

## Community Pharmacy NHS Lanarkshire 30<sup>th</sup> June Update

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**How can we support pregnant patients during the NovoRapid® PumpCart shortage?** We appreciate there are many shortages across many products at the moment & Community Pharmacy teams are already playing a huge role in managing these and supporting numerous patients accessing and/or source supplies of their medicines. Insulin requirements fluctuate significantly during pregnancy and it is particularly challenging for pregnant patients to be converted back to subcutaneous insulin injections. The Adult Diabetes Service would be extremely grateful if all members of the Community Pharmacy team are made aware of the NovoRapid PumpCare MSAN (attached) and where possible support pregnant patients using the Ypsopump to source the prefilled Novorapid Pumpcarts within Lanarkshire. Suppliers have indicated while limited stock availability, the next delivery to wholesalers should be early July. Please ensure the pharmacy team are keeping an eye on your wholesalers ordering system for product availability. Thank you in advance from the Adult Diabetes service.

**Have you seen the ScriptSwitch for FreeStyle Libre 2 > FreeStyle Libre 2 Plus?** Abbott have confirmed that the previous formulary choice sensor, FreeStyle Libre® 2, will be discontinued and phased out **by the end of August 2025**. The new formulary choice sensor, the FreeStyle Libre® 2 PLUS, replaces the Libre 2 sensors. Please see attached Prescribing Notes June 2025 for more information. Please consider the script switch when reviewing stock levels.

**Are you looking for support in delivering the Smoking Cessation service?** Just a little reminder that the Varenicline PGD went live across Lanarkshire in May. Don't forget within the PGD it outlines training to be completed. We also have our Quit Your Way Pharmacy Support team who can provide individual or group pharmacy support. This support is available to all pharmacy teams whether it be a refresher to the current team or support for a brand new team, QYW Pharmacy support team can come to your branch. For more information or to arrange a support session please see the CP Stop Smoking page; [Stop Smoking Service – NHS Lanarkshire](#)

**How are NHS24 sending communication to Community Pharmacies?** Following some feedback from the Community Pharmacy network, our colleagues at NHS 24 have pulled together the attached summary to explain the two main types of email communication that they regularly send out to pharmacy teams in support of patients.

**Are you aware of the Pharmacy First Scotland Service requirements?** Scottish Government recently release the [PCA\(P\)\(2025\)16](#), outlining the intention of the service and use of NHS Logos. Please ensure all members of the Pharmacy Team are aware of the recent PCA.

**Are you aware of the Right Decisions amendments?**

**Chapter 1: Gastro-Intestinal System > Laxatives > Osmotic Laxatives**  
[Laxatives | Right Decisions](#)

Minor updates to Prescribing Notes within this section.

**Chapter 2: Cardiovascular System > Stable Angina, Acute Coronary Syndromes and Fibrinolytic Drugs > Fibrinolitics**

[Stable Angina, Acute Coronary Syndromes and Fibrinolytic Drugs | Right Decisions](#)

Link to Hyperacute Stroke - Thrombolysis and Thrombectomy Pathway updated.

**Chapter 4: Central nervous System > Drugs Used in Substance Dependence > Alcohol Dependence**

[Alcohol Dependence | Right Decisions](#)

Update to formulary section following Medicines Supply Notification notifying of the ongoing supply issues with branded Pabrinex® Intravenous and Intramuscular High Potency solution for injection ampoules.

**Chapter 7: Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Urinary-Tract Disorders > Drugs for Genito-Urinary Disorders > Drugs for Urinary Frequency, Enuresis and Incontinence > Antimuscarinics (Urinary)**

[Drugs for Urinary Frequency, Enuresis and Incontinence | Right Decisions](#)

Out of stock information updated.

**Chapter 11: Eye > Corticosteroids and Anti-Inflammatory Preparations > Other Anti-Inflammatory Preparations**

[Corticosteroids and Anti-Inflammatory Preparations | Right Decisions](#)

Removal of Otrivine Antistin (Antazoline 0.5% / Xylometazoline 0.05%) eye drops. This product has been discontinued as of April 2025.

**From:** Ellen Jo Fowler (NHS Lanarkshire)

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**Subject:** Community Pharmacy - 16th June Update

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## NHS Lanarkshire

### 16<sup>th</sup> June Update

**Where to send your MAR/MDS claims to?** Please note due to absences, these forms should be sent to [Ewa.Kargul@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:Ewa.Kargul@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk)

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**Have you seen a script for Enzalutamide?** The Systemic anti-cancer treatment (SACT) is a locally commissioned service to a small cohort of pharmacies. If you have not signed up to deliver this service, but receive a script in error from GGC or Lanarkshire Oncology, please **do not dispense the script**. The script should be returned to the patient and/or prescriber.

**What is the difference between a NHS England white prescription vs green prescription?** A NHS England white script is not a valid prescription. This is a transcript copy of the original green script. There was an incident recently in Lanarkshire which involved a patient presenting a white NHS England prescription for CDs. Please share this learning with all members of the pharmacy team.

**Have you taken uncollected scripts off of your shelves?** Don't forget, if a script has been dispensed but not collected, the script should be electronically endorsed as NC. Please remember scripts are valid 6 months from the print/appropriate date. CD scripts are valid for 28 days from the print/appropriate date.

**Have you got your new ECS account?** Don't forget the store ECS account will be closing (these accounts will have your contractor code within the username) and you will need a personal/individual sign on going forward. If you have not yet applied for your new ECS account please email [LANECSAccountAccess@Lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:LANECSAccountAccess@Lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk)

**How many CIPs are delivering the Pharmacy First Plus service across Lanarkshire?** There are 76 prescribers across Lanarkshire. 80% of our prescribers are > 1 year IP qualified, 53% > 2 years IP qualified and 29% > 3 years IP qualified. The board are regularly asked by CP applicants for support in finding a DPP. If you are a CP prescriber and looking to undertake a DPP role for a Community Pharmacist in Lanarkshire, please get in contact [ellenjo.fowler@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:ellenjo.fowler@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk)

**New product available via the Community Pharmacy Naloxone Service!** Please see attached PCA(P)(2025)12 recently distributed by Scottish Government. This PCA outlines an additional product (Naloxone 1.26mg nasal spray unit dose 2 unit dose-the “pebble”) now available for use under the Community Pharmacy Naloxone Emergency service. From October 2023, **ALL** Community Pharmacies should hold Emergency Naloxone as per service specification.

7. The only change to the service specification is to the list of products that may be used for this service. The additional product is now included in the list of products at paragraph 2.7 which are:

- Prenoxad 2mg/2ml Pre-filled Syringe for Intramuscular Injection (first line option). Prenoxad is licensed from 16 years.
- Nyxoid 1.8mg intra-nasal spray (second line option). Nyxoid is licensed from 14 years.
- Naloxone |1.26mg nasal spray unit dose 2 unit dose (second line option). Naloxone nasal spray is licensed from 18 years.

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## NHS Lanarkshire

### 2<sup>nd</sup> June Update

#### **Are you an Independent Prescriber or looking to undertake an IP course?**

Please see attached the *Pharmacy First Plus - June Newsletter* which provides an overview of our CPIPs prescribing activity in January, off formulary prescribing & prescribing decisions to consider further. Peer session invite to follow shortly for July!

**Have you completed the OOH Professional – Professional survey?** The OOHs team are looking to run a training session for Community Pharmacy and are looking for some feedback on the P2P line & any information on how the P2P line could be improved. The [Microsoft Form](#) takes < 5mins to complete.

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**Are you a registered Pharmacy Technician?** Registered Pharmacy Techs can now apply for an individual ECS accounts. The Digital team will send out an application invite shortly, please keep an eye on your clinical mailbox.

**Do you want experience in research?** Strathclyde University are looking for Community Pharmacists to participate in a research project on the development a digital health technology solution (website and/or application) **to support healthcare professionals in the management of chronic pain (Flyer attached – Digital Pain Care Study)**. Healthcare professionals who are interested in contributing to design of the digital health solution as research participants will be asked to take part in 'co-design meetings' on Microsoft Teams with other professionals, to discuss the areas of chronic pain care that could be improved through digital health support and review prototypes. There will be a series of online meetings over the next few months, however participants can take part in as few or as many meetings as they would like/are able to. If you are interested, please email [haruno.mccartney@strath.ac.uk](mailto:haruno.mccartney@strath.ac.uk) or click this link [here](#), which will take you to a short questionnaire which asks about your role, and you will be contacted afterwards.

#### **Are you aware of the recent formulary amendments?**

**Chapter 6**: Endocrine System > Sex Hormones > Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT) for Menopausal Symptoms; **Removal of FEMSEVEN SEQUI® transdermal patch as this has been discontinued.**

**Chapter 13**: Skin > Sunscreens and Camoflagers > Sunscreens; **Addition of Anthelios® Sunscreen Lotion SPF 50+.**

**Chapter 13:** Skin > Emollient and Barrier Preparations > Emollients > Emollients for severe dry skin: preparations containing urea; **Addition of Flexitol 10% Urea cream.**

**Have you seen the new Men B Service Specification?** Please note, the Men B Paracetamol supply service specification has been updated; [\*\*PCA2025\(10\)\*\*](#)

*Who is eligible for supply under this service specification?*

*Babies must meet **all** of the following eligibility criteria to proceed with supply from community pharmacy:*

- *Baby is aged 2 months or older (note that in some cases a baby may appear to be 7 weeks and 6 days due to how the vaccination booking system calculates age. However, these babies are still eligible).*
- *Current or most recent weight of baby known to be over 4kg.*
- *Baby was born at or after 32 weeks of gestation.*

Please ensure that when supplying under this service, you select the correct 'dropdown' on the UCF menu- 'Men B supply'.

**Have you seen an increase in patients requesting blue inhalers?** The [\*\*NICE guidance for the management of Asthma\*\*](#) was updated in November 2024. This revised guidance will see a shift from reliever inhalers alone to a maintenance or combination inhaler. Dr Emily Kennedy will be running a Respiratory Guideline Update webinar online, June 17<sup>th</sup> 730pm. Bookings can be made via [\*\*Pharmacy in Practice.\*\*](#)

Please see attachments:

- Digital Pain Care Study
- Comms regarding switching patients from FreeStyle Libre 2 to 2 PLUS
- Chief Medical Officer Letter regarding GNRH Analogues

Formulary Adherence Report on Ear Health