

Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



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GDPR Breach - Antiviral Service Contact Details

It has been brought to our attention that two community pharmacies breached GDPR on Saturday 15th June 2024, whereby on both occasions a member of the pharmacy's team provided two patients with clinician's personal mobile number to discuss their treatment. These staff obtained the clinicians mobile number from CoPPr, passed these onto patients and advised them to phone the clinicians directly.

Please be reminded that all community pharmacies who issue antiviral drugs to covid +ve patients that any mobile numbers added to CoPPr by clinicians are for professional to professional use only and must not under any circumstances be provided to a patient for them to call a clinician directly.

The pharmacies who breached GDPR have been contacted directly to discuss these breaches with their teams to ensure they do not share any clinician details, as on this occasions the clinicians were off duty. The clinicians will now add "**only for pharmacist contact**" after their personal number when creating scripts in CoPPr with a view to stopping any further GDPR breaches.

Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.

Shortage of Pancreatic Enzyme Replacement Therapy (PERT): Stock Management

Please find the attached information pertaining to supplies of PERT medicines. This is an interim update relating to the management of PERT stocks, further more detailed updates are pending and will be disseminated as soon as they are available.

Controlled Drugs Team Update

Community pharmacies are kindly reminded that if controlled drugs are dispensed or supplied privately on a PPCD(1) or controlled drug requisition form respectively, they are submitted to Practitioner Services (Pharmacy) at National Services Scotland monthly. This requirement allows the totality of controlled drugs provided to be held centrally. To view the HDL(2006)27 circular, [click here](#).

Smoking Cessation

Tobacco and Vapes Bill Update

This proposed legislation would mean that people born after 1st January 2009 would never legally be sold tobacco products. If the Age of Sale legislation were to be successfully implemented across the UK, up to 9.7 million fewer cigarettes would be smoked per day by 2040.

The bill had been successfully voted through during the second reading in The House of Commons with the majority of MPs voting in favour. The bill had also gone through the committee stage, where key witnesses had given evidence.

With the announcement of the General Election, Parliament only had two days to attempt to get through any bills that had not been completed and unfortunately, the Tobacco and Vapes Bill had not progressed far enough through the parliamentary process for this to have been possible, so the bill was not able to receive Royal Assent.

While this is disappointing, it received cross-party support reflecting widespread public support for action and therefore there's an expectation that the key provisions will be supported in the party manifestos and, whichever party wins the election, will commit to including it in their first King's Speech (which outlines their legislative programme).

The scrapping of disposable/single use vapes is still on course for 1st April 2025.

We will keep you updated.

Options for Patients Enquiring About Vaping Cessation

We've had a few similar questions around vaping and so thought it worthwhile reminding you all of the current situation.

The current Service Specification is for TOBACCO smoking only. There is no service specification for vaping cessation at the present time but we believe and hope this will come in due course.

There is only 1 product licensed for vaping – Quickmist. This is **ONLY AVAILABLE TO BUY PRIVATELY OVER THE COUNTER**. No other NRT products can be sold for vaping cessation.

If a patient is looking for support to stop vaping, there are a few signposting options:

- Refer them to the Quit Your Way Service on 0800 84 84 84 who can offer guidance.
- Patients can privately buy Quickmist over the counter - this is the only licensed NRT product for vaping at present
- Vaping cessation help for teens can be found at this website: [Quit Vaping | Smokefree Teen](#). Please be aware it is **not NHS approved**, but it's good and hopefully something similar will come for Scotland in due course.

There's also an App - [Quit Vaping on the App Store \(apple.com\)](#), again, not been approved but has good reviews and a chat support function.

Remember that, although we want to discourage people taking up vaping, it remains a very good aid or switch to stopping smoking tobacco. If someone can switch from tobacco to vaping, it is documented as a smoking quit. If a patient wants to use a vape as a cessation aid to stop smoking tobacco, they should be referred to the Specialist Service/ Healthpoint who can support that choice. Call 08085 20 20 30 (self-referral or professional referral)

We will keep you updated with any changes in supporting vapers to quit.

Public Health Update

Could Your Pharmacy Achieve The Gold Standard Award?

Last June, as a pilot project, we recruited 12 pharmacies around Grampian who worked towards a set criteria to become Gold Standard Pharmacies. These pharmacies were picked due to their existing high standard of service delivery and because they had some lower socio-economic communities within their geographical area. The main focus of the project involved creating an ethos of MEOC (Making Every Opportunity Count) and offering more advanced Public Health services.

We are now recruiting 12 more pharmacies around Grampian to work towards the award, 6 from Aberdeen City and South Aberdeenshire and 6 from Moray and North Aberdeenshire. Participating pharmacies will be awarded a one-off payment of £1K to cover training needs and resource materials.

Attached is the criteria you must meet within a 6 month period with support from your Public Health Practitioner. If you think you can meet all the objectives and would like to create an ethos of MEOC in your pharmacy, then please send an email FAO Suzanne and Denise to: gram.pharmaceuticalcareservices@nhs.scot.

Please include:

- Name of Pharmacy and branch
- Name of Lead Pharmacist Prescriber
- Name(s) of potential nominated Public Health Champion(s)
- A very brief summary of why you'd like to achieve this award

As this is a Public Health initiative, if we have an overwhelming response, pharmacies will be chosen based on lower SIMD locations and the average amount of smokers signed up in the last year.

The closing date is 28th June 2024 and you will be alerted if successful by 5th July 2024.

Public Health Service Poster Campaigns 2024/25

You should have received the attached PCA(P)(2024)10 circular regarding the pending poster campaigns which are a mandatory part of the core Public Health services. The campaign topics and timings for 2024/25 are being finalised and further details will be shared in advance of each campaign. Please ensure to take note of these details and display posters when they arrive in the mail to support the national campaigns.

Community Pharmacy Scotland Round-Up

NSS Cumulative Statements

NSS have confirmed that the final cumulative statements have all been sent to contractors detailing information about payments received by contractors during the nDCVP implementation and resultant estimated payment process...

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Women's Health Champion Lunchtime Seminar: Professor Martha Hickey - Empowering Women to Manage Menopause

The Scottish Government are hosting a women's health lunchtime webinar on the 26th of June with Professor Martha Hickey on Empowering Women to Manage Menopause...

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The Happy Place 😊

Clean Air Day

Clean Air Day is marked on 20th June 2024, which is the ideal chance to focus our attention on air pollution, improving our understanding of air pollution and increasing levels of pollution-busting actions such as walking, wheeling and cycling. For more information, [click here](#).



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

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