

Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



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MHRA Safety Guidance, Insulin Pumps and Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM) Equipment

Please find the attached information from the Incident Reporting & Investigation Centre regarding Insulin pumps and continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) equipment: guidance for users on reporting suspected adverse incidents and safety concerns to the Yellow Card scheme.

Product Recall: Medicine Cup 30ml

Please find attached the product recall notification for Medicine Cup 30ml, Supplier Product Code: AM021.

ACTION: Due to the nature of this issue and potential risk to patients, supply of this item has been suspended pending ongoing investigations. All current stock both at the NDS and supplier is affected and is now quarantined. All NHS Scotland Health Boards are asked to carry out immediate stock checks on the 30ml medicine measures for this flash condition and quarantine affected stock.

Areas with affected stock should **contact NHS Grampians Procurement department via gram.logscustserv@nhs.scot** to arrange for stock to be collected and quarantined at Central Stores. **Do not contact National Procurement directly.**

When contacting Procurement please put **PR390** in your subject heading and state that you order stock from the Primary Care Stores. You must list the amount you have for collection. A cover sheet will be issued to you and NHS Grampians transport department will collect.

You will need to make a normal request to the Primary Care stores to receive suitable replacements.

#MedSafetyWeek, 4th - 10th November 2024

#MedSafetyWeek this year runs from 4th - 10th 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 4th-10th 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 st November 2024, 9am – 12pm.	Please find the attached flyer with information to register. If you have any queries, please contact: gram.srhtraining@nhs.scot
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 . We hope as many of you as possible can attend the session, please note it is NOT just for trained pharmacists but for all staff, especially Public Health Champions!

Community Pharmacy Scotland Round-Up



PCA(P)(2024)30 - Updated Documentation for Emergency and Bridging Contraception

This Circular advises community pharmacy contractors of an updated Patient Group Direction (PGD) that is to be implemented for the provision of desogestrel as bridging contraception...

Keep Antibiotics Working Campaign

Our colleagues at Scottish Government have asked us to share the 'Keep Antibiotics Working' Campaign, which aims to promote safe and sustainable antibiotics use ahead of this year's World Antimicrobia



The Happy Place 😊

This week, we wish to provide a shout out to Emma from Websters Tarves who completed Medicine Counter Assistant training, and Zara from Peterhead, who has qualified as a Dispensary Assistant! Huge congratulations 😊



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](#)