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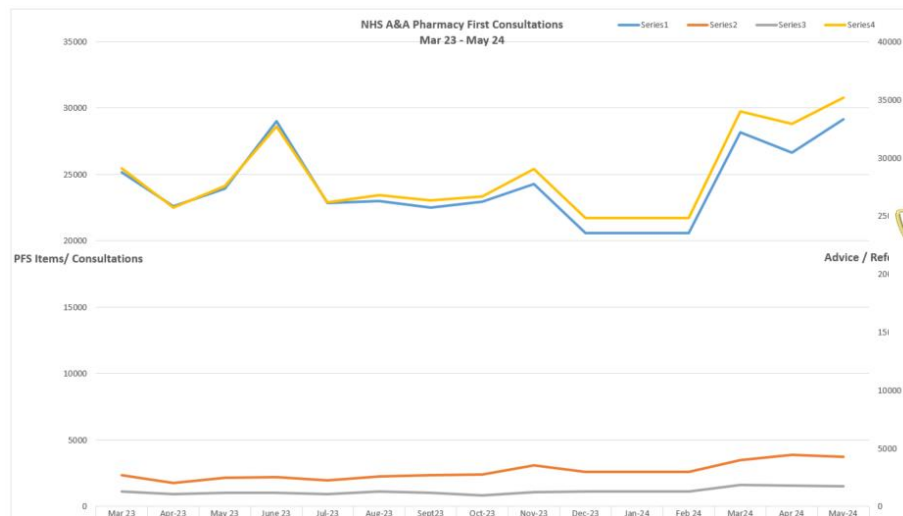
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## NHS Pharmacy First Scotland – RECORD

In the spirit of the Olympics we thought we would share our very own community pharmacy record in NHS Ayrshire & Arran!

In May this year our community pharmacy network delivered 35,204 Pharmacy First Scotland consultations – the highest recorded since the service launched!

29,149 patients received treatment, 4298 were given advice from pharmacy teams and 1757 were referred to other services!

Well done to all of you and thank you for your continued hard work in delivering primary care pharmacy services to our citizens in their communities!

## NHS Flu service 2024/25

The flu service SLA has been sent to all pharmacies.

The deadline for returning sign up information is next Friday – 16<sup>th</sup> August.

A prompt response would be appreciated as this year, all CP clinics and vaccinators need to be reconfigured in the TURAS vaccine management tool. Please ensure you complete the e-mail address section of the sign up form with e-mails linked to the TURAS Learn accounts of pharmacists or pharmacy technicians who will be vaccinating this season.



## Community Pharmacy Good News Stories!



## Good News Stories – Now even easier!

As you all know, we like to highlight Good News Stories in the Weekly Script to shine a spotlight on instances where one or more members of our Community Pharmacy teams have displayed high levels of patient care.

We appreciate that days are busy and such examples can come and go without particular focus. As a result, we've made the process of informing us of such occasions easier, by way of an MS form. Either scan the QR code, or follow the link [here](#) to provide some

## THIS WEEK'S COMMUNICATIONS SUMMARY

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> - aa.cpteam: Class 4 drug alert – Sandoz Omeprazole

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> – aa.cpteam: Class 3 drug alert – Accord UK Trandolapril capsules

- ClinicalPCT: Reminder re community pharmacy flu service 24/25

## This Weeks Key Messages

### QV products

As you may be aware, several QV products were removed from the Scottish Drug Tariff effective as of 01/08/2024, this comes 2 months on from their removal from the English Drug Tariff after being deemed surplus to requirements of the NHS. Below is a list of the affected products from the manufacturer –

4 lines within the QV range below will be discontinued from the Drug Tariff and are no longer reimbursable against prescriptions, effective June 1<sup>st</sup> 2024, as these were deemed surplus to the requirements of the NHS:

- QV Bath Oil 250g
- QV Bath Oil 500g
- QV Skin Lotion 250g
- QV Gentle Wash 250g

Additionally, all presentations of the QV range are still available for consumers to purchase over the counter.

NHS prescriptions for these products will now not be reimbursed.

We recommend endorsing prescriptions for QV Skin Lotion 250g and QV Gentle Wash 250g to 500g preparations of both as these pack sizes are unaffected by this change. Prescriptions for Bath Oil will need to be returned to prescriber, patients will be advised to purchase this OTC if required.

Work is underway by our Pharmacotherapy practice teams to identify and review patients who are regularly prescribed the affected products to switch to a suitable alternative (500g pack) where appropriate.

Furthermore, QV Gentle Wash 250g was previously on the Pharmacy First Formulary, this has now been removed with QV Gentle Wash 500g remaining.

The Community Pharmacy website has been amended to host the new national formulary under the page [Formularies](#).

## CoaguChek – Message from Anne Marshall

GP practices ordering CoaguChek products via GP10a have reported that some pharmacies are having difficulty finding the products listed at wholesalers. Please see list of possible items that may be requested on stock order, with the relevant pip codes for easier ordering.

Product	Pack size	PIP Code
CoaguChek PT Controls Level 1&2*	8	8888752
CoaguChek PT Test Strips	48	4032496
CoaguChek XS PT Control*	4	2576080
CoaguChek XS PT Test Strips	24	3195732
CoaguChek XS PT Test strips	48	3195740

\*Control solution available through Phoenix Healthcare.

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## Cancer awareness resources

This week we are sharing a link to a useful CPD website called gatewayC.

<https://www.gatewayc.org.uk/>

Here you will find lots of free, useful resources supporting the early detection of cancer in primary care settings.

We encourage you and your teams to sign up to this resource to support your learning and in turn support patients.

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