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## Meet the Team – Kirstyann Finlay



What is your current role?

Pharmacy Advisor, Boots Pharmacy, Prestwick Cross.

How long have you worked in  
community pharmacy? 32 years!

What's the best bit of your job? The best  
bit of my job is definitely helping the public  
where I can.

What do you think about the future of community pharmacy?

Community Pharmacy evolves every day, becoming more and more integral to the  
healthcare of the public. It is also evolving by becoming increasingly efficient whilst  
maintaining high levels of safety for our patients.

What do you do to relax outside of work? I like to knit in my spare time. I  
also love to go camping in Glen Coe most summers if I get the chance.

## COMMUNICATIONS SUMMARY

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May: Clinical PCT – 3 x Scottish Government Circulars:

- PCA2024 6: PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES AMENDMENTS TO THE DRUG TARIFF PART 11 DISCOUNT CLAWBACK SCALE
- PCA2024 7: SERIOUS SHORTAGE PROTOCOL: CREON® 10000 GASTRO-RESISTANT CAPSULES
- PCA2024 8: SERIOUS SHORTAGE PROTOCOL: CREON® 25000 GASTRO-RESISTANT CAPSULES

## UCF / Ayrshire & Arran Local Services

A recent review of UCF activity has indicated that there are still items being processed via the  
COVID-19 service flag on UCF.

**There is no longer any activity that should be processed via this option in Ayrshire & Arran.**

AUCS prescription requests received by e-mail and hospital discharge service items should all  
be processed using the Health Board / Local Service option on UCF. This will ensure you are  
paid appropriately for dispensing activity from these local services. For further detail and  
links to the PGD etc see Weekly Script Edition 10 (Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024) available on the CP  
A&A Website.

## This Weeks Key Messages

### **RPS Survey – Digital Systems Access in Community Pharmacy**

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society are currently campaigning and lobbying for read/write access to digital patient records for community pharmacy within Scotland. To support our work in this area, we would be most grateful if you would be able to share below survey via your networks as widely as possible. The responses will help raise awareness of the current picture with regards to digital access, and vocalise the potential that growing this access may offer.

We (the RPS) want to hear from pharmacists about your current experience of accessing digital records in your practice and help us to understand what you need to make this work for you.

We (the RPS) want to better understand the barriers to accessing records and find out more about where it works well and what the benefits are for you and your patients.

It should take 5-10 minutes to complete and closes on Wednesday 12th June at 8pm. This survey is open to members, and non-members of the RPS.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=YTwZmY1ldkCVLwfDRaO-1\\_Db9NHwdy5Ogf0wWAolYANUQVdFTFYwWTFRQ0xPRIBCRjdJODhSNVRPNi4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=YTwZmY1ldkCVLwfDRaO-1_Db9NHwdy5Ogf0wWAolYANUQVdFTFYwWTFRQ0xPRIBCRjdJODhSNVRPNi4u)



### **NHS Pharmacy First Scotland – Removal of simple linctus from approved list**

An updated approved list for NHS Pharmacy First Scotland is due to be published imminently. See below information on the removal of simple linctus from this list.

This information will also be shared with GP practices.

#### Update to NHS Pharmacy First Scotland Approved List

Update to Section 2.2 Cough to remove Simple linctus paediatric sugar free and Simple Linctus sugar free, all pack sizes.

Simple linctus has been removed from the latest version of the NHS Pharmacy First Scotland Approved list following advice from Area Drugs and Therapeutics Committees Collaborative (ADTCC). Lack of clinical evidence of effectiveness means they cannot support the continued inclusion of these products as treatments available on the NHS, in line with prescribing guidance across the country.

Patients presenting with symptoms of a cough can obtain background information on coughs and their clinical management [at NHS Inform here](#). If the patient subsequently requires further support, they can still access NHS Pharmacy First Scotland consultations for advice and/or referral where appropriate.

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