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IMPORTANT UPDATE – Antimicrobial Companion App

As per previous communications, the Antimicrobial companion app which many of you (especially IP's) will use is closing at the end of March.

On Tuesday 26th March Ayrshire and Arran empirical guidelines moved to new host locations.

Adult (16yr+) guidelines have moved to the NHS Ayrshire & Arran Therapeutics Handbook. This can be downloaded as an app for smartphone. Instructions are below and user name/password details have been e-mailed separately this week to pharmacy clinical mailboxes.

To download Adult Therapeutics Handbook: Search 'NHSAAA medicines' and select the app shown below:



NHSAAA Medicines
NHS Ayrshire & Arran
Designed for iPad
Free

Paediatric Antimicrobial Guidelines have now been uploaded to the A&A section of the community pharmacy website. These can be found via this link <https://www.communitypharmacy.scot.nhs.uk/nhs-boards/nhs-ayrshire-arran/paediatric-antimicrobial-guidelines/>

If anyone has any issues accessing the guidelines from their new host locations, please contact one of the community pharmacy team who will be happy to assist.

COMMUNICATIONS SUMMARY

Monday 25th March: **ClinicalPCT:** - Easter Waste Uplifts
ClinicalIPCT: – PCA2024-P-2 NHS Pharmacy First Scotland

Tuesday 26th March: **ClinicalPCT:** - Complaints and whistleblowing returns Qtr 4
Iain Fulton: Antimicrobial Guidelines – therapeutic handbook details

Wednesday 27th March: **Iain Fulton:** - MEMO re NHS Pharmacy First Scotland PGDs
Iain Fulton: - Update to MEMO re NHS Pharmacy First Scotland PGDs

CONGRATULATIONS and HAPPY RETIREMENT

Calum Webster the pharmacist in Davidsons – Dundonald retires today after a career of over 30 years in community pharmacy. Calum didn't want a 'fuss' made saying that he has only been doing his job and deserves no more attention than any other community pharmacy colleagues.

We didn't want to let the occasion pass without noting it, so on behalf of everyone in Ayrshire & Arran Pharmacy Services we would like to thank Calum for his service and wish him a long and happy retirement.



This Weeks Key Messages

NHS Pharmacy First Scotland – PGD Updates

The updated PGD's for the Shingles and Bacterial Skin infection services have been issued this week. These CAN be used immediately however the service can continue to be provided from the previous PGD's until you are in a position to review and sign the updated ones.

The TURAS training required before signing the new PGD's can be found via the links below:

[Shingles for NHS Pharmacy First Scotland | Turas | Learn](#)

[Skin infections for NHS Pharmacy First Scotland | Turas | Learn](#)

Once you have signed the updated PGD's there is no requirement to send copies to the A&A pharmacy team. Instead, simply complete the declaration via the MS Form (link below). If you also work in other health board areas you should send copies to them as detailed in the PGD document.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=veDvEDCgykuAnLXmdF5JmsfMUXAe5h9MsSfvDN3-3-hUNjNXVk85S041NUpERkdLNzdINKdCWFA2OS4u>

All documentation including PGDs, patient assessment forms and the link to the MS form are on the A&A community pharmacy website now.

RPS Shortage events – message from RPS

We're pleased to announce we have two separate online events for members to book onto to help inform our work.

The link is below and We would really appreciate if you could help promote these within your networks, and it would be fantastic if you were able to join one of the sessions yourselves.

The link to the member events for April 16th and 25th can be found [here](#).

Fiasp® FlexTouch® Shortages

The letter below has been sent to all patients in Ayrshire & Arran prescribed the above product and you will see the prescriptions for the replacement items come through. The letter advises patients that they can speak to their community pharmacist for advice regarding the Novopen 6 device if they require support and we thank you in advance for providing guidance to patients if they require it.

Wording in patient letter is below:

Changes to your diabetic medication

You are currently prescribed Fiasp® FlexTouch® (insulin aspart) 100units/ml prefilled pens as part of your diabetic management.

From April 2024 until January 2025, Fiasp® FlexTouch® (insulin aspart) 100units/ml prefilled pens will be out of stock. However, Fiasp® Penfill® (insulin aspart) 100units/ml solution for injection 3ml cartridges will remain available.

Therefore, we have switched your prescription to Fiasp® 100units/ml Penfill® cartridges.

A prescription has been issued for cartridges alongside a Novopen 6 reusable device, which is used to administer insulin from the cartridges. An information sheet is enclosed which details how to use the Novopen 6 device with

your Fiasp® Penfill® cartridges. Should you require any further assistance in addition to this, please contact your community pharmacy or the pharmacy team within your GP practice, who will be able to support with this.

Your repeat medication list has been updated. If your pharmacy orders your repeat prescription for you, please inform them of this change to your medicines.

If you feel that your diabetes control is worse for any reason, please do not hesitate to contact the GP practice

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