

Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



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PCA(P)(2024)35, PCA(P)(2024)36, and PCA(P)(2024)37 – Serious Shortage Protocols (SSPs) for Estradot (Estradiol) Transdermal Patches

Please find attached three NHS PCA(P) circulars advising that Serious Shortage Protocols are in place for several Estradot® (Estradiol) products:

- PCA(P)(2024)35 – Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) for Estradot® (Estradiol) 50 micrograms / 24 hours transdermal patch
- PCA(P)(2024)36 – Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) for Estradot® (Estradiol) 75 micrograms / 24 hours transdermal patch
- PCA(P)(2024)37 – Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) for Estradot® (Estradiol) 100 micrograms / 24 hours transdermal patch

PCA(P)(2024)38 and PCA(P)(2024)39 – Serious Shortage Protocols (SSPs) for cephalexin 125mg/5ml and 250mg/5ml Oral Suspension Sugar Free

Please find attached two NHS PCA(P) circulars advising that Serious Shortage Protocols are in place for cephalexin 125mg/5ml and 250mg/5ml oral suspension sugar free.

- PCA(P)(2024)38 – Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) for cephalexin 125mg/5ml oral suspension sugar free
- PCA(P)(2024)39 – Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) for cephalexin 250mg/5ml oral suspension sugar free

Mpox Update: PHS Health Protection Alert

Please find attached the PHS Health Protection Alert: Clade 1b Mpox Update - increased risk associated with travel over the festive period.

NHS Grampian Festive Opening Hours and PCS Staffing

All community pharmacy opening hours over the festive period can be viewed via the community pharmacy website [here](#), which we will also share via our [Facebook](#) page.

Over the next two weeks, the PCS team will be working with reduced staffing levels. There will be no one available on the Public Holidays, 25th and 26th December 2024 and 1st and 2nd January 2025. During this period, please contact gram.gmedurgent@nhs.scot with any prescription related enquiries or follow the PCCT SOP for unplanned closures if your pharmacy has to close unexpectedly.

Migraine Management Events

Navigating Migraine Webinar – 29th January 2025

Navigating migraine: Understanding migraine and accessing Community Support aims to provide knowledge on migraine understanding, treatment and support. Further details of the program and presenters can be found in the attached leaflet - when sharing the assets on social media we would ask that you use the hashtag **#NavigatingMigraine2025**.

Improving Migraine Management Workshop - 5th February 2025

Improving Migraine Management aims to fill knowledge gaps staff have around migraine management. Further details can be found in the attached leaflet.

Community Pharmacy Scotland Round-Up



Matt Barclay's Christmas Message

Join Matt Barclay, CEO of Community Pharmacy Scotland, as he shares his Christmas message to the network. Reflecting on the achievements of the year and looking ahead to the opportunities in 2025....



Survey: Pharmacist And Student Pharmacist Perspectives On Cancer Management

We have been asked to highlight this survey about cancer care in the community, being run by undergraduates at Strathclyde University, to our newsletter readers....

Scottish Guidelines For Referral Of Suspected Cancer - Opportunity To Review

Our pharmacy colleagues in the Scottish cancer networks have flagged that the Scottish guidelines for referral of suspected cancer are in the process of being reviewed....



The Happy Place 😊

Our team managed to squeeze in some Festive cheer recently! So you can put a face to our names, we are from left to right: Marie (admin support), Laura (service manager), Suzanne (PH practitioner for City and South), Craig (project support) and Denise (PH practitioner for Moray and North).



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Please note the next weekly update will be distributed on Tuesday 7th January.