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## Community Pharmacy Script

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## Meet the Team – Kirsty Wales



What is your current role?

Pharmacy Support Worker, Primary Care,  
East Locality

How long have you worked in  
Pharmacy?

I worked in community pharmacy for two  
years then hospital pharmacy for 3 years,  
now here 😊

What's the best bit of your job?

Best part of my job is the people that I work with - but I also really like engaging with patients and solving their queries.

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

I love listening to music and going out for lunch dates with friends 😊

### RECENT COMMUNICATIONS SUMMARY

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> :aa.cpteam – Update Class 2 Medicines Recall Bell, Sons & Co (Druggists Ltd) T/A Bells Healthcare

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> : Clinical PCT – URGENT Communication Stolen Prescribing Stationary

Clinical PCT – Product Safety Report MK Electric

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>: aa.cpteam – Drug Alert Class 2 Bristol Laboratories Ltd Amlodipine 2.5mg tablets

## Save the Date!

Following the success of previous community pharmacy network events, planning is underway to hold a similar event in 2025!

The evening event will be open to ALL members of community pharmacy teams as well as locum pharmacy staff working in Ayrshire & Arran.

The provisional date for the event is Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025 and will be held in the evening with food provided.

Our venue for 2025 is Centre Stage, Kilmarnock

Further details, agenda and booking forms will follow in the coming weeks.

## This Weeks Key Messages

### **NES Pharmacy Webinar – Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Standards in Community Pharmacy**

NES pharmacy are hosting a webinar on the MAT standards. The webinar is on **04 February 2025 19:00 to 20:30**. The booking link is here: <https://learn.nes.nhs.scot/79418/pharmacy-courses-and-events/medication-assisted-treatment-mat-standards-in-community-pharmacy>

The webinar aims to raise awareness about the essential role of pharmacy teams in implementing MAT standards and the impact of trauma and stigma on outcomes for those with substance use disorder.

Speakers confirmed are:

- **Catriona Matheson**, Professor of Substance Use, University of Stirling who will provide insights into the current landscape of Drug Related Deaths (DRDs) in Scotland
- **Adrian Mackenzie**, Clinical Lead, MAT Standards, healthcare Improvement Scotland will explain the MAT Standards and their significance to pharmacy teams.
- **Jonathan Burton**, Scottish Pharmacy Board, RPS and Community pharmacist will talk about Positive Pharmacy experiences and the impact of stigma.
- An additional speaker who will focus on Positive Pharmacy experiences focusing on the impact of trauma

The evening will also launch updated resources related to Substance Use and ensure teams are aware of other resources to the support the recovery journey of people who use substances.

We would encourage community pharmacy teams to register for this event, particularly those providing substance use services or with an interest in this area.

### **NES Pharmacy: Pharmacist Independent Prescribing Webinar – Getting Started in Community Pharmacy**

On 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025, NES will be hosting a webinar for community pharmacy independent prescribers:

#### **Pharmacist Independent Prescribing – Getting Started in Community Pharmacy**

This webinar planned for **Wednesday 5 March 2025 from 7-8.30pm** is designed to support community pharmacist independent prescribers in the early stages of their prescribing journey, from service set up to expanding scope of practice and ongoing peer support. It will provide practical information to attendees on the process for registering with the GPhC as an IP and setting up the Pharmacy First Plus service in practice. As well as sharing resources that will support pharmacists to expand their clinical knowledge and scope of practice to treat a broad range of common clinical conditions in a safe and effective manner.

Booking is via TURAS and can be done via the following link - [Book your IP webinar place](#)

## **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).

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