

Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



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Pharmacy First Plus Independent Prescribing – Amended MOU and Rota Submission

If you are an independent prescriber working in NHS Grampian, please keep an eye on your emails this week as we will soon be sending out a revised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and revised procedures relating to payments. This revision will require review and an email response to accept the new terms for all Independent Prescribers.

NHS Grampian holds a distribution list for all Independent Prescribers, however if you have not received a communication in relation to the above before Friday 11th October, please contact us.

SUS Patients as Inpatients

Please can we ask that all community pharmacies ensure they receive a notification of discharge from hospital before making any further supplies to a SUS patient that they know has been admitted. There is a process that must be followed by the hospital, to ensure notification of the discharge to the patient's community pharmacy, therefore please ensure you withhold any supplies when you have been notified that one of your SUS patients is in hospital.

We have had a recent incident whereby an SUS patient left their ward at the hospital to go outside to smoke, however during this time presented at the community pharmacy and managed to obtain supplies of his usual instalment prescription. The community pharmacy believed, as the patient had presented to them in the pharmacy, that they must have been discharged from hospital. However, they had not and subsequently returned to their ward and continued to get medication supplied there too.

Please ensure you have always had confirmation from the hospital that know inpatients have been discharged, before supplying any further medication to them.

Amendments to the Drug Tariff - Remuneration & Reimbursement Arrangements

Please see important circular advising community pharmacy contractors of the amendment arrangements listed in Part 7 of the Drug Tariff (generics) along with the Part 7 discount clawback rate for the financial year 2023/24. Headline elements of the funding package for 2024/25:

- The remuneration Global Sum will be reset for 2024/25 at £232.705m, an increase of 6% on the previous year and sets the baseline figure for 2025/26.
- The non-Global Sum shall roll forward at its current level set at £1.3m.
- The continued mapping of funding from Part 7 (generic) Drug Tariff as guaranteed income will remain at £80 million for the financial year. Mapped guaranteed income is not subject to an annual uplift.

Prescription Stationery - CP4/3 Paper Type Change

Please see important circular advising community pharmacy contractors of changes to NHS prescription stationery for the CP4/3 prescription form. This circular advises on the introduction of the ePharmacy CP4/3 form which allows community pharmacies to manage and deliver pharmacy-led services from their Patient Medication Record (PMR) system. This replaces the hand-written CPUS form.

MCR Instalment Claiming

Reminder endorsement/claims for the MCR service must be all electronic and any handwritten endorsements will not be processed.

Electronic claims should be sent every time the patient collects their medication for the items supplied. It is not good practice to stock pile claims. This is important not only to ensure prompt payment, but also to ensure accurate information is contained within the GP IT clinical system and the Emergency Care Summary (ECS).

Q: Does the pharmacist add endorsements to the paper copy?

A: No, endorsement/claims must be all electronic for Serial Prescriptions. Any handwritten endorsements will not be processed.

Q: Why is there a need to claim at point of collection and not at point of dispensing?

A: This is to ensure accurate information on what has been provided to the patient and the date of the collection. The claim message triggers information to the GP IT clinical system which in turn will update ECS.

If the above claimant guidance is not followed this will lead to further investigation and work for both the Payment Verification team and your pharmacy.

Teach and Treat Hubs

Please be reminded of the attached Common Clinical Conditions Teach and Treat Hub application form. NHS Grampian has two T+T Hub at Buchanhaven Pharmacy Peterhead led by Sam and Charles Michie's Pharmacy Laurencekirk led by Matthew.

This training hub resource may be utilised by both newly qualified prescribers and previously inactive prescribers, who have picked up their pads to provide the Pharmacy First Plus service.

Feedback reports it to be a really positive experience for both clinical skills, reassurance and practical top tips that will help at any stage of a community pharmacy independent prescribers' journey. NES plan to gather this feedback more formally via a post attendance survey. If you have any questions or wish to arrange a visit to the hub, please email gram.pharmaceuticalcareservices@nhs.scot

NHS Grampian- Annual Review

Each year, NHS Grampian's performance is reviewed. This year's Annual Review will be led by Maree Todd MSP, Minister for social care, mental wellbeing and sport. Ms Todd will be supported by Caroline Lamb, director general and chief executive of NHS Scotland. Members of NHS Grampian Board and executive leadership team will also be present.

There is an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions to the panel. More information can be found at: www.nhsgrampian.org/annual-review

Please promote using the attached posters within your pharmacy and on social media.

Save the Date: Training Events

Blood Borne Viruses (HIV, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C) and Sexual Health Q&A for Pharmacy Staff	Wednesday 13 th November 2024, 7pm – 8pm	This informal and non-clinical session will cover local data, risk factors for BBVs, prevention, testing, treatment and resources as well as giving you up to date information about the services available to your patients. Find the attached link to join: https://teams.microsoft.com .
2024 Grampian Palliative & End of Life Care Network Professional Conference	Wednesday 20 th November 2024 at Aberdeen Altens Hotel, Cove	Please see the attached programme and workshop brochure for further details, including the registration link via Eventbrite. If you have any queries, please contact: gram.mcn@nhs.scot .

Public Health Update

Ask for ANI Scheme to Cease

From 4th November the ASK FOR ANI scheme will no longer be available in Community Pharmacies. Ask for ANI was created to address the specific challenges faced by domestic abuse victims during the COVID-19 pandemic. With pandemic measures lifted, the scheme will conclude. However, Safe Spaces scheme will continue in over 6,000 Pharmacies, Banks and Building Societies across the UK.

To find out how you can continue to provide a Safe Space in your community pharmacy, or sign up to the Safe Spaces scheme, [click here](#).

NES Pharmacy Update: October 2024

Please [click here](#) to view the October 2024 issue of the NHS Education for Scotland (NES) Pharmacy Update which includes community pharmacy workforce survey 2024, prescriber database update, NES pharmacy podcast, resources and upcoming events.

Community Pharmacy Scotland Round-Up



Complete and Return the Community Pharmacy Workforce Survey 2024

Reminder for Independent Community Pharmacies: Have you captured and submitted your workforce data for the week of Sunday 8th September - Saturday 14th September 2024? The submission deadline is Friday 11th October 2024—don't miss it!

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October 2024 Update - NHS Pharmacy First Scotland Approved List of Products

There has been an update to the NHS Pharmacy First Scotland Approved List...

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The Happy Place 😊



Congratulations to Lindsey at Buchanhaven Pharmacy who, after a lot of hard work, has joined the Pharmacy Technician Register.

Please remember 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](#)