

## Community Pharmacy Communication Update

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024




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REMINDER	Smoking Cessation Training - Wed 20th November - Eastbank Training Centre
	<p>In order for a Community Pharmacy to become an accredited Quit Your Way Pharmacy it is mandatory for a one day training programme to be completed by pharmacists, locums and support staff – 9am- 4:00pm (approx)</p> <p>We presently have some places available for the event on <b>Wednesday 20th November 2024.</b></p> <p><b>Event: Smoking Cessation Training</b>  <b>Date: Wednesday 20th November 2024</b>  <b>Time: 9:00am - 4:00pm approx.</b></p>

**Venue: Eastbank Training Centre, 22 Academy Street,  
Shettleston G32 9AA**

The training will include key elements from the NES Smoking Cessation training pack, together with brief intervention techniques and NRT products. This session is open to all pharmacy staff. Fees will be paid to the pharmacy contractor to cover the costs of staff attending, (as pre-reg students are paid through NES, no need to claim).

Please contact us ASAP by phone on 0141 201 4945, or by e-mail [ggc.pharmacyhit@nhs.scot](mailto:ggc.pharmacyhit@nhs.scot)

Places will be allocated on a first-come basis and will be confirmed in writing.

Lunch will be provided. Please inform us if you do not require lunch or you have special dietary requirements. Parking is available on a first come basis.

**Date below amended as of 22/10/2024**

**\*\* Date for the diary - Further training dates available\*\***

**Date: Thursday 23rd January 2025**

**Time: 9:00am – 4:00pm**

**Venue: Beresford Suite, Levensdale Hospital**

Annette Robb  
22/10/2024

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	<p>Following on from Dr Scott Jamieson's previous webinar series, I am delighted to share news of the forthcoming webinar, titled "<b>Decision Making in Respiratory Conditions</b>" on <b>Tuesday, December 3, 2024, from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM.</b></p> <p>This interactive session is designed to prepare community pharmacy and primary care teams for the anticipated increase in respiratory tract presentations during the winter months. The webinar will provide valuable insights and practical guidance to</p>

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<b>ACTION</b>	<b>Change in Tacrolimus Prescribing</b>
	<p>We have been made aware that the supply of Prograf for Tacrolimus prescriptions is in the process of changing to the more cost effect product Adoport. Our colleagues within the acute sector will be starting new patients on Adoport and all existing patients will be changed over within the primary care setting.</p> <p>Please give consideration to this in relation to stock holding and give consideration to running stock of Prograf down as new requests for Adoport increase.</p> <p>Alan Harrison 12/11/2024</p>

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PHS Health  
Protection Alert 2024

Attached

Please see attached Public Health Scotland Health Protection alert issued 30<sup>th</sup> October 2024 for further details.

Nathan Burley  
Advanced Public Health/Sexual Health Services Pharmacist  
31/10/2024

## REMINDER

### Smoking Cessation Training - Wed 20th November - Eastbank Training Centre

In order for a Community Pharmacy to become an accredited Quit Your Way Pharmacy it is mandatory for a one day training programme to be completed by pharmacists, locums and support staff – 9am- 4:00pm (approx)

We presently have some places available for the event on **Wednesday 20th November 2024.**

**Event: Smoking Cessation Training**

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**Time: 9:00am - 4:00pm approx.**

**Venue: Eastbank Training Centre, 22 Academy Street, Shettleston G32 9AA**

The training will include key elements from the NES Smoking Cessation training pack, together with brief intervention techniques and NRT products. This session is open to all pharmacy staff. Fees will be paid to the pharmacy contractor to cover the costs of staff attending, (as pre-reg students are paid through NES, no need to claim).

Please contact us ASAP by phone on 0141 201 4945, or by e-mail [ggc.pharmacyhit@nhs.scot](mailto:ggc.pharmacyhit@nhs.scot)

Places will be allocated on a first-come basis and will be confirmed in writing.

Lunch will be provided. Please inform us if you do not require lunch or you have special dietary requirements. Parking is available on a first come basis.

**Date below amended as of 22/10/2024**

**\*\* Date for the diary - Further training dates available\*\***

**Date: Thursday 23rd January 2025**

**Time: 9:00am – 4:00pm**

**Venue: Beresford Suite, Levensdale Hospital**

	Annette Robb
	22/10/2024

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Tuesday 19th November 2024



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	<p>Medicines waste costs NHSGGC £100,000 every day – we need <b>your</b> help to tackle the currently estimated 10% overprescribing.</p> <p>NHS GGC have launched a campaign to reduce medicines waste – for the good of people’s health, to support NHS services and to help the environment.</p> <p>A recent public survey of 1200+ residents indicated the importance of receiving messages directly from their Community Pharmacy.</p> <p>Please click <a href="#">here</a> for further details/resources, and links to interactive quizzes for Staff and Patients to provide feedback:</p> <p>This campaign will continue to be developed, and we will share further materials as they become available. Please use the <a href="#">Feedback Form</a> to indicate anything else of use to you in this campaign</p> <p>Anne Thomson Lead Pharmacist, Clinical Services 10/09/2024</p>

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REMINDER	Gynaecology Services survey of patients and staff
<div data-bbox="188 309 240 367"></div> <div data-bbox="145 374 285 425">Gynaecology Survey.pdf</div> <div data-bbox="188 510 240 568"></div> <div data-bbox="137 575 292 627">Gynaecology Survey (2).pdf</div> <div data-bbox="158 710 276 739">Attached</div>	<p>NHS GG&amp;C are developing an innovative website for women's health. This will complement and link to the national information available on NHS Inform. The purpose of this survey is to identify beneficial content and information delivery for patients and staff who are involved in reproductive health services.</p> <p>All anonymous responses will help to shape the digital information available to patients and is greatly appreciated.</p> <p><b>This survey is open to input from any client who has engaged with gynaecological healthcare in NHS GG&amp;C, either in primary or secondary care. This includes cisgender women, transgender men, non-binary and intersex clients.</b></p> <p><b>Responses are also welcome from staff who have worked or are working in gynaecology services</b></p> <p>The team are keen to involve as many service users as possible so all promotion would be much appreciated.</p> <p>If there are any questions on the survey please contact: Elizabeth Stewart - <a href="mailto:elizabethstewart18@nhs.scot">elizabethstewart18@nhs.scot</a></p> <p>Louise Carroll 12/11/2024</p>
REMINDER	Nystatin PGD
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	<p>Dexcom One+, click <a href="#">here</a></p> <p>Iona Paterson 12/11/2024</p>
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	<p>I previously advised there would be no further PHS pharmacy posters this year, however, marketing colleagues have now been able to arrange two further campaigns.</p> <p>The next PHS poster campaign in community pharmacies will be a re run of 'Right Care Right Place'</p> <p>Posters will be mailed out to pharmacies by end of next week and the campaign will run until the end of November.</p> <p>Links to all campaign resources and toolkit can be found <a href="#">here</a></p> <p>Once received, pharmacies should display it in their poster holders until they receive the subsequent poster which will be a mental health campaign.</p> <p>Elaine Muirhead 12/11/2024</p>

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	<p>If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to <a href="mailto:lynsey.boyle4@nhs.scot">lynsey.boyle4@nhs.scot</a></p> <p>Lynsey Boyle 12/11/2024</p>
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REMINDER	Change in Tacrolimus Prescribing
	<p>We have been made aware that the supply of Prograf for Tacrolimus prescriptions is in the process of changing to the more cost effective product Adoport. Our colleagues within the acute sector will be starting new patients on Adoport and all existing patients will be changed over within the primary care setting.</p> <p>Please give consideration to this in relation to stock holding and give consideration to running stock of Prograf down as new requests for Adoport increase.</p> <p>Alan Harrison 12/11/2024</p>

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Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024



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<b>REMINDER</b>	<b>NHSGG&amp;C Medicines Waste Campaign</b>
	<p>Medicines waste costs NHSGGC £100,000 every day – we need <b><u>your</u></b> help to tackle the currently estimated 10% overprescribing.</p> <p>NHS GGC have launched a campaign to reduce medicines waste – for the good of people’s health, to support NHS services and to help the environment. A recent public survey of 1200+ residents indicated the importance of receiving messages directly from their Community Pharmacy. Please click <a href="#">here</a> for further details/resources, and links to interactive quizzes for Staff and Patients to provide feedback:</p> <p>This campaign will continue to be developed, and we will share further materials as they become available. Please use the <a href="#">Feedback Form</a> to indicate anything else of use to you in this campaign</p> <p>Anne Thomson Lead Pharmacist, Clinical Services 10/09/2024</p>

<b>REMINDER</b>	<b>Nystatin PGD - Update</b>
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	<p>As previously communicated on Tuesday 12th November, we have developed a Nystatin PGD for use in community pharmacy.</p> <p>Please note that the local <b><u>Health Board service tab</u></b> should be used on your PMR for this PGD.</p> <p>Apologies for any confusion this may have caused.</p> <p>Once you have read, understood and accept professional responsibility for the service please sign the PGD <a href="#">here</a>, to confirm your acceptance of the provisions contained therein.</p> <p>Pamela Macintyre 19/11/2024</p>
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REMINDER	PGD - Public Health Service: Bridging Contraception
<div> PGD 2720.pdf</div> <div> PHS Bridging Contraception.pdf</div> <div> PHS Combined.docx</div> <div> PHS Supporting Guidance.docx</div> <div> PHS Bridging Contraception 2720.</div> <div>Attached</div>	<p>Please find attached:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Updated PGD for the supply of Desogestrel tablets – progestogen-only contraceptive pill (POP);</li><li>- Supporting GP notification form;</li><li>- Patient Assessment Form; and</li><li>- Supporting Guidance</li></ul> <p>As is established practice, please make yourself familiar with the contents of the PGD.</p> <p>Once you have read, understood and accept professional responsibility for the service please sign the PGD <a href="#">here</a>, to confirm your acceptance of the provisions contained therein.</p> <p>Janine Glen 19/11/2024</p>

REMINDER	Varenicline Update
 Varenicline update bulletin.doc Attached	Please find attached the varenicline update for the CP network.  Hilary Millar 19/11/2024

REMINDER	PHS Health Protection Alert
 PHS Public Health Protection.pdf Attached	Please find attached for respective circulars (CPDT and PS weekly thank you)!: <p><b>Norovirus: Potential impact of a change in norovirus genotype this winter</b></p> <p>Due to changes (impact not yet fully understood) in norovirus circulating genotype, there may be an exceedance in norovirus cases in Scotland this winter.</p> <p>Please see attached Public Health Scotland alert for full information.</p> <p>Nathan Burley 19/11/2024</p>

REMINDER	Greener Primary Care - Sustainability
	<p>NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde's have created a Sustainability webpage – here you can find information on sustainability areas of focus. <a href="#">Sustainability - NHSGGC</a>. By working together to achieve a more sustainable organisation, we can realise NHSGGC's board objectives (better care, better value, better workplace and better health) whilst contributing to the health and wellbeing of our patients, staff, communities and local environment – both now and in the future.</p> <p><b><a href="#">NHSGGC Climate Change and Sustainability Strategy 2023-2028</a></b> In response to the Scottish Government launching “A Policy for NHS Scotland on the Climate Emergency and Sustainable Development (DL 38)” this strategy was developed to encompass NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde's medium term sustainability objectives (2023 – 2028) as a platform to build on for the longer term 2038 and 2040 targets. These targets are embedded objectives in the Annual Delivery Plan (ADP) and Medium Term Plan (MTP) planning guidance issued by the Scottish Government.</p> <p>As part of our approach to Greener Sustainable Action, please see our first focus on the <b>Be#GloveAware</b>.</p>



## Be#GloveAware

- Disposable non-sterile gloves have been the most procured personal protective equipment (PPE) items since the start of the pandemic.
- Gloves are single use items that can't be recycled.

### **Disposable non-sterile gloves play a vital role in healthcare – when used correctly they protect staff and patients from potential infection**

- Where there's a risk of exposure to blood, body fluids, broken skin and hazardous drugs and chemicals.
- Remove gloves after caring for a patient.
- Do not wear the same pair of gloves for the care of more than one patient

**However, over-use or inappropriate use of gloves has infection control implications as well as an environmental impact.**

**They are not needed when touching a patient if there's no risk of contact with body fluids, for example:**

- giving vaccinations and clinical observations like blood pressures
- comforting patients, or helping patients eat or drink
- pushing a chair or trolley, or helping patients to mobilise
- doing administrative tasks like using a computer or phone

**By minimising unnecessary glove use, we can reduce waste, cut our impact on the planet, and save money that can be re-invested back into patient care.**

**Be Greener Aware, Be Glove Aware.**

Please share with contractor colleagues.

Should you wish any further details about Greener Primary Care, please contact [Pauline.Atkinson@inverclyde.gov.uk](mailto:Pauline.Atkinson@inverclyde.gov.uk)

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