

# Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



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## ADHD Medicines Shortage Update

Please find attached V3 of the NHS Grampian ADHD statement. The content of this statement has been reviewed and this principles remain the same due to the ongoing stock situation as well as ongoing patient pathway discussions. This will be reviewed again by 1<sup>st</sup> February 2025.

## Public Health Service Updated Service Documentation for Emergency and Bridging Contraception

The attached circular advises Health Boards and community pharmacy contractors of an updated Patient Group Direction (PGD) that is to be implemented for the provision of desogestrel as bridging contraception. It also encloses updated service specifications for both the emergency hormonal contraception (EHC) and bridging contraception (BC) services as well as supporting guidance.

## Planet Friendly Inhalers

NHS Grampian has introduced a traffic light system for GPs and other health care professionals highlighting the carbon footprint of inhalers. Please find the attached document for more information.

## #MedSafetyWeek, 4<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024

#MedSafetyWeek this year runs from 4<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> November and is an annual social media campaign by the medicines regulatory bodies around the world with the aim to promote reporting adverse drug reactions, which in the UK is via the yellow card. This year the theme is **'the importance of using medicines in the right way to prevent side effects, and to report side effects when they do occur'**.

The website for the MHRA is [here](#) and they have a [resources page](#) (not yet updated for 2024) which has a variety of posters and videos that can be downloaded and displayed.

Leaflets about the yellow card scheme can be requested from the [Yellow Card Centre Scotland](#).

Follow the MHRA on social media to find out more during 4<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> November.

## Public Health Update

### Sexual Health Training Sessions – November 2024

There are 2 upcoming training opportunities in November for those interested in sexual health:

Introduction to Sexual Health, MS Teams	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2024, 9am – 12pm.	Please find the attached flyer with information to register.  If you have any queries, please contact: <a href="mailto:gram.srhtraining@nhs.scot">gram.srhtraining@nhs.scot</a>
Blood Borne Viruses (HIV, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C) and Sexual Health Q&A for Pharmacy Staff	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> 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: <a href="https://teams.microsoft.com">https://teams.microsoft.com</a> .

## Community Pharmacy Scotland Round-Up



PCA(P)(2024)28 - Financial Package 2024-25 for Community Pharmacy

This circular sets out to community pharmacy contractors the details of the community pharmacy funding arrangement for 2024/25.

[Read More](#)

PCA(P)(2024)29: Update to CP4/3 Forms

This Circular advises community pharmacy contractors of changes to NHS prescription stationery for the CP4/3 prescription form.

[Read More](#)



## The Happy Place 😊

### World Pharmacy Technician Day, 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Today we celebrate World Pharmacy Technician Day! Thank you to all Pharmacy Technician's for your hard work and professional dedication, you are a vital part of delivering the high quality patient care provided by pharmacy teams.



***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](mailto:gram.pharmaceuticalcareservices@nhs.scot).***

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