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## Meet the Team – Emma Crawford & Ellie Armitage



*What are your current roles?*

*We are pharmacy dispensers, Bankfield Pharmacy, Ayr.*

*How long have you worked in community pharmacy?*

*2 years (Ellie) and 5 years (Emma).*

*What's the best bit of your job?*

*The best bits of our jobs are the opportunities to learn new things. We love working within a good team of colleagues and also, having the chance to help the people who come into the pharmacy is very gratifying.*

*What do you think about the future of community pharmacy?*

*The scope for new opportunities in roles in working alongside the pharmacist, such as ours, technicians, ACTs etc, shows the future of Community Pharmacy in a positive light.*

*Furthermore, the constant development of new systems within Community Pharmacy only serves to improve the services we can offer.*

*What do you do to relax outside of work?*

*We both like to walk our dogs as well as socialising with friends and family.*

## COMMUNICATIONS SUMMARY

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June:** aa.cpteam – Class 4 Drug Alert – Betamethasone Valerate 0.1% Ointment

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June:** ClinicalPCT – SG Circular PCA2024-(P)-09 Reactivation of Clarithromycin SSP

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June:** aa.cpteam – Class 3 Drug Alert – Atomoxetine

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June:** aa.cpteam – Class 2 Drug Alert – Lamotrigine Suspension – PATIENT LEVEL

## This Weeks Key Messages

### **QV preparations – removal from drug tariff and pharmacy first formulary**

The following items will be removed from the appliance section of the English Drug Tariff Section, effective 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2024:

- QV Bath Oil
- QV Gentle Wash
- QV Skin Lotion

The pre-existing business rule would be that we would follow the English approach and would look to remove these lines from Part 3 of the Scottish Drug Tariff on the same date. However, the 250ml packs of these products are also listed in the Approved List of the NHS Scotland Pharmacy First Scheme, reflecting their presence in local Board formularies.

Only QV Gentle Wash is currently listed in the A&A pharmacy first formulary.

As a result, following discussions with Scottish Government colleagues, these lines will be retained in Part 3 of the Scottish Drug Tariff for a further two months to facilitate patient review in primary care, changes in Board formularies (and subsequent local emollient choices for Pharmacy First) and allow dispensers an opportunity to run down stockholdings. These lines will cease to be reimbursable for both primary care prescriptions and under the Pharmacy First Scheme, effective **1<sup>st</sup> August, 2024**.

Community Pharmacy Scotland has been informed of this decision this morning. PMR systems will be advised of same by ATOS colleagues.

A&A Pharmacy teams in general practice will look to switch patients using these to alternative products and the QV gentle wash will be removed from the A&A pharmacy first formulary at the next update. Please use this opportunity to reduce stock holding of these products in community pharmacy.

### **NHS Pharmacy First Scotland Approved List**

The current 1<sup>st</sup> June version is published at <https://www.publications.scot.nhs.uk/publication/8161>

Changes to this version include the removal of Simple Linctus and Simple Linctus Paediatric as outlined in last weeks edition of *Weekly Script*.

### **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)



## New Look Community Pharmacy Website

Some of you may have noticed that the [Community Pharmacy Website](#) for NHS A+A has moved to a new platform and subsequently has a different look. The new site comes with an updated appearance which is designed to give a better user experience and improved accessibility.

As always, please contact the team at [aa.cpteam@aapct.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:aa.cpteam@aapct.scot.nhs.uk) if there are any faults noted within the website, or if anyone has any ideas or suggestions of useful resources to host on the site.

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