

Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



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Non-Medical Prescribers Barcoded Prescription Forms - Vision

Please be reminded if you receive a prescription from a non-medical prescriber these should be processed routinely as you would any other barcoded GP10. Nurse prescriptions are no longer required to be printed on lilac paper. We have had reports of patients presenting nurse prescriptions, printed on orange GP10 paper, to community pharmacies and supplies refused.

For information, the below communication was distributed on 24th February 2023:

“As part of GP IT Re-provisioning new functionality will be delivered to all Vision GP practices. This will first take place at pilot sites on 27th February and will be rolled out to all w/c 6th March. These changes will enable non-medical prescribers to issue and print a barcoded prescription form. Please note these cannot be electronically claimed for at present until further re-configuration.

Pharmacy Information: If you receive a prescription from a non-medical prescriber these should be processed routinely as you would any other barcoded GP10. Nurse Prescribers will continue to use GP10n scripts until supplies cease, these barcoded GP10n forms should be processed same as a barcoded GP10. OOH service non-medical prescribers are already issuing barcoded prescriptions. The 6th digit on the new barcodes will indicate the type of prescriber i.e.:

W- Nurse prescriber
X-Pharmacists
Y- Other NMP”

Finding a Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP)

We have recently received an increase of enquiries from pharmacists, looking for a DPP to support them through independent prescribing courses. Unfortunately, we are unable to help pharmacist IP trainees find a DPP.

We would advise you try to build relationships with local clinicians in your area of practice in the hope that this will lead to positive outcomes. Please try current IP pharmacists within your own organisation, and pharmacy networks. We hope with time that the number of pharmacist DPP's will increase, making it easier for IP trainees to find a DPP.

The below links may be helpful:

- [Section 4: Designated Prescribing Practitioner | Turas | Learn \(nhs.scot\)](#)
- [Finding a DPP | Turas | Learn \(nhs.scot\)](#)
- [DPP competency framework | RPS \(rpharms.com\)](#)

Save the Date: Training Events

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| Migraine Management Workshop | Wednesday 18 th September 2024, 19:00-21:00 | Find the attached flyer for NHS Grampian's virtual workshop on improving migraine recognition, diagnosis and treatment. |
| NES Community Pharmacy Learning Together Webinar: Migraine Management | Tuesday 24 th September 2024, 19:00 - 20:00. | <p>This webinar will introduce the "partnering with pharmacy teams to improve migraine management" project and provide guidance to pharmacy staff as to the assessment, support and management of people living with migraine in line with the Scottish National Headache Pathway.</p> <p>To book onto the workshop visit the Community Pharmacy Learning Together: Migraine Management on Turas Learn, or click the link on the attached flyer.</p> |
| NHS Grampian Non-Medical Prescribing Conference | Tuesday 1 st October and Wednesday 2 nd October 2024. | <p>Please find the attached programme for the upcoming Non-medical prescribing virtual conference.</p> <p>The conference is open to all staff and we encourage attendance at some of the sessions as the program is very relevant to pharmacy. Please click on the session name in the programme below to book your place or search NMP Conference 2024 via TURAS. If you have any difficulties, please contact gram.acateam@nhs.scot.</p> <p>Booking for ALL sessions closes on Friday 27th September at 12 noon.</p> |

Public Health Update

Aberdeen Protects App

In addition to holding Naloxone supplies within your pharmacies and being competent to administer it (<https://learn.nes.nhs.scot/70968>), a new App has been developed which you may wish to share within your communities.

The Aberdeen Protects App was developed in partnership by Aberdeen City Council and the Aberdeenshire Alcohol and Drugs Partnership (ADP), Alcohol and Drugs Action (ADA), lived experience from Aberdeen in Recovery, NHS Grampian and Aberdeen City Health and Social Care Partnership which aims to promote the uptake and use of Naloxone.

The app can be used for naloxone training and discussion points with service users - we can all reduce harm by understanding the risks and how to respond. Please find the attached poster which includes more information and QR codes to download the App for Apple and Android devices.

The App allows people to:

- Find nearest stockists of naloxone
- Videos on how to use naloxone and respond to an overdose
- Understand signs and symptoms of overdose
- Harm reduction advice
- Order postal naloxone kits online
- Links to support services
- Links to national drug alerts
- Local push notifications of drug alerts, harms and local support

The App links to all community pharmacies that are signed up to level 1 SLA - including all pharmacies of the national SLA for emergency naloxone availability and local SLA for naloxone supply to people at risk (a requirement for all pharmacies signed up to level 1).

Smoking Cessation Update

Smoking and Vaping Pathways

Please find the attached PDF to print for easy reference.

Community Pharmacy Scotland Round-Up

Access to the Knowledge Network

NHS Scotland employees and contractors are eligible for an account to access the range of resources available through the Knowledge Network...



Reminder: Discontinuation of Print Copies of BNF & BNFC and how to Access them Online

Reminder here of the discontinuation of the print copies of the BNF and BNFC, with information as to how to access the online copies...

The Happy Place ☺

Mental Health Festival 7th October – 12th October 2024

The Healthy Minds and City Libraries teams have worked together to organise “I’m Fine” mental health festival. The weeklong festival opens on Monday 7th October and includes talks, an exhibition, workshops and information stalls. Read more here: [Mental health festival free to attend | Aberdeen City Council](#).



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:
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