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Meet the Team – Karen Ginnity



What is your current role?

Accredited Checking Technician, Carepoint
Pharmacy, Auchinleck.

How long have you worked in
Community Pharmacy?

15 long years

What is the best bit of your job?

I am enjoying my new current role as an ACT
helping to lessen the checking burden on the
Pharmacist. I also enjoy being active in
helping to provide the current services
within the pharmacy and spending valuable
time speaking to and counselling our
wonderful customers.

What do you think about
the future of Community
Pharmacy?

I see community pharmacy playing an even more vital role in the community with
the introduction of Pharmacy First Plus and the increasing number of independent
prescribers. Pharmacy is going to be an integral part of the community.

What do you do to relax outside of work?

I enjoy spending time with family and friends, most importantly my little furry
friend, Woody the Cockapoo.

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

Friday 22nd November: ClinicalPCT – Weekly communication for week ending 22.1..24

Monday 25th November: ClinicalPCT – Directors Letter – Healthcare Associated Infection Strategy 2023-2025

Tuesday 26th November: aa.cpteam – Class 3 drug Alert – Baclofen Oral Solution

Thursday 28th November: aa.cpteam – Class 4 drug alert – Tramadol 50mg PR capsules (Morningside)

Thursday 28th November: aa.cpteam – Class 4 drug alert – Liothyronine 20mcg tablets

This Weeks Key Messages

Development Pathways for Pharmacy Technicians and Pharmacy Support Staff

You may already be aware that the National Pharmacy Technician Group Scotland (NPTGS) are currently progressing a development pathway for Pharmacy Technicians and Pharmacy Support Staff in Scotland. We now have a final draft and invite you to read the proposed development pathways (attached) and take part in a consultation.

The consultation is in Microsoft Forms format and should take no longer than 10 minutes to complete. The consultation will be open until the **30th of November** so please be quick!

Read the attached pathways and FAQs then click on the link or scan the QR code below to take part in the consultation.



https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=veDvEDCgykuAnLXmdF5JmqUjZfnxua1Bk8RkeoK1w_1UQk9GQkhDUFgwUIBSOVNOS0hJSDkxVDFCVS4u

Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP) Support

NES are currently reviewing the resources they have developed to support DPPs and have taken some feedback from pharmacists in Acute and Primary Care sectors.. NES are now looking to gather similar feedback from community pharmacists considering or undertaking the role of DPP.

Below is a message from NES with links to these resources -

'NES are keen to support individuals develop the knowledge, skills and confidence to undertake the role of designated prescribing practitioner. We have recently developed a [DPP Competency Framework Self Assessment Tool](#) which may be useful to those considering their suitability for the role. To help us understand what other resources and support would be helpful to current and potential DPPs please complete the following [form](#) '

Links are embedded in the message but if helpful they are supplied separately below:

DPP competency framework examples [DPP Competency Framework Self Assessment Examples | Turas | Learn](#)

NES DPP resource feedback form <https://forms.office.com/e/PGN6drnSeX>

NES Funded Independent Prescribing Courses 2025

Are you thinking about doing your Independent Prescribing? NES have a number of courses running in 2025. Please get in touch with either Kirstie Church or Alan McGeer if you are interested and want to know more.

We want YOUR ideas – Pharmacy Waste Action Project



Following the Chief Medical Officer's annual report for 2023/24 'Realistic Medicine: Doing the right thing', NHS Ayrshire & Arran Pharmacy Services have stood up a group to oversee our mission to reduce waste within all areas of our service. We are looking to capture ideas from anyone working in pharmacy as to how we can reduce waste. No idea is too small and all will be considered as we strive for a more environmentally friendly, sustainable and cost efficient service.

Please ask all of your team if they have any suggestions and share these with us via the MS form below! (Or scan the QR code)

We will keep you updated as we progress this work over the next 12 months.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=veDvEDCgykuAnLXmdF5JmsfMUXAe5h9MsSfvDN3-3-hUQ09KUVRNQ0pUVDdONUUIUFdDNkNCMFdWQy4u>

Undergraduate Pharmacy Student – Survey

The link and QR code below are to a survey from an undergraduate student at Strathclyde University and is looking to explore views on Pharmacists **from all sectors regardless of whether they are in a specialist cancer role or not** (as well as undergraduate students) on their role with cancer patients / those at risk of cancer. .

Pharmacists' and student pharmacists' perspectives on cancer management: an educational survey.



This survey could identify educational gaps in pharmacists' knowledge of cancer management. Furthermore, it will help raise awareness of risk factors, screening programmes as well as signs and symptoms of cancer.

The A&A community pharmacy team have completed this and it only takes a few minutes. We would be really grateful if you could take the time to share your views? The survey closes TODAY 29th November.

Message from RPS – for Pharmacy Technicians

Recruitment of Pharmacy Technicians to Expert Advisory Groups

The RPS is committed to hearing all voices from within the pharmacy professions and the expert opinions from pharmacy technicians are needed across all of our Advisory Groups. Our Expert Advisor groups provide a source of expertise and advice to inform RPS policy decisions. Members are international or national experts in their area of practice. Each panel and group has agreed terms of reference which set out the criteria for membership of the panel and group and the ways of working of the panel and group.

Further information about each Expert Advisory Group, along with their Terms of Reference, can be found here: <https://www.rpharms.com/about-us/who-we-are/expert-advisors>

If you know of any pharmacy technicians who would be interested in joining any of the following groups, please ask them to get in touch via the information below.

- Antimicrobial Expert Advisory Group
- **Community Pharmacy Expert Advisory Group**
- Digital Pharmacy Expert Advisory Group
- Early Careers Pharmacist Expert Advisory Group
- Hospital Expert Advisory Group
- Industrial Pharmacy Expert Advisory Group
- Primary Care Pharmacy Expert Advisory Group

Pharmacy technicians should send a CV and a covering letter answering the following questions to [Rachael Black](#)

1. Which Expert Advisory Group are you applying to join and why?
2. What are your aspirations for advancing pharmacy practice through this group?
3. How will your unique skills, ideas, and experience contribute to the group's objectives?

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