



NEWS/OPPORTUNITIES

Notes of Interest for 2024/2025

Seasonal Influenza and Covid Vaccination Community Pharmacy Delivery

We are looking for notes of interest from Community Pharmacies in Lanarkshire who are interested in supporting this winter's NHS Lanarkshire Flu and Covid Vaccination Programme- **We ask that you return these notes of interest by Monday 8th July 2024.** Full details will be outlined in the SLA to follow but some key points are summarised below:

Summary of Key Points: This pilot will be for a period of 10 weeks from October to December 2024. Pharmacies will be asked to deliver both Covid & Flu vaccinations. Pharmacies will be asked to deliver vaccinations within pre - designated 4 hour sessional blocks of 24 appointments per 4 hr session (administering both Covid and Flu vaccines at each 10 minute appointment). We would ideally be looking for a minimum of two x4 hour sessions per week. These sessions can be delivered at a time that most suits the pharmacy operationally, weekend availability is welcomed. Patients will be appointed to the pharmacies - pharmacies will not control the appointment booking system, removing this administrative burden.

Resilience and Reliability: You must ensure you have staffing resilience to cover any vaccination clinics you indicate you can provide and to ensure cover for any planned holiday/staff leave, & have as far as possible reasonable cross cover for unplanned sickness across the 10 weeks (emergencies can be supported) and ensure capacity for vaccine stock ordering and management, fridge capacity and storage requirements. You must consider and plan your capacity to provide this service considering any other services you may provide such as Pharmacy First Plus, which may also require use of premises & the consultation room requirements as below.

Premises Requirements: The consultation room must meet the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) Standards for Registered Premises - <https://www.pharmacyregulation.org/standards/standards-registered-pharmacies>

Training Requirements: All pharmacists delivering flu vaccination must be "vaccine delivery ready" having current and up to date annual immunisation training including anaphylaxis management. This training must have been delivered by a recognised private immunisation training organisation. This training should cover as a minimum:

- Immunisation Training
- Face to face training for injection technique
- Basic life support (including CPR and including administration of adrenaline for anaphylaxis)
- Adrenaline injection for the management of anaphylaxis must be available
- Be competent in drawing & preparing doses from multi dose vials (covid)

Pharmacists providing the service must comply with and sign the SLA and PGD requirements. Pharmacists providing the service must meet National Minimum Standards within the [Public Health Scotland Self appraisal tool](#) in relation to vaccination training and must be compliant with the training requirements within those Standards that apply to Pharmacists providing the service. Pharmacists will also be expected to attend a board run virtual VMT training & Q&A evening. Pharmacists will also be expected to complete TURAS national online modules for flu and covid (2 separate modules) and attend as appropriate any national webinars for vaccinators

To Register Interest If you are interested in supporting this year's delivery and can meet the key competencies outlined above, please email your interest to pharmacy.adminteam@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk by **Monday 8th July 2024**

Virtual Managing Migraine in Community Pharmacy Webinar- *Hold the Date*- Wednesday 11th September.

We are working in partnership with migraine specialists within NHS Grampian & The Migraine Trust, to help improve



community pharmacist's confidence in managing patients whom present to the community pharmacy with migraine symptoms. This is a continuation of a successful project within NHS Grampian, that we are expanding to NHS Lanarkshire. There will shortly be surveys being sent to all pharmacies, to get a sense of everyone's current confidence in managing migraine. These are likely to be sent end of



July to August. This will be followed up by a live webinar on Wednesday 11th September, in the evening, that you can watch from the comfort of your own home. We look forward to working with you all on this.

Enzalutamide SLA information in Operation

The Enzalutamide SLA will remain active and in operation within NHS Lanarkshire- the email sent on 10/6/24 now stands as incorrect. However; the volume of patients coming through the service will start to decrease so please ensure you are not ordering any excess stock. Any prescriptions currently running or due to run over the next few months should be dispensed as normal until further update- You will be notified in due course of the official SLA end date. Many thanks

IP course training funding

At the moment, we have not been notified of funding details for next years IP course for community pharmacies. Once we have any information this will be cascaded to each pharmacies clinical mailbox, advertised via this newsletter, and will be advertised on CP Lanarkshire Website. Many thanks



LET'S CELEBRATE: GOOD NEWS STORIES



We had **two** Lanarkshire award winners at the Scottish Pharmacy Awards 2024!

Well done to both!



Alasdair Macintyre of Burnside Pharmacy was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award for his work and contribution to community pharmacy



Mint Pharmacy in Coatbridge were winners of Innovation in Community Pharmacy Practice Award

PHARMACY FIRST UPDATES

Updates to Pharmacy First Formulary: Please ensure you are up to date with Junes updates to the Pharmacy First Formulary, which can be found here [NHS Pharmacy First Scotland Approved List of Products](#). Main changes where:

- Update to Section 10 Skin to remove QV 85.09% Bath Oil 250 ml pack size, QV Gentle Wash 250 ml pack size and QV Skin Lotion 5% 250 ml pack size from all relevant NHS Board lists. These pack sizes will not be reimbursable effective from 1st August 2024.
- Update to Section 2.2 Cough to remove Simple linctus paediatric sugar free and Simple Linctus sugar free, all pack sizes.
 - This removal is following advice from Area Drugs and Therapeutics Committees Collaborative (ADTCC). Lack of clinical evidence of effectiveness means they cannot support the continued inclusion of these products as treatments available on the NHS, in line with prescribing guidance across the country. Patients presenting with symptoms of a cough can obtain background information on coughs and their clinical management at NHS Inform- If the patient subsequently requires further support, they can still access NHS Pharmacy First Scotland consultations for advice and/or referral where appropriate.

PHARMACY FIRST PLUS + UPDATES

Our next IP Pharmacy First Plus Education Session will be on Wednesday 28th August. At lunchtime, with Dr Mike Coates Medical Director at OOH, delivering a session for our prescribers on managing UTIs that fall out with the PGD. This will be an excellent session, if you're not already on the IP distribution list please see below how to join.

Teach & Treat Pharmacy First Plus Hub Burnside Availability: Teach & Treat hub sessions can be booked at Burnside Pharmacy hub for newly qualified IPs in Lanarkshire. All newly qualified Community Pharmacy IPs from 2022 onwards will have received an email inviting them to book. These sessions are great and can help with confidence building for anyone starting out or looking for advice/support with specific clinical skills. If anyone is unsure or looking for more information please contact maxine.mccabe@nhs.scot.

For any pharmacy interested in starting the pharmacy first plus service, please find information required here: NHS Community Pharmacy Website (scot.nhs.uk)

Pharmacy First Plus IP Peer Review Group in Lanarkshire There is a growth of new pharmacists now undertaking prescribing for the pharmacy first plus service- I wanted to issue a gentle reminder of our own Lanarkshire IP Peer Review Network Group, whom meet quarterly- we often have guest speakers and its useful for linking in with others delivering the service. We are due to meet again soon. If you are not already on the distribution list for this and wish to be, please email myself lauren.gibson@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk to be added.

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