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ACTION	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Exacerbation
	<p>The COPD SLA has been updated on the CPDT website here.</p> <p>V6 contains minor changes as per the Version Control at Section 15 (Page 12).</p> <p>These changes do not constitute any material change to the Service Specification within the SLA and as such this notification is provided for information only, and there is no need for Participants in the service to resubmit their agreement to Participate.</p> <p>Thank you for your continued co-operation.</p> <p>Janine Glen 15/04/2024</p>

ACTION	Valproate Risk Assessment - sample form
 <p>Valproate Risk CP Assessment Exempti Attached</p>	<p>Last November the MHRA updated its guidance on the dispensing of valproate containing products for both male and female patients.</p> <p>If it is felt that a patient is not suitable for original pack dispensing, a risk assessment should be undertaken to confirm this.</p> <p>Attached is a sample risk assessment that you may wish to use for this purpose."</p> <p>Pamela Macintyre 15/04/2024</p>

ACTION	OST- Patient choice
	<p>The Prescribing Guidelines for Medication Assisted Treatment with Opioid Substitution Therapy (OST) were updated in June 2023.</p> <p>As stated in these guidelines, there should be <u>no barrier</u> to a patient's choice of OST preparation. This includes a patient's choice to be prescribed sugar free methadone.</p> <p>If you experience any issues obtaining stock of OST medication please do not hesitate to contact a member of the ADRS Central Pharmacy Team via adrs.pharmacyteam@ggc.scot.nhs.uk</p> <p>Jennifer McDaid 15/04/2024</p>

ACTION	Arrangements For The Uplift Of Patient's Returned Medicine Waste
	<p>During our visits to community pharmacies, we have heard anecdotal evidence of pharmacies being approached by patients asking for them to take returned medicine waste citing that other nearby pharmacies have declined to accept the waste because their bins are full.</p> <p>We thought it might be helpful just to reiterate the current arrangements for the uplift of patient's returned medicine waste.</p> <p>Every pharmacy receives an uplift either every 12 weeks, or every 8 weeks (depending on historical volume and storage capacity). Where a pharmacy requires an uplift outwith this schedule, they should make contact with the CPDT to arrange an ad hoc uplift.</p> <p>The contact details for arranging an ad hoc uplift can be found on the Useful Contact Sheet (that every pharmacy should have on display).</p> <p>It is important that patients are able to dispose of their medicine waste via every community pharmacy in the GGC network and refusal to accept should be a last resort.</p> <p>Thank you for your continued co-operation.</p> <p>Janine Glen 15/04/2024</p>

ACTION	UPLIFT TO FEES – 2023/2024: BACK PAYMENT
	<p>We recently communicated that Pharmacy Services was successful in securing an uplift of 5% to the fees for some locally negotiated services, and that a back payment would be made in April to reflect the new fees from 1st April 2023.</p> <p>The back payment was planned to be made in April 2024 (dispensed February 2024).</p> <p>Unfortunately this has been delayed by one month, and will now be paid in May 2024.</p> <p>Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.</p> <p>Janine Glen 15/04/2024</p>

ACTION**UPDATE: Submission Of PGD Authorisation Sheets**

As you will be aware, the Community Pharmacy Development Team (CPDT) have introduced an Electronic Form for all PGD submissions with effect from 1st April 2024. The form can be accessed [here](#), The link can also be accessed from the front and PGD pages of the CPDT [website](#).

A pharmacist contacted the Board recently to ask what should be done if one of the PGDs below was selected in error. In this situation, pharmacists should click on the rubber icon (circled below) to clear the selection and start again.

The screenshot shows a web form with the following elements:

- Input field: "enter your answer"
- Section 3: "3. Full Name *" with input field "Enter your answer"
- Section 4: "4. Please indicate by ticking all PGDs that you have signed today" with a clear selection icon (a square with an 'x') circled in red.
- Table with columns for PGD name and a "SIGNED" checkbox column.

	SIGNED
COPD - Amoxicillin 500mg capsules - Version 6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
COPD - Doxycycline 100mg capsules - Version 6	<input type="checkbox"/>
COPD - Prednisolone 5mg tablets - Version 7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Local Services -Paracetamol PGD- Version 6	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local Services - Medicines Discharge PGD - Version 3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
National PGD- Unscheduled Care PGD - Version 30	<input type="checkbox"/>

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