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## Summary of Community Pharmacy Networking Event

Our Networking event was held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March I hope the colleagues that joined us found the event useful and engaging.

Below is a summary for those unable to join us.

The Daffodil Standards

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### Daffodil Standards

Ross Barrow ([Ross.Barrow@rpharms.com](mailto:Ross.Barrow@rpharms.com)) and Zahra Al-Momen ([Zahra.al-momen@rpharms.com](mailto:Zahra.al-momen@rpharms.com)) discussed the Daffodil Standards.

Why are the Daffodil standards important?

*Ensuring that a person's death is as peaceful and symptom –free as possible is a key responsibility of our health and social care systems. As the most accessible health care professionals, you and your team are ideally placed to support patients and the families of those diagnosed with a terminal illness. Your team can advise and reassure families when they really need support.*

Why Sign Up?

*Our daffodil standards help your whole pharmacy team build on the good care you already provide and target areas for improvement. You know your patients best, and the daffodil standards will help you to create a clear and structured approach that is relevant to your pharmacy, your team and your patients.*

<https://www.rpharms.com/recognition/setting-professional-standards/daffodil-standards>

## Sign up for free

**Registration is completely free.** Sign up today, and we'll send you a welcome pack introducing you to the Standards. You'll also have access to key updates, top tips, free webinars and opportunities to share learning within a practice community.

SIGN UP TODAY

You'll also receive our Daffodil sticker for your front window to highlight your pharmacy's commitment to excellent end of life care and support for people with advanced serious illness.

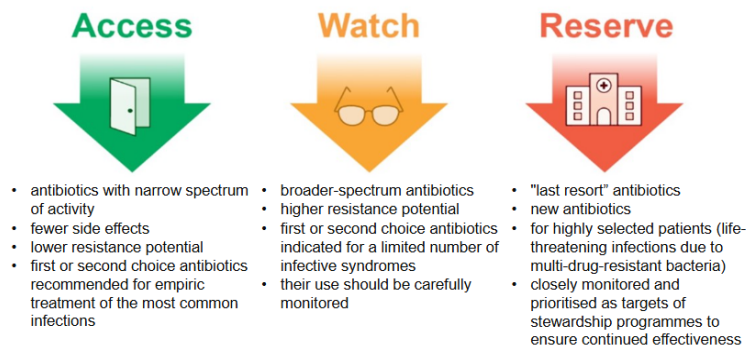
Your Daffodil Standards welcome pack also includes notebooks, pens, posters and leaflets for you and your team.

## Antimicrobial Stewardship in Ayrshire and Arran

A powerful presentation which gave insight the work of the Antimicrobial Management Group (AMG) which is a subgroup of the Area Drug & Therapeutics Committee. The AMG's remit is to provide strategic advice on the prescribing and use of antimicrobials and monitor surveillance data on antimicrobial use, resistance and healthcare associated infection within A&A to inform policy and drive improvement in the effective treatment of infection.

The presentation described the new national prescribing indicators for 2024 -2029 which have been reset:

- Reduce total antibiotic use by 5% from the 2019 baseline
- Achieve 70% of total use of antibiotics from the access category
- Increase UK public and healthcare professional's knowledge on AMR by 10%.



## [What would a world without antibiotics be like? - BBC](#)

The above video was shared on the night which shows the global impact of antibiotic treatment, the threat of resistance and what it could mean for the population of A&A.

Prescribers were encouraged to consider how they could help drive compliance against the targets. For example, minimising antibiotic use, using the A&A empirical guidelines to guide antimicrobial choice, reducing course length to 5 days where clinically appropriate to do so or challenging inappropriate antimicrobial prescribing behaviours.

## Sexual Health Update

The last presentation of the evening discussed the increasing rates of teenage pregnancy, termination of pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections in Scotland and in A&A breaking down per locality and comparing men and women infection rates. Activity data was shared from services available in A&A aimed at preventing these increasing trends.

Refreshed training on CCard and STI Kits is now available for the whole pharmacy team and it is hoped that all contractors will sign up and actively create opportunities to promote the services available.



If you would like any further information on any of these topics please email the [aa.cpteam@aapct.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:aa.cpteam@aapct.scot.nhs.uk)

### RECENT COMMUNICATIONS SUMMARY

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> – aa.cpteam – Class 4 drug Alert Jubilant Pharmaceuticals Azithromycin 250mg Caps  
– aa.cpteam Overdose Alert Information for Clients, family/carers and services  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – ClincialPCT – Easter and May 2025 Public Holiday Opening times for Community Pharmacies  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> - aa.cpteam – Updates NPAS/2025/001/DHSC  
Clinical Safety Issue affecting Vision Practices - Repeat Prescription Changes Not Triggering / Included in ECS Extract  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> – ClincialPCT – Weekly communication for week ending 21.03.25  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> – aacpteam - Private Prescriber Guidance for Community Pharmacies information document

## This Weeks Key Messages

### Upcoming Prescribing Improvement work – DPP-4 Inhibitors

As part of the upcoming Prescribing Improvement work taking place throughout the pharmacotherapy teams, we are looking to bring the prescribing of DPP-4 inhibitors into line with the current formulary choice of Sitagliptin. Work will be taking place in the coming months to complete this. As always we appreciate the support of Community Pharmacy teams during this work.

### Community Pharmacy Protected Learning Time – CP PLT

Following on from the success of last year's first cycle of CP PLT, we are pleased to announce its return for 2025. We plan to run this much in the same way as last year with pharmacies given the choice of days in which to close for a morning or afternoon to undertake training or activities much in the same way as has been long established for GP surgeries. We will send out more detailed information in due course alongside feedback received from the network on their experiences and suggested activities to consider for this next cycle of CP PLT. For multiples, we will liaise with owners, area managers or superintendents in the first instance.

### 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 are 2 sessions planned. The dates are as follows:**

- **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April**
- **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June**

**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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