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## Meet the Team – Erin Philip and Lyndsay Johnstone



*What are your current roles?*

Erin - Care at Home Pharmacy  
Technician, South Ayrshire HSCP.

Lyndsay - Hybrid Pharmacy Technician  
GP practice /Care at Home Pharmacy  
Technician, South Ayrshire HSCP. My  
post is split and I spend 2 ½ days in each  
team.

*How long have you worked in  
NHS A+A?*

Too Long! I started as an ATO (Pharmacy  
Support Worker as it would be known  
now) in January 2002- the same as Erin  
we started the same Year.

*What is the best bit of your job?*

Helping people. The main focus of our role is to help people remain as  
independent as possible with their medications. We love carrying out my home  
visits and seeing the difference our support can make.

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

Erin - With two small children, I am not sure relax is the correct word. Outside of  
work I enjoy family time with my kids, husband and our spaniel. I love a good  
caravan holiday, a book and a glass of wine!

Lyndsay – With 2 boys at home most of my time is spent running around after  
them but I mostly spend time with family and friends, bowling and eating out  
when we can and love going on holiday to the sunshine.

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

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup>** – **aacpteam:** Class 2 Drug Alert – Pfizer LTD Oxbryta 500mg tablets

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>** - **aa.cpteam:** Class 4 Drug Alert - Sandoz LTD Rosuvastatin 20mg, 40mg Tablets

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>** - **Clinical PCT:** Complaints QTR 2 – July-Sept

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>** – **aa.cpteam:** Class 3 Drug Alert – Gelnmark Pharmaceuticals Europe Cyanocobalamin 50mcg tablets

## This Weeks Key Messages

### Winter Vaccinations



The staff winter vaccination programme is now underway, offering seasonal flu vaccines to all staff and both seasonal flu **and** COVID-19 vaccines to frontline staff.

This includes community based staff and independent contractors (General Practice, Dentistry, Optometry, Community Pharmacy Workers).

You can view clinics taking place on NHS Ayrshire & Arran taking place in the community [here](#).

If you have any queries regarding the Health & Social Care Worker winter vaccination programme, you can contact the team by email [staffwintervacc@aapct.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:staffwintervacc@aapct.scot.nhs.uk)

### Education and Training: FTY Information Request

Trainee pharmacists starting their FTY from July 2025 will require both, a designated supervisor (DS) and a **designated prescribing practitioner (DPP)** during their PLP when the GPhC prescribing learning outcomes will be assessed. The DS may also be the DPP if appropriately qualified. We are keen to understand the current position of placements, supervisors and DPPs in Community Pharmacy. Please could contractors follow the [link](#) or scan the QR Code to fill in a 2 minute questionnaire to provide this information? Keen for responses from all contractors even if it's nil response.



## Workforce Survey 2024

The Community Pharmacy Workforce Survey is being undertaken again this year.

You are being asked to collate the data during the week commencing **Sunday 8th to Saturday 14th September 2024**.

This year's data will be collected in the following formats:

- Single/smaller independent contractors – NES Pharmacy will email a link to a Questback survey in advance, to be completed by each individual contractor.

Please note for ease of completion contractors should **use Google Chrome** to complete this survey using their **generic mailbox email address**.

- Larger independent groups – Community Pharmacy Scotland (CPS) will forward three Excel spreadsheets in advance, one for central staff, one for relief staff, and one for all other pharmacy staff, which should be completed centrally then either returned to CPS, or the detail confirmed on a call with a member of the services team at CPS, whichever is the preferred choice for the group. If you would like to book a call please click this [link](#) and fill in your preferences.
- Data collection for CCA companies will be completed centrally.

All collated data/Questback surveys need be completed/submitted by **Friday 11th October 2024** at the latest.

If you have any questions, please contact [enquiries@cps.scot](mailto:enquiries@cps.scot).

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