, Governance & Innovation). I have responsibility for the delivery of our clinical pharmacy services, clinical effectiveness and medicines information service, electronic prescribing and digital health services and all aspects of governance including medicines, clinical, financial and staff governance.

How long have you worked in NHS AA? I have worked in Ayrshire & Arran since 2004, so nearly 20 years.

What roles have you previously held? I've worked in Ayrshire & Arran within the Acute service since I started and have had a variety of roles in that time. My Renal Pharmacist role left a huge mark on me as I learned a huge amount from Aileen and the Renal MDT and that clinical knowledge served me well in future clinical roles. I also gained a lot of experience in medicines governance, medicines risk & safety and prescribing development in my Prescribing Development & Education role which has been really helpful for future and current roles. Completing the Clinical Leadership in Pharmacy (CLiP) course and the Scottish Clinical Leadership Fellowship (SCLF) also allowed me to gain key leadership and management skills that would equip me for my roles. Although I have been with Ayrshire & Arran for my entire career, I am extremely grateful to have been given lots of different opportunities during this time and I am proud of the fact that we continue to support our staff to develop their careers – I'm living proof!

What's the best bit of your job? That's an easy one - the people! Working with our fantastic teams on a daily basis and supporting our staff to get the best out of their careers is one of my main drivers. We continue to face different challenges across all sectors, however working with our local teams, as well as national and regional groups, to overcome these challenges whilst striving to develop and improve the services we deliver to our patients is one of the most rewarding parts of the role.

What do you do to relax outside of work? Hmm not sure how I answer that one – I have two boys aged 7 and 11 so they keep us busy! I feel most relaxed when we are near the sea or in the mountains so we spend our time getting away in our campervan and paddle boarding, swimming, cycling and skiing. I love cooking and socialising with friends and family too. When I can find any extra time, I also have a little hobby making homewares out of Harris Tweed and sell some of my makes in shops in Ayrshire ☺

**Dates for
your
diary.....**

Wednesday 28th February – 1pm or 7pm

Online learning session – CAU discharge service

MS teams link: [CAU Learning Event](#)

Wednesday 6th March – from 6.30pm

Community Pharmacy Network Event

Registration link: [2024 Event Registration](#)



COMMUNICATIONS SUMMARY

Tuesday 20th February: Clinical PCT – Reminder 2024 Protected Learning Time

Thursday 22nd February: aa.cpteam – Class 2 Drug Alert - Adakveo 10MG/ML Concentrate for Solution for infusion
:aa.cpteam – National Patient Safety Alert 2024/01 Valproate: Important New Regulatory measures for oversight of prescribing to new and existing female patients

This Weeks Key Messages

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 4th March.

The sessions will be on Wednesday 28th February at 1pm and 7pm. MS Teams link is above.

The PGD for this service is being updated from the T&O service and will be issued prior to the launch of the CAU pathway.

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.

Fluoroquinolones Patient Information Leaflet

You will be aware that the MHRA issued a strengthened warning regarding the use of Fluoroquinolones on 22nd January 2024.

It is notable that the MHRA has produced an advice sheet on serious adverse reactions affecting musculoskeletal and nervous systems associated with fluoroquinolone use, which should be provided to all patients and their carers on receipt of a fluoroquinolone prescription.

The advice sheet for issue to patients is attached to the e-mail for ease of reference and can also be found here:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/65aa9125c69eea0010883840/FQ_Patient_Information_Sheet - TO PUBLISH.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/65aa9125c69eea0010883840/FQ_Patient_Information_Sheet_-_TO_PUBLISH.pdf)

A copy of this information sheet should be issued to all patients receiving a Fluoroquinolone prescription. There is also further guidance on counselling points for pharmacy teams available here:

https://www.gov.uk/drug-safety-update/fluoroquinolone-antibiotics-must-now-only-be-prescribed-when-other-commonly-recommended-antibiotics-are-inappropriate?utm_source=Royal%20Pharmaceutical%20Society&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14318108_MHRA%20Drug%20Safety%20Updates&utm_content=Gov.uk&dm_i=EQ,8IVX8,XQAE0,Z9JPA,1#advice-for-healthcare-professionals

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WEDNESDAY 6TH 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](#)



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Wednesday 6th March 2024

Buffet: 6.30pm.

Main Event: 7.15pm

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