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What is your current role?

General Practice Pharmacy support Worker

How long have you worked in
Pharmacy?

I worked in community from Jan 2018 – April
2023 and started in NHS AA April 2023.

What is the best bit of your job?

My lovely colleagues' ☺ and the freedom to
develop in the role and adapt my schedule to
manage my workload.

What do you think about the future
of community pharmacy?

There are more and more services being
provided by community pharmacies. The
pharmacists are doing so much now and play
a massive role in treating patients to take
the pressure off other resources.

What do you do to relax
outside of work?

I love a boozy brunch, although the hangover is not very relaxing! I enjoy having a bath
with lavender bath salts and a face mask on a Sunday night to set me up for the week
ahead.

THIS WEEK'S COMMUNICATIONS SUMMARY

Friday 6th December: aa.cpteam – Urgent Missing Prescription Pads

Monday 9th December: aa.cpteam – Drug Alert Class 2 Wockair160MCG/4.5MCG inhalation Powder

This Weeks Key Messages

NES Physical Assessment Skills Training

Over the last 12 months, NES have been supporting our network of Designated Supervisor's (DS) to increase their confidence in the use of physical assessment skills and their ability to assess trainee pharmacists utilising these skills in practice.

We have a further 5 Physical Assessment Skills training sessions running between January – March 2025, with many current community pharmacist DS's registered to attend. We are able to extend an invite to these sessions to any community pharmacists who are looking to take on the role of a Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP) and feel this training would support them to do so.

Can you please share the following MS form booking link with your networks. Spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis. To support the planning process, we require a response no later than **Wednesday 18th December**. We will aim to confirm places by Friday 20th December.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=veDvEDCqykuAnLXmdF5JmsBLX_30qo5lpIQsl6DXTXNUQ1FSM1pZUkhMTIRKSVZSNE44WVFXVU0zTy4u

NEW PGD – CP 24 277 Paracetamol 120mg/5mls supply for post vaccination fever

The updated PGD CP 24 277 has been approved for use in the supply of Paracetamol 120mg/5mls for the prophylaxis of post vaccination fever in infants under 12 months.

Please follow the link here to confirm you have read and signed this PGD - [MS form](#)

Or scan QR code below and follow instructions.



The New PGD document and MS form agreement declaration have also been uploaded to the PGD page of the Community Pharmacy website - [here](#)

Coming soon – Lunch and Learn

On 22/1/25 at 1pm a 30 minute bitesize session on Nitazenes and Xylazenes will be presented on Microsoft Teams which would be really interesting and beneficial for primary care and community pharmacists. **The link to the MS teams event will be shared nearer the time.**

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-hUQ09KUVRNQ0pUVDdONUVIUFdDNkNCMFdWQy4u>

Prostate Cancer Service

A reminder to all pharmacies who participate in the prostate cancer service:

The SLA specifies that Enzalutamide stock should ONLY be purchased directly from the manufacturer, Astellas. While alliance healthcare are used to distribute the stock the orders from community pharmacies should be placed directly with Astellas. (Details in excerpt from the SLA below)

<i>MEDICINE RESOURCING REQUIREMENTS</i>	<p>All orders must be placed with the manufacturer (Astellas) directly by telephone or email. Astellas Customer Service can be contacted on 0203 379 8721 or email ukcustomerservices@astellas.com.</p> <p>If problems in accessing the medicine via this supply route cannot be resolved through direct dialogue with Astellas, contact the Health Board. Do not purchase from any other supply route without the approval of the Health Board.</p>
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Seasonal Vaccinations for Community Pharmacy Staff

Please remember that as front line patient facing staff, community pharmacy teams are eligible for FLU and COVID vaccinations.

We would encourage ALL staff to take up the offer of vaccination and all are welcome to attend any of the NHS A&A drop in vaccination clinics listed below. (Flu only can be given from any of the 28 participating community pharmacies across Ayrshire & Arran)

In addition, please promote uptake of vaccination to any carers that you interact with in your pharmacy and encourage them to be vaccinated through a community pharmacy (for flu) or via the mass vaccination centres. Uptake from care staff in A&A is low at the moment so your help in promoting the vaccination services during interactions with these colleagues is much appreciated.

Saturday 7th December	Wednesday 11th December
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University Hospital Ayr, Suite F & G, 8.30am to 4.30pm Galston Community Centre, Galston, 8.30am to 6.30pm Stewarton Area Centre, Stewarton, 8.30am to 6.30pm University Hospital Ayr, Macdonald Education Centre, NHS Frontline Staff, 8.45am to 4.30pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Carrick Centre, Maybole, 8.30am to 4.30pm University Hospital Ayr, Macdonald Education Centre, NHS Frontline Staff, 8.45am to 4.30pm University Hospital Crosshouse, Alexander Fleming Education Centre, NHS Frontline Staff, 8.30am to 7.30pm
Sunday 8th December	Thursday 12th December
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University Hospital Ayr, Suite F & G, 8.30am to 4.30pm Largs Academy, Largs, 8.30am to 6.30pm Muirkirk Primary School, Cumnock, 8.30am to 4.30pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Playz, Kilwinning, 8.30am to 4.30pm New Cumnock Town Hall, New Cumnock, 8.30am to 5.30pm Beith Community Centre, Beith, 8.30am to 5.30pm Walker Hall, Troon, 8.30am to 4.30pm
Monday 9th December	Friday 13th December
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walker Hall, Troon, 8.30am to 4.30pm West Kilbride Village Hall, 8.30am to 5.30pm Galleon Centre, Kilmarnock, 1.15pm to 5.45pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Galleon Centre, Kilmarnock, 8.30am to 4.30pm Towerlands Community Centre, Bourtreehill 9am to 4.30pm
Tuesday 10th December	Saturday 14th December
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ardrossan Civic Centre, Ardrossan, 8.30am to 4.30pm St Quivox R C Church, Prestwick, 8.45am to 5.00pm Ayrshire Central Hospital, NHS Frontline staff, 9.30am to 4.30pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girvan Community Hospital, 9.00am to 4.00pm Galston Community Centre, Galston, 8.30am to 4.00pm Dalry Primary School, Dalry, 8.30am to 4.30pm
Sunday 15th December	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University Hospital Ayr, suite F & G, 8.30am to 4.30pm Volunteer Rooms, Irvine, 9.30am to 6.30pm 	

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