




IMPORTANT INFORMATION	Joiner/Leaver Form
 <p>Joiner form.pdf</p> <p>Attached</p>	<p>You will be aware that the Community Pharmacy Development Team (CPDT) developed a resource for community pharmacists which sets out actions that should be taken when a pharmacist begins employment within GGC, moves between pharmacies in GGC, or leaves employment in GGC.</p> <p>The aim of the resource is to reduce risk in areas such as information, financial and clinical governance.</p> <p>The resource serves as an aide memoire for managers setting out tasks that should be undertaken for an effective on-boarding/off-boarding process and can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p><b><i>We have recently undertaken our annual review and now attach Version 5.</i></b></p> <p>If you have any questions about the Joiner/Leaver form in general please contact: <a href="mailto:cpdt@ggc.scot.nhs.uk">cpdt@ggc.scot.nhs.uk</a>.</p> <p>Janine Glen Contracts Manager 23/04/2024</p>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION	Positive Feedback - Smoking Cessation
	<p>Well done to M &amp; D Green Pharmacy, 12 John Wood Street, Port Glasgow.</p> <p>We recently received great feedback from a client who was making a smoking cessation attempt with this pharmacy. The client loved the fact that he had not smoked for 6 weeks and could not thank the staff enough for making him feel at ease and supported during his quit journey. Well done everyone involved.</p> <p>I'm sure every pharmacy has clients who feel confident and positive once they stop smoking, and appreciate the support they receive from the pharmacy team. If you have any good news stories that you would like to share please contact us at:- Pharmacy Health Improvement Team email <a href="mailto:pharmacyhit@ggc.scot.nhs.uk">pharmacyhit@ggc.scot.nhs.uk</a> or call us on 0141 201 4945</p> <p>Annette Robb 23/04/2024</p>

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INFORMATION**


**Scottish Pharmacist Awards**

Many congratulations to our own Alasdair Macintyre (Merrylee Pharmacy) who was presented with the Outstanding Contribution to Pharmacy Practice at this year's Scottish Pharmacist Awards.

Alasdair is a "well kent" face in community pharmacy, and well deserves recognition for his considerable contribution to the advancement of the profession, both locally in Glasgow & Lanarkshire and nationally.

Congratulations Alasdair.



REMINDER	UPDATE: Submission Of PGD Authorisation Sheets
	<p>As you will be aware, the Community Pharmacy Development Team (CPDT) have introduced an Electronic Form for all PGD submissions with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024. The form can be accessed <a href="#">here</a>, The link can also be accessed from the front and PGD pages of the CPDT <a href="#">website</a>.</p> <p>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.</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 20px 0;">  </div> <p>Mani Narwan 16/04/2024</p>

REMINDER	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Exacerbation
	<p>The COPD SLA has been updated on the CPDT website <a href="#">here</a>.</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>

REMINDER	Valproate Risk Assessment - sample form
	<p>Last November the MHRA updated its <a href="#">guidance</a> on the dispensing of valproate containing products for both male and female patients.</p>



Valproate Risk CP  
Assessment Exempti

Attached

If it is felt that a patient is **not** suitable for original pack dispensing, a risk assessment should be undertaken to confirm this.

Attached is a sample risk assessment that you may wish to use for this purpose."

Pamela Macintyre  
15/04/2024

**REMINDER**

**OST- Patient choice**

The [Prescribing Guidelines for Medication Assisted Treatment with Opioid Substitution Therapy \(OST\)](#) were updated in June 2023.

As stated in these guidelines, there should be no barrier to a patient's choice of OST preparation. This includes a patient's choice to be prescribed sugar free methadone.

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](mailto:adrs.pharmacyteam@ggc.scot.nhs.uk)

Jennifer McDaid  
15/04/2024

**REMINDER**

**Arrangements For The Uplift Of Patient's Returned Medicine Waste**

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.

We thought it might be helpful just to reiterate the current arrangements for the uplift of patient's returned medicine waste.

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.

The contact details for arranging an ad hoc uplift can be found on the Useful Contact Sheet (that every pharmacy should have on display).

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.

Thank you for your continued co-operation.

Janine Glen  
15/04/2024

**REMINDER**

**UPLIFT TO FEES – 2023/2024: BACK PAYMENT**

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.

The back payment was planned to be made in April 2024 (dispensed February 2024).

Unfortunately this has been delayed by one month, and will now be paid in May 2024.

Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

Janine Glen

15/04/2024

Any queries should be directed to the contact provided – where no specific contact is shown, queries should be directed to [ggc.cpdevteam@nhs.scot](mailto:ggc.cpdevteam@nhs.scot)

We are keen for any feedback you have about this Update. Please submit your comments/suggestions to: [cpdt@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:cpdt@ggc.scot.nhs.uk)