

Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



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Pharmacy First FAQ's

Over the next few weeks we will have standing section in our PCS weekly update dedicated to all things Pharmacy First which will include some of your FAQ's. If you have any queries around the service, please do not hesitate to contact us. This week the attached FAQ document focuses on Scabies, PF claiming and the PF approved list.

Reminder of the Pharmacy First Communication letter sent to all contractors by NHSG Director of Pharmacy on 12th June also attached to this email for your reference.

Pharmacy First section of our [CP Grampian website here](#).

Updates to Primary Care Antimicrobial Empirical Guidelines

Impetigo: local antibiotic treatment recommendations have been removed and replaced with direct links to [NICE Guideline 153: Impetigo: antimicrobial prescribing](#) and [Clinical Knowledge Summaries \(CKS\): Impetigo](#).

Please note that **hydrogen peroxide 1% cream** is now recommended first line for treatment of non-bullous impetigo in people who are not systemically unwell or at high risk of complications and has been added to the NHS Grampian Formulary. NICE reported that hydrogen peroxide 1% cream was as effective as a topical antibiotic for treating impetigo and the long-term benefits of switching to hydrogen peroxide and reducing the risk of antimicrobial resistance associated with topical antibiotics outweighed the additional prescribing costs.

Hydrogen peroxide 1% cream prescribing information is available in the [Summary Product of Characteristics](#) and the [CKS website](#). It is included in the NHS Pharmacy First Scotland Approved List. For more details on this change please refer to this [PrescQIPP newsletter](#).

[MRSA decolonisation for adults, children and neonates](#): new section with link to hospital guidance.

If you are accessing these guidelines via the mobile Right Decisions app you need to have re-installed the toolkit: 'Antimicrobial prescribing: NHS Grampian, NHS Orkney and NHS Shetland' after 25th April 2024. Any queries, please email gram.antibioticpharmacists@nhs.scot.

Smoking Cessation

Specialist Smoking Service/Healthpoint

Please be reminded if a patient has had 2 unsuccessful attempts with pharmacy, you should refer them onto the specialist service. You can refer them yourself or they can self-refer – call 08085 20 20 30 or email gram.healthpoint@nhs.scot.

Healthpoint have some great animations, covering different aspects of the benefits to stopping smoking, they briefly mention pharmacy support too:

- [Stop Smoking - Health Benefits \(youtube.com\)](#)
- [Stop Smoking - Medical Support \(youtube.com\)](#)
- [Stop Smoking - Mental Health Benefits \(youtube.com\)](#)
- [Stop Smoking - Financial Benefits \(youtube.com\)](#)

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.

MedWatch Newsletter – June 2024

Please find attached the MedWatch June Newsletter. This edition includes shared learning and practical advice for clinical areas storing medicines at ambient temperatures – temperature excursions.

Community Pharmacy Scotland Round-Up



Courier Bags - Gyle Square Address

The new scanning centre is now fully operational at the Gyle now, of which your Parcel Force bags are pre-labelled for:

[Read More](#)

Disclosure of Rape or Sexual Health - Guidance for Healthcare Professionals

Our colleagues at the Scottish Government have asked us to disseminate the following information to pharmacy teams:

[Read More](#)



The Happy Place 😊

Positive Feedback – Dickies Pharmacy, Summerhill

This week we are delighted to provide a shout out to the Summerhill Pharmacy team, following positive feedback received from a patient. The patient praised Dawn, Karen, and the pharmacy team for being exceptionally kind, welcoming and helpful during a difficult time and expressed they are incredibly grateful for the teams support. Well done to all at Dickies Summerhill! 😊

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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