



Pharmacy Services

NHS Ayrshire & Arran Community Pharmacy

## Weekly Script

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Thanks to Iain who introduced me in my new role on the last Weekly Script of 2024, may I take this opportunity to say congratulations on his promotion to Associate Director for Primary and Community Care. We are very grateful for all that you have done for Community Pharmacy and look forward to your ongoing support.

I already know many of you from my visits in my previous role and I am very much looking forward to getting back out to visit alongside our team Alan, Lorraine, Laura and Alyson (when she returns from maternity). We will be in position to visit more regularly now our team is established and I know that the team are looking forward to the year ahead.

I would also like to reiterate my thanks for those fantastic 2024 statistics from the last issue. Demonstrating the hard work that you all put into caring for the Ayrshire and Arran population.

I am very much looking forward to my new role, I'm passionate about Community Pharmacy and look forward to working more closely with Community Pharmacy A&A (pharmacy contractors committee) to create opportunities for the network.

After two years of producing the Weekly Script we have taken on board feedback received. Moving forward we will reduce our communications to fortnightly. If anyone would like to make any suggestions for a name for the communications please let me know. May I take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of checking clinical mailboxes several times throughout the day, this will ensure you do not miss any urgent communications.

Finally, I would like to wish all of you a Happy and Healthy New Year.

With best wishes, *Kirstie*



### THIS WEEK'S COMMUNICATIONS SUMMARY

**Tuesday 24th** : aa.cpteam – NatPSA Shortage of Pancreatic Enzyme Replacement Therapy (PERT)

:ClinicalPCT – Food Standards Scotland Alert – Mis-labelling of Neocate Products

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup>** : ClinicalPCT – PCA2024(p) SSP Estradot (Estradol) 50/75/100 MCG 24 Hours Transdermal Patch

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>** :ClinicalPCT – Circulars PCA2024 – (P)- 38&39

## This Weeks Key Messages

### **Simulation sessions for Community Pharmacy IP's**

As our simulation sessions continue to be beneficial for those who have attended we have planned dates for 2025.

The aim of our sessions is to create a supportive learning opportunity in an entirely safe and confidential space to enhance our legacy community pharmacy prescribers' confidence and skills in delivering Pharmacy First Plus. The added bonus is a network opportunity to get to know other community pharmacy prescribers within A&A!

**There will be 2 sessions planned. The dates are as follows:**

- **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February**
- **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April**

**Each session will run from 0900 - 1300 hours.**

**The venue for this will be in the Education Centre at Crosshouse Hospital.**

**Sessions will be limited to a maximum of 4 people per session.**

If you are interested in attending, please email [aacpteam@aapct.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:aacpteam@aapct.scot.nhs.uk).

### **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.**

### **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)

<b>MEDICINE RESOURCING REQUIREMENTS</b>	<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 <a href="mailto:ukcustomerservices@astellas.com">ukcustomerservices@astellas.com</a>.</p> <p>If problems in accessing the medicine via this supply route cannot be resolved through direct dialogue with Astellas, contact the Health Board. <b>Do not purchase from any other supply route without the approval of the Health Board.</b></p>
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