

Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



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Removal of QV Products from the English Drug Tariff and Scottish Response

Please be reminded that the following items will be removed from the appliance section of the English Drug Tariff Section, effective 1st June, 2024:

- QV Bath Oil – 250ml/500ml
- QV Gentle Wash – 250ml (available on Pharmacy First)
- QV Skin Lotion – 250ml (available on Pharmacy First)

The pre-existing business rule would be that these lines are removed from Part 3 of the Scottish Drug Tariff on the same date as England. However, the 250ml packs of 2 of these products are also listed in the Approved List of the NHS Scotland Pharmacy First Scheme.

These lines will be retained in Part 3 of the Scottish Drug Tariff for a further two months to facilitate patient review in primary care, changes in Board formularies (and subsequent local emollient choices for Pharmacy First) and allow pharmacies an opportunity to run down stockholdings. These lines will cease to be reimbursable for both primary care prescriptions and under the Pharmacy First Scheme, effective 1st August, 2024. Therefore, these lines will not be reimbursed after 1st August 2024.

We recommend you identify your existing repeat patients who receive these products and consider an alternative on the formulary or alternative route of supply. Please note that the 500ml size of both QV lotion and gentle wash will remain on the NHS Scotland PFS Approved list.

If you have any questions, please email: gram.pharmaceuticalcareservices@nhs.scot.

Public Health Protection Alert: Update on Epidemiology, Risk Assessment, Resources and Laboratory Services - Hajj 2024

Please find the attached update on epidemiology, risk assessment, resources and laboratory services in advance of those returning from Hajj 2024. This alert provides travel advice, including vaccination requirements, for UK residents planning to undertake Hajj and highlights the potential risk of importing infectious diseases, including measles, meningococcal disease, Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS), SARS-CoV-2 and influenza in travellers returning to Scotland from Hajj 2024.

Save the Date: Events Diary June 2024

Please find below Grampian's events diary for June 2024:

Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Standards Webinar Session 8 – Community Pharmacy as an Essential Delivery Partner in MAT Tuesday 18 th June 2024, 11am – 12.30pm on MS Teams.	Following the recent publication of the MAT Standards Impact report , a webinar on the impact and implications of the MAT standards on community pharmacy services is scheduled to take place in June which will also be recorded for those unable to attend. Please click the below registration link for more details. Registration: Register here .
Women's Health Champion Lunchtime Seminar: Professor Martha Hickey - Empowering Women to Manage Menopause Wednesday 26 th June 2024 at 12pm - 1pm on MS Teams.	The Scottish Government are hosting a women's health lunchtime webinar on 26 th June with Professor Martha Hickey on Empowering Woman to Manage Menopause. Registration: Register here .

Smoking Cessation

Mouth Spray on PCR Listings of NRT

From tomorrow, 12th June 2024, 'Mouth Spray' will be re added into the list of products available to select in Smoking Cessation. This was a requested change from CPS following feedback from many pharmacy teams.

Smoking Remuneration

Please be reminded that ALL sign ups should have 4 week data submitted, even if they drop out or are unsuccessful. Below is a reminder of all submission times and payments:

Quit attempt event	MDS submission	Remuneration basis
Submission of the MDS information with confirmed quit date (normally first return appointment) £30	To be electronically submitted once the quit-date is confirmed with client. This will form the basis of the timelines for the 4-week and 12-week post-quit date follow-ups.	At the end of each calendar month a count will be made, by Practitioner Services Division (PSD), on the central smoking cessation database of patients for MDS submissions for new quit attempts that meet the validation requirements.
4-week post-quit date £15 <i>This should be performed for every patient who enters the service.</i>	To be electronically submitted immediately after the 4-week post- quit date and not later than 6 weeks from the confirmed quit-date.	At the end of each calendar month a count will be made, by Practitioner Services Division (PSD), on the central smoking cessation database of patients for MDS submissions for the 4-week stage that meet the validation requirements.
12-week post-quit date £35	To be electronically submitted between 12 and 14 weeks from the confirmed quit-date.,(If the patients quit attempt is known to have failed	At the end of each calendar month a count will be made, by Practitioner Services Division (PSD), on the central smoking cessation database of

	during the period the PCR may be submitted between 10 and 14 weeks.)	patients for MDS submissions for the 12-week stage that meet the validation requirements.
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Public Health Update

Period Poverty Reminder

All pharmacies in Grampian are encouraged to stock free sanitary products.

ABERDEEN:

Order stock from CFINE – email contact: fsp@cfine.org

ABERDEENSHIRE:

Order stock by using this [Online Order Form](#) (once you accept the declaration, more questions will appear). Due to limited capacity within the service to handle orders, where a Pharmacy or Health Centre is unable to hold a large quantity of stock which results in future orders being small and frequent, they will be asked to collect products from one of our Distribution Hubs rather than use the online form. This will be monitored and discussed on an individual basis with each Pharmacy/Health Centre where required.

If you have any queries please contact ourfreeperiod@aberdeenshire.gov.uk.

MORAY:

Online order form in the attachments.

Please also note that there is a free App which identifies many locations where people can pick up free sanitary wear: [PickUpMyPeriod](#).

Community Pharmacy Grampian Facebook Page

Just a reminder that we have a Facebook page linked here: [Facebook](#).

The page mostly draws awareness to varying topics, often in accordance with the NHS Public Health Calendar and hosts posters and information for sharing within your own pharmacies.

We love to share good news stories too so please let us know about any achievements and good practice within your pharmacies.

Community Pharmacy Scotland Round-Up

SWAN2/VOIP Phones

Our colleagues at NHS National Services Scotland (NSS) have written to Independent Pharmacy Contractors to inform them about some issues that have arisen during the switchover to SWAN2...

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NHS Pharmacy First Approved List Update

The Scottish Government have updated the [NHS Pharmacy First Approved List](#) and to follow national prescribing guidance Simple Linctus sugar-free and Simple Linctus Paediatric sugar-free have now been removed from this list...

[Read More](#)

The Happy Place 😊

Random Acts of Connection

Loneliness Awareness Week 2024 takes place from 10th - 16th June. This year's theme, Random Acts of Connection, encourages everyone to increase those simple, everyday moments of connection which help us feel happier, less lonely and increase our sense of belonging. Find ideas here: lonelinessawarenessweek.org/ideas, to practice [#RandomActsOfConnection](https://twitter.com/RandomActsOfConnection).



We would like to continue this section as an opportunity for reward, recognition and good news stories of the teams who read this! Please submit any items for inclusion to:
gram.pharmaceuticalcareservices@nhs.scot

All weekly updates are uploaded to the [CP Grampian website](#).

Remember to like our Facebook page for regular updates: [Community Pharmacy Grampian – NHSG](#)