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*Congratulations!*

**Huge congratulations to our Ayrshire & Arran WINNERS at the Scottish Pharmacist Awards last weekend.**

**Logan Pharmacy** – Were the winners in the 'Community Pharmacy of the year' category and impressed everyone at the event with their 'dance' up to the stage to collect their award!

**NHS Ayrshire & Arran Community Pharmacy Network – Hospital Discharge Service** –Winners in the 'Working Together Category'. Congratulations and well done to all involved including all of our Community Pharmacy Network who made the initial pilot a success and continue to do so now the pilot has moved to CAU / ED!

**COMMUNICATIONS SUMMARY**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April: Clincial PCT** – CP claim form for Month of April 2024

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April: aa.cpteam** – Class 3 drug alert Suprefact 1mg/ml solution for injection

## This Weeks Key Messages

### Valproate Dispensing – please respond

In November 2023 the MHRA updated the guidance on the dispensing of Valproate products. If a patient is not receiving Valproate in original packaging then a risk assessment should be carried out signed and kept in the pharmacy. To help us understand what support is required please could you take the time to fill in the below questionnaire.



<https://forms.office.com/e/EMEZxxF4HN>

### NHS Pharmacy First Scotland – PGD Updates

The updated PGD's for the Shingles and Bacterial Skin infection services were distributed before Easter. These should be signed up to by all community pharmacists by the end of this April. From this point NHS24 will refer to pharmacy with the new inclusion/exclusion criteria. **To date there are 68 pharmacists** who have signed up to the new versions of these and confirmed to NHS Ayrshire and Arran via the MS form link below. We encourage you all to sign up to the updated PGD's as soon as possible and before the end of the month.

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-hUNjNXVv85S041NUpERkdLNzdINKdCWFA2OS4u>

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

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