



COMMUNITY PHARMACY LANARKSHIRE

NEWSLETTER

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NEWS/OPPORTUNITIES



Spring is on the way with lighter evenings and brighter weather, bringing with it hayfever season- please familiarise yourself with the hayfever PGD and the additional differing options available on this for patients. Please ensure pharmacists have signed and returned the PGD and are up to date with the associated turas learning, which can be found here: [NHS Community Pharmacy Website \(scot.nhs.uk\)](https://www.scot.nhs.uk/nhscommunitypharmacy/)

Easter Opening for Community Pharmacies - Many thanks to those community pharmacies opening on Bank Holiday Easter Monday, providing essential pharmaceutical care for patients in NHS Lanarkshire. Details of those opening can be found on Lanarkshire's spring hub <https://www.nhslanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk/your-health/spring-health/>

Salbutamol 2.5mg/2.5ml and 5mg/2.5ml nebuliser liquid unit dose vials Shortage- We have suspended the ULM Process for this item until June 2024, please see below for more detail.

Aclomep- The Use of Proton Pump Inhibitors in Neonates and Paediatrics guideline was published on the NHSL guideline site in October 2023. Aclomep (ULM Brand- ULM omeprazole liquid) is listed as a second line formulary choice for use in paediatrics. The choice of Aclomep brand in paediatric patients was decided by the paediatric pharmacists due to the viscosity and level of excipients having been deemed to be of a safe level in the paediatric patient population. We remind pharmacies to please order & dispense by BRAND Alcomep if a prescription requesting this brand is received for for the clinical reasons cited. We also remind pharmacies of the need to add an electronic SPE when dispensing and endorsing Aclomep. For more information, please read Prescribing Notes October 2023 edition. Thank you.

Public Health Campaigns The menopause campaign, originally due to be displayed in community pharmacies from 5 March 2024 – 31 March 2024, has been cancelled. Pharmacies should **continue to display their Quit Your Way poster** for now and until further notice. Details of future campaigns into 2024/25 will be share info once arrangements are confirmed.

Mar Chart Service- Please find attached below brief update summary of the Mar Chart Service in NHS Lanarkshire. A lunch and learn session will soon follow.

PHARMACY FIRST UPDATES

Pharmacy First PGD Updates- Please note the national Pharmacy First updated PGDs for both Shingles and Bacterial Skin Infections have now been circulated. Please familiarise yourself with any changes. NHS Lanarkshire versions for sign off & return will be circulated imminently.

CLINICAL SERVICE UPDATES

Addictions Services end of financial year claims due- A reminder to teams that all NEO claims for addiction services are due as we approach the end of the financial year- if you could please submit these by 15th April. If you have any issues, please contact duncan.hill@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk

Smoking Cessation- Please note additional training dates below. Thank you.

McMillian Support & Information Volunteers at our Drop in Services- Please find attached to the end of this month's newsletter details of Drop in Services from McMillian support services and their locations throughout Lanarkshire,

Palliative Care network- We are pleased to share that Linda Johnstone our Palliative Care Pharmacist has restarted education lunchtime drop in sessions for those pharmacies part of the palliative care network. If you would like to attend these sessions if you are not part of the network, please contact linda.johnstone@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk to be added to the meetings.

OOH – As we prepare for the Easter weekend please ensure your pharmacy has access to clinical mailbox and access to ECS. Please also ensure your team and locums are confident in using the unscheduled care PGD, which can be found here [NHS Community Pharmacy Website \(scot.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/community-pharmacy-website)

SHORTAGES

Salbutamol 2.5mg/2.5ml and 5mg/2.5ml nebuliser liquid unit dose vials Shortage- Suspended ULM Process

To make it easier for pharmacies & patients, we have suspended the need to seek ULM authorisation for **Salbutamol 2.5mg/2.5ml and 5mg/2.5ml nebuliser liquid** until the end of June 2024, when we will review.

However we would ask you to feedback to us as soon as possible any significant issues you encounter when ordering these specials so we can help support and share information across the network.

The most current list of wholesaler supplies available has been circulated via clinical mailboxes to each pharmacy.

We ask you to please share this with your team and locums. We ask teams to engage in good local conversations with GP practices, prescribers and patients around your stock levels of this.

We ask you to check & be mindful of your stores stock levels of these, considering your regular patients who normally regularly order these, being mindful of the long lead times for ordering the specials recommended.

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MAR Chart Service Community Pharmacy Lanarkshire- FAQs

What is the MAR Chart Service in Community Pharmacy in NHS Lanarkshire?

The MAR chart service (Medicines Administration Recording) asks community pharmacies to provide a clinically checked and up-to-date MAR chart for patients whom require medicines administration (Level C) from a Social Care service.

Who is eligible for a MAR Chart in this service?

Many patients who live at home may require additional support to manage their Activities of Daily Living, with support often provided by family members and other unpaid carers, Social Care services and Health services, or any combination of these.

Some people will require support with their prescribed medication as part of a Social Care package. For these people, an assessment of the level of medication support required will be undertaken by Social Care services in order to identify a level of medication support that matches the person's needs.

The MAR Chart Service supports patients who have had a social care service assessment, in which this assessment has indicated that these patients require a MAR chart to support medicines administration by a Social Care service as part of their social care package.

How will I know in my pharmacy a patient has had a social care assessment?

The request for a MAR chart will come from Social Care Services. If your unsure, please contact your local social care services department.

Payment for the Service

The agreed payment to any Lanarkshire Community Pharmacy providing this service is £5 per patient, per month. With an additional one-off service set-up fee of £100 also agreed. These fees relate to provision of a MAR chart service to a patient who will have their medication administered by a Social Care service.

The claim form for this service for you to submit claims can be found here

Funding does not include patients in care homes (where payment is via LES agreement), or situations where a Social Care service does not administer the person's medication.

For further information, please contact

Ruth Campbell ruth.campbell@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk

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CANCER INFORMATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES



People living with cancer, their friends, family and carers are all welcome to come along and have a chat with one of our Support & Information Volunteers at our Drop In Services, or just pick up information leaflets. We offer emotional, financial and practical support and can signpost or refer you to the correct agencies. New Volunteers always welcome!

Community Support Services

These services are led by our highly trained volunteers who can provide information and support to anyone affected by cancer.

Bellshill Cultural Centre **Tuesdays**
10.30am – 12.30pm

Coatbridge Library **Thursdays**
10.00am – 12.00pm

East Kilbride Library **Mondays**
10am – 2pm

Cambuslang Library **Wednesdays**
1.30pm - 3.30pm

Wishaw Library **Wednesdays**
1.30pm – 3.30pm

Macmillan Information Points

The information points are based in the libraries and are supported by the library staff who can order any Macmillan literature that may not already be on display.

Biggar Library	Cumbernauld Library	Hamilton Library
Bellshill Cultural Centre	Fairhill Library	Larkhall Library
Chryston Library	Forth Library	Motherwell Library
Cleland Library	Greenhills Library	Wishaw Library

For more information please call our Macmillan Services Co-ordinator on **07960 873948** or email macmillan@northlan.gov.uk

The training is for all Community Pharmacy staff who are involved in the day-to-day delivery of the Smoking Cessation service and all Pharmacists, ACPTs, Pharmacy Technicians, dispensers and counter assistants are welcome to join.

Each training section has been designed to complement each other and we hope very much, that you and your pharmacy teams will be able to join us for all sessions to gain the maximum benefit.

Drop in Sessions run 1.30pm – 02:00pm

Online Training runs in the evenings 7pm – 8pm

PCR Workshops run 09:30am – 12noon

Full day training 09:30am – 3:30pm

- Online Sessions will cover basic tobacco control, managing PCR & supporting clients.
- Full day accredited training will cover all aspects of tobacco control and will allow you to deliver the smoking cessation programme with confidence.

Drop in Q&A Session	Wednesday 1 st May 2024	<i>MS Teams</i>
Online Session 1	Thursday 9 th May 2024	<i>MS Teams</i>
Online Session 2	Thursday 16 th May 2024	<i>MS Teams</i>
Online Session 3	Thursday 23 rd May 2024	<i>MS Teams</i>
PCR Workshop	Thursday 30 th May 2024	<i>Venue TBC</i>
Full day Accredited Training	Wednesday 5 th June	<i>Venue TBC</i>
Drop in Q&A Session	Wednesday 12 th June 2024	<i>MS Teams</i>
Online Session 1	Thursday 6 th June 2024	<i>MS Teams</i>
Online Session 2	Thursday 13 th June 2024	<i>MS Teams</i>
Online Session 3	Thursday 20 th June 2024	<i>MS Teams</i>



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<https://forms.office.com/e/W4ivW65uJx>