

Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update

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Out of Hours Direct Referral / Redirection

Please ensure that all members of your pharmacy team, including any locum/ relief/ weekend staff, are fully informed of the referral process used in NHS Grampian as detailed on the attached document. We are aware that a national version was previously uploaded onto the NHS Grampian website, but this is the one used within NHS Grampian.

Prescribing Guidance for ADHD in Children and Adolescents

Please find attached the recently approved and finalised **prescribing guidance for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder in children and adolescents (between their 6th and 18th birthdays) in NHS Grampian, Version 4.**

ADHD Shortages – Updated Shortage Documentation

Please find linked below an updated information sheet regarding ongoing 12 hour methylphenidate shortages and patient information sheet.

- ADHD 12 hour prep shortage: [shortage_methylphenidatemr.pdf](#)
- ADHD 12 hour prep shortage PIL: [PIL - ADHD medicine shortages](#)

As a reminder, this guidance relates to the 12 hour preparations only which are in a known shortage situation. It does not cover the 8 hour preparations (I appreciate there are intermittent challenges with some brands of these). Clinicians may request prescribing of 8 hour preparations for patients where 12 hour are not available.

Revised Deadline for November Claim Submissions

This is to advise that similar to previous years, PSD will be making earlier payments in December, as a result NHS Grampian are required to submit payment figures at an earlier date. As a result of this PCCT require claim submissions to be received no later than **12pm on Friday 6th December**. Claims received after this time will be processed the following month.

Community Pharmacy Controlled Drugs Incidents, April – September 2024

The CD team at NHS Grampian have been reviewing reported CD incidents over a 6 month period. Please read the attached report and advice provided carefully, there are some interesting trends to note, which also details the most common types of incidents reported were and the most common drugs involved.

Request for Information: Truss Network

As requested in last week's newsletter, please could we ask all community pharmacies who offer measuring and fitting for Trusses to please email: gram.pharmaceuticalcareservices@nhs.scot, if you have not done so already. We would like to review current providers in Grampian following requests from Primary care teams.

As a reminder, please [click here](#) to view payments for the service.

World Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Week: Campaign Assets Update

World Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Week takes place from 18th – 24th November 2024. We all have a responsibility to tackle this urgent global health threat and World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week is an ideal opportunity.

The campaign assets for WAAW have been updated in the last few days to include more social media assets with the strapline 'talk to your pharmacist'. Please [click here](#) for more information.

Migraine Management Update

Migraine Project Survey

We Need Your Feedback! As part of our projects commitment to support and empower pharmacy staff, we are conducting a one-year follow-up survey to evaluate the impact of the eLearning and workshop sessions developed by the **Partnering with pharmacy teams to improve migraine management** project. These training programs were designed to upskill pharmacy staff in managing and supporting patients with migraine, ensuring they have the latest knowledge and tools at their disposal.

By participating in this survey, you will help us measure the effectiveness of the training and understand its real-world impact on your daily practice. Your feedback will provide valuable insights into how these sessions have improved patient care, increased your confidence in managing migraine cases, and contributed to better health outcomes.

Please take a few minutes to complete the [survey](#) using this link or by scanning the attached QR code and share your experiences. The survey closes at midnight on Sunday 24th November. Your participation is crucial in helping us continue to improve and support our pharmacy staff. Thank you for your valuable input!

Smoking Cessation

Common PCR Error

When you are putting NRT information into PCR, **please do not put UNKNOWN**. It creates an error and may affect payment. You should know which NRT product(s) your patient is taking but if there is a reason you do not, please enter NONE. This is not ideal for data collection so only use this in unavoidable circumstances. Many thanks in advance for your support with this.

Varenicline

You may have seen that Varenicline has been reintroduced but, as yet, is not available to use as part of the smoking cessation programme in Scotland.

Realistically it will be into next year that we receive the updated PGD, which is currently being updated at a national level and staff will require some training on it once finalised. We may also need to wait until enough stocks become available.

In the meantime, we advise that you continue to use the NRT products available as part of the 12 week programme. We'll keep you posted as things evolve.

Community Pharmacy Scotland Round-Up



Asthma and Allergy Foundation Work to Raise Awareness and Seek Community Pharmacy Assistance

Our colleagues at Asthma and Allergy Foundation (AAF) are looking to raise awareness of the work that they do, as well as how Community Pharmacy can help support the rapid treatment of pupils at school...



NES TURAS Training - Common Clinical Conditions

We have had some requests for the details of the TURAS resources on Common Clinical Conditions.

[Link here!](#)

[Common Clinical Conditions](#) | [Turas](#) | [Learn \(nhs.scot\)](#)

Next Pharmacy Poster Campaign - Right Care Right Place

The Right Care Right Place campaign launches this week with campaign assets now available for use across partner channels...

Only go to A&E if you need urgent medical care for a critical emergency



The Happy Place 😊 World Diabetes Day

World Diabetes Day was held on 14th November 2024 to highlight the voices of the diabetes community to open up a conversation around the impact of diabetes stigma and start changing the mind-set.

We're delighted to give a shout out to the staff at Dickies Pharmacy, Summerhill, who dressed all in blue on the day to raise awareness!

More information can be accessed here: <https://www.diabetes.org.uk/>.



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.

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