

Smile4life



Toothbrush Packs Delivery

Pharmacies supporting patients receiving Opiate Replacement Therapy should receive their oral health packs containing toothbrush and toothpaste towards the end of August.

In addition to the toothbrush packs you will also receive the updated flowcharts for patients who require both urgent and non-urgent dental treatment – these can also be found on the community pharmacy website.

Pharmacy staff are encouraged to provide brief information on oral health self care and access to dental treatment to clients. To support this, short 1 hour oral health update sessions can be arranged to equip staff with knowledge and skills to support oral health improvement. Sessions can be delivered to meet the needs of the pharmacy (e.g. within lunch break, releasing a few members of staff).

A range of resources are available to support pharmacies in delivering brief interventions around oral health e.g. leaflets, posters, and dental helpline cards. To access these, or if you have not received the packs or require additional tooth brushing packs, and for further information regarding training, please contact:

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"I felt so proud that someone had taken my advice and we got the outcome we had hoped for when we had initiated the intervention. Although she was very scared and afraid with support and encouragement and regular check-ins we were able to ensure she saw course of treatment through. It is nice to see the change in her- may be coincidental but her methadone dosage has also started to reduce!"

Excerpt from community pharmacy who received S4L training

Update - Prophylactic Paracetamol following Meningitis B vaccination

In October 2015 a national PGD was written and circulated which allowed community pharmacists to dispense 100mls Paracetamol 120mg/5ml sugar-free oral suspension for infants aged 12 months and under as prophylaxis against fever following administration of the Meningitis B vaccination.

This PGD is no longer required as the licensing for Paracetamol 120mg/5ml sugar-free oral suspension has been updated, and it now allows THREE 2.5ml doses of Paracetamol to be administered to infants over a 24 hour period following administration of the Meningitis B vaccination. Product packaging and patient information leaflets have been updated to reflect the change in product licensing.

Community pharmacists in NHS Forth Valley can continue to supply 100mls Paracetamol 120mg/5ml sugar-free oral suspension for infants aged 12 months and under as prophylaxis against fever following administration of the Meningitis B vaccination on prescription. This should be supplied on a CPUS prescription using the Universal Claim Framework (UCF) on your pharmacy PMR system. There is no requirement to submit the paper form to NHS practitioner services as you will be paid via the electronic claim. On rare occasions when you do not have a CHI number for an infant, you can handwrite a CPUS prescription as “**MVP infant paracetamol suspension S/F 120mg/5mL**” and submit the handwritten form to NHS practitioner services for reimbursement.

Please be aware that the service specification states that there is no requirement for an infant to have received the meningitis B vaccine before you supply the Paracetamol suspension- it can either be supplied **BEFORE OR AFTER** vaccination. It is considered good practice for the infant's representative/guardian to provide confirmation of Meningitis B vaccination by presenting the infant's 'Personal Child Health Record' booklet, but failure to do so is not a valid reason for a pharmacist to refuse a supply. The pharmacist must counsel the infant's representative/guardian appropriately, as the three 2.5ml doses of Paracetamol can only be administered following Meningitis B vaccination- this advice does not extend to fever at any other time and in a situation where an infant is otherwise unwell they should not seek delay seeking medical attention.

Further information and the service specification can be found in [PCA \(P\) \(2015\) 25](#)

Good Care Starts with a Conversation

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS) are currently running a campaign encouraging patients to talk to pharmacy staff about their medications.

All pharmacists are encouraged to raise awareness about the positive impacts that day-to-day interactions have in your practice can have by utilising the campaign poster. Copies of the poster are available for downloading for display in various sizes: [A3](#), [A4](#) and [A5](#). Posters can also be ordered by contacting RPS via email at scotinfo@rpharms.com

Community Pharmacy Extension Service Evaluation

The community pharmacy development team are currently working in collaboration with Forth Valley Quality Improvement (QI) to evaluate the Pharmacy First Extension Service.

As part of our evaluation QI have electronically distributed questionnaires to all GP practices in Forth Valley. QI will be extending distribution of questionnaires to all community pharmacies around the end of August.

While we are aware that some pharmacists will have already completed a questionnaire for the national evaluation of the Pharmacy First Service we encourage pharmacists to participate in this local evaluation.

Questionnaires will be sent to your NHSmail Shared Mailbox. Please check your Shared Mailbox regularly. All feedback is welcome and valuable and can help to improve services and address any issues you may have.

Forth Valley PGD Guidance

We are currently working on updating our Forth Valley community pharmacy website and have recently created an additional page for PGD guidance.

[The PGD page](#) provides guidance on PGDs currently operational in Forth Valley as well as a checklist which can be downloaded and printed off to ensure that pharmacists and locums have signed the current versions of all appropriate PGDs.

Links have been included to direct users to the service pages where the additional information on services is provided along with the service specification and the current version of the PGD which can be downloaded.

! OST Rx's Please Check Duration

Prescriptions coming out of substance treatment services are generally for a duration of 28 days. However a number of patients are taking their own prescriptions to pharmacies, these prescriptions will be for 14 days. Please ensure you check the duration of OST scripts that you receive. The duration should be written on the purple PC70 form and on the OST care cards if in use. Please note Opioid Replacement Therapy has now been replaced with Opioid Substitution Treatment.

Dates for Diary—Future Training Events

Hosted By	Name of Event	Date	Venue	Time	PLT	For Information or to Register:
NES	Parkinson's Update	Thursday 6th September 2018	The Grange Manor	7-9pm	NO	https://portal.scot.nhs.uk
Blood Borne Virus Managed Clinical Network	IEP Annual Training: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Bacterial infection & Drug Use ●Blood Borne Virus update ●Tooting v shooting (incl. other routes and methods of drug use) 	Wednesday 3rd October 2018	Stirling Community Hospital Education & Conference Centre Lecture Theatre	Day Event	YES	ann.mcgregor@nhs.net
NES	Falsified Medicines	Monday 23rd October 2018	The Grange Manor	7-9pm	NO	https://portal.scot.nhs.uk
CPS	CPS / Forth Valley AGM	Tuesday 30th October 2018	The Grange Manor	7-9pm	NO	https://portal.scot.nhs.uk
NES	Childhood Illness Update	Thursday 29th November 2018	The Grange Manor	7-9pm	NO	https://portal.scot.nhs.uk

Valproate Risk Minimisation Information

Sanofi have now distributed hard copies of valproate risk minimisation information to all community pharmacies. If you have not received your copy yet, you can request one by emailing Sanofi Medical Information team on uk-medicalinformation@sanofi.com

The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA), the Royal Pharmaceutical Society and the Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP) have also published a video to help with implementing the new 2018 regulatory measures relating to valproate medicines, including the pregnancy prevention programme and regular patient reviews. The video and Information about the risks of taking valproate medicines during pregnancy, are available on the [MHRA website](#).

The RPS Quick reference guide Dispensing valproate for girls and women has been updated to reflect the new information and includes the video, and can be viewed on the [RPS website](#)

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