

Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



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For Action: Travel Health – Private Provision

As detailed within the attached letter sent to all community pharmacies on 13th December, the public health team are currently finalising the website that will be available for the new travel health service following cessation of the service in community pharmacies on 31st January 2025. They would like to be able to signpost patients to pharmacies who are offering private travel health services.

Please be reminded to notify us at gram.pharmaceuticalcareservices@nhs.scot if you wish to be included on the website and to tell us that you are offering a private service by noon on **Friday 20th December 2024**.

Coming Soon – Green Bag Relaunch

NHS Grampian's Realistic Medicine team are supporting the relaunch of the Green Bag scheme. This is to encourage patients to bring their own medication into hospital which has multiple benefits including:

- Encouraging patient independence to continue self-managing their medication
- Improving medication reconciliation
- Reduction of waste from re-dispensing medicines unnecessarily
- Reduction of prescribing errors and missed doses
- Speedier admissions and discharge process
- Improving communication between the different professionals involved in one person's care

This will be relaunched in the New Year. Community pharmacies will receive some promotional materials and a small stock of green bags to issue to patients. This will come with ordering instructions to allow further bags to be ordered (via the resources database). Further information will follow, in the meantime please direct any queries to gram.realisticmedicine@nhs.scot.

NES Pharmacy: Physical Assessment Skills Training

Over the last 12 months, NES have been supporting a network of Designated Supervisor's (DS) to increase their confidence in the use of physical assessment skills and their ability to assess trainee pharmacists utilising these skills in practice.

NES have a further 5 Physical Assessment Skills training sessions running between January – March 2025, with many current community pharmacist DS's registered to attend. NES are able to extend an invite to these sessions to any community pharmacists who are looking to take on the role of a Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP) and feel this training would support them to do so.

If you are interested, please [click here](#) to complete the short form. Spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis. To support the planning process, we require a response no later than **18th December 2024**. NES will aim to confirm places by Friday 20th December 2024.

Smoking Cessation Update

Smoking Cessation Services Patient Information Leaflet

Please be reminded of the attached new Smoking Cessation Services Patient Information Leaflet which should be printed or emailed to all news sign ups.

Community Pharmacy Scotland Round-Up



Are You Providing the Daffodil Standards?

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS) are looking for community pharmacy teams in Scotland who have adopted the Daffodil Quality Improvement Standards for Community Pharmacy.

Consultation Response: Development Pathways for Pharmacy Technicians and Pharmacy Support Staff

The National Pharmacy Technician Group Scotland (NPTGS) are seeking responses from pharmacy teams, working in all sectors across Scotland, on their proposed development pathways for pharmacy technicians and pharmacy support staff...



The Happy Place 😊

This week, we wish to provide some shout-outs to the following community pharmacy teams. Keep up the good work everyone!

- Congratulations to Buchanhaven who helped Santa in raising money for the Scottish Cot Death Trust.
- Looking fabulous in their Christmas jumpers are the staff at Websters King Street, Davidsons Ballater and Portsoy.
- Huge well done to Lewis and Lucy at Gardner Pharmacy who have been utilising "Helf The Elf" in raising awareness of public health issues, great initiative!



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](#)