

Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update

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NHS Grampian Continuous Glucose Monitor Position Statement Update

Please find linked an updated Position Statement relating to the use of Continuous Glucose Monitors (CGM's) within NHS Grampian - [CGM Prescribing in Primary Care - Position Statement](#)

Important points to note for community pharmacies:

- Abbott have advised that the production of FreeStyle Libre[®] 2 sensors will cease, with stocks expected to be exhausted by June 2025.
- The diabetes specialist service and primary care will be working to switch patients to prescribing of FreeStyle Libre[®] 2 **Plus** sensors in the coming months.
- While the new 2 Plus sensors work in the same way and with the same apps, they differ in their duration of wear - with FreeStyle Libre[®] 2 **Plus** sensors being worn for 15 days (versus 14 days with FreeStyle Libre[®] 2).

Actions for community pharmacies:

- Where a patient has been switched to the 2 Plus sensors, ensure patients/carers are made aware of the change in days usage from 14 to 15 days.
- Be alert to the similarities of packaging of the Libre 2 and Libre2 Plus packing - see images below (this has been fed back to Abbott).



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.

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.

SRH Fitters (Coils/Implants) Forum Update Session

Please find attached the Registration Flyer and Programme for the **SRH Fitters (Coils/Implants) Forum Update**, which will be held on **Monday 9 December 2024**, which is being held online via **Microsoft Teams**, for your attention.

A link to the meeting invitation will be issued by Friday 6 December 2024 for those who booked via Turas Learn, so please contact gram.srhtraining@nhs.scot if you have any issues.

New eLearning Module: Menstrual Health

This module was recently published and is available now on Turas Learn: [Menstrual Health Module](#). This resource is free to access and open to all practitioners in Scotland. Please feel free to circulate to your colleagues.

All you need is a Turas Learn account which can be set up [here](#) if you don't already have one. Should you experience any issues when registering, please access the Helpdesk located on the right-hand side of the webpage.

If you complete the module, we would be most grateful if you could complete the evaluation as we are keen to hear your thoughts. Early feedback on the module from an Advanced Primary Care Pharmacist:

"I found the modules very informative and detailed. I liked mix of videos/diagrams to support and how they were set up to allow completion in the individual's preferred order. I completed over several sittings and thought the reflection sections really helped linked how I would use this information in practice. I particularly valued the information on the ethnic and cultural difference in women's health presentations."

A complementary module on **Menopause** is in production, so look out for future communication on this before the end of the year.

NES Pharmacy: DPP Resource Feedback

NES are keen to support individuals develop the knowledge, skills and confidence to undertake the role of designated prescribing practitioner. We have recently developed a [DPP Competency Framework Self Assessment Tool](#) which may be useful to those considering their suitability for the role. To help us understand what other resources and support would be helpful to current and potential DPPs please [click here](#) to complete the short survey.

Public Health Update

Right Care Right Place Campaign

You may have seen the Right Care Right Place campaign on television. You should all receive your posters by the end of the week, please display them prominently in your pharmacy, this is a mandatory government campaign.

If you require a replacement poster, a new mount or an alternative size, these can be requested by email: stockorders.DPPAS@theapsgroup.com.

More information for your patients is available here: [Right care right place | NHS inform](#).

World AIDS Day 2024

World AIDS Day takes place on 1st December each year. It's an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, to show support for people living with HIV, and to commemorate those who have died from an AIDS-related illness.

This year in Grampian we are celebrating World AIDS Day by challenging HIV Stigma which is often caused by lack of knowledge and understanding and so it would be great if your pharmacy could get involved with promotion. [HPAC](#)

For more information, support, how to prevent HIV transmission and where to get tested visit: [NHS Grampian Sexual Health Service](#).

Please be reminded that we are encouraging pharmacies to stock postal BBV testing kits to give to patients. Anyone can also order a free blood borne virus testing kit to be sent to their home via email: gram.bbvpostaltesting@nhs.scot or call 08085 202030 and ask for a kit to be sent out.

Local patient forum and peer support services for people living with or affected by HIV;

- [Our Positive Voice \(Grampian\)](#)
- [Four Pillars- Positive Peers](#)



Check out the attached PDF BBV leaflet for everything you need to know!

Smoking Cessation Update

Varenicline

Please be reminded that Varenicline has been reintroduced but is not yet 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

PCA(P)(2024)33 - Extension to Serious Shortage Protocols for Ramipril 2.5mg Tablets and Creon® Gastro-resistant Capsules

This Circular advises community pharmacy contractors that the Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) for Ramipril 2.5mg tablets due to expire on 15 November 2024 has been extended until Friday 29 November 2024...



Palliative Care Strategy: Palliative Care Matters for All

This consultation seeks views on eight identified outcomes which describe what good looks like with respect to palliative care services in Scotland. Below is a short explanation of the strategy...

The Happy Place ☺

Scottish Healthcare Awards 2024

We are excited to share that the "Partnering with Pharmacy Teams to Improve Migraine Management" project has won the Innovations in Neurology Award at the Scottish Healthcare Awards 2024! 🏆

Together, we've made significant strides in improving migraine management and enhancing patient care.

Remember there is a TURAS course specifically for pharmacy [here](#) and more information about migraine is available [here](#).



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](#)*