

# Pharmacy News

## Increasing MAS Formulary Compliance

Following a number of queries regarding the MAS formulary and the Formulary Compliance reports, we will be updating the advice in the 'MAS Pricing Guide and Pricing Rules' section of the introduction to the formulary to remove the specific mention of Clotrimazole Vaginal Tablets to avoid confusion.

This will be replaced with a general statement

- Where a product requires to be prescribed by brand name, this has been indicated in the Formulary, either as:
  - a specific statement to prescribe by a specific brand name, or
  - by indicating the brand name in brackets.

To ensure Formulary Compliance prescribe by **brand name** where a product has a **brand name specified in the formulary**.

Where no brand name is specified, prescribe by **generic name** and ensure that the OTC pack is selected when dispensing/labelling.

## Duty of Candour Reports

It's now been a year since the implementation of the Duty of Candour legislation, and the first annual reports are now due to be completed and published. In NHS Forth Valley, patient relations will not be collating duty of candour data from community pharmacies so it is the responsibility of each contractor to create and publish their own annual report. There is a requirement to publish a report even if there have been no incidents triggering the Duty of Candour in the year being reported.

There is some helpful information on the Community Pharmacy Scotland website (available [here](#)) which outlines the responsibilities for community pharmacies under the Duty of Candour legislation. Sample Duty of Candour reports can also be viewed [here](#), in a document produced by the Duty of Candour Reporting and Monitoring Sub-Group.

Once your report is completed and published, you should also send a copy to [dutyofcandour@gov.scot](mailto:dutyofcandour@gov.scot) to fulfil the requirements of the legislation.

## Ordering Steroid Treatment Cards

Community pharmacies are reminded that they can order steroid treatment cards from APS Group Scotland by faxing 0131 629 9967 or e-mailing [stockorders.dppas@apsgroup.co.uk](mailto:stockorders.dppas@apsgroup.co.uk).

Steroid treatment cards should be supplied to patients fulfilling the criteria in BNF Chapter 6.2.

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**Please circulate to all staff**

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**Please check your generic mailbox daily for the most up-to-date communication**

**Remember to check the PCR daily for hospital discharge information. A list of YOUR current hospital inpatients is sent to your generic mailbox every day.**

**The updated Forth Valley Formulary can be now accessed online via the Community Pharmacy Forth Valley website, available here: <https://pharmacies.nhsforthvalley.com/local-guidance/forth-valley-formulary/>**

## Diary Dates—Future Training Events

Hosted by	Name of event	Date	Venue	Time	PLT	For information or to register:
NHS Forth Valley Palliative Care Pharmacists*	Palliative Care Study Date	Thurs 23rd May	Strathcarron Hospice	10am-4pm	NO	FV-UHB.communitypharmacy support@nhs.net
NES	NSAIDs safer care bundle	Thurs 23rd May	The Grange Manor	7-9pm	NO	<a href="https://portal.scot.nhs.uk">https://portal.scot.nhs.uk</a>
NHS Forth Valley	Clozapine 'transfer' event	Wed 19th June	Lecture Theatre, FVRH, Larbert	6:30pm-8:30pm	NO	FV-UHB.communitypharmacy support@nhs.net

**\*Please note: All Palliative Care Pharmacies would be expected to attend the training on Thursday 23rd May as per mandatory training set out in the Palliative Care Service Specification**

## Public Health Poster Campaigns

Details of the forthcoming topics for the community pharmacy Public Health poster campaign are as follows:-

- Sepsis – week commencing 22 April 2019 until 2 June 2019 (an update of the poster which ran during February 2018)
- Detect Cancer Early—week commencing 3 June 2019 (same poster as used during October 2018)

Other topics for the year are yet to be confirmed. The intention is to issue a formal circular once the remaining topics and timings for the year have been finalised.

## Clozapine Supplier Change

The clozapine national contract has recently been reviewed through the approved tender process. The tender has been awarded to Mylan Pharmaceuticals who manufacture the Clozaril brand of clozapine (in NHS Forth Valley we currently use Zaponex).

A visit will be arranged by one of the Mental Health Pharmacy Team to provide information and support to those pharmacies currently dispensing clozapine. No final date has been set for the NHS Forth Valley switch to Clozaril for the 180 patients, although current timescale estimate the end of June or beginning of July. Background work on updating data for the new CPMS (Clozaril Patient Monitoring Service) has already started.

A **clozapine 'transfer' event** has been planned for **Community Pharmacies** and Resource centre staff: **Wednesday 19th June, Lecture Theatre, Forth Valley Royal Hospital, Larbert, 6:30 - 8:30pm**. Please register to attend by emailing [FV-UHB.communitypharmacysupport.nhs.net](mailto:FV-UHB.communitypharmacysupport.nhs.net)

### Useful Contact Details

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For primary care prescribing advice:	E-mail: <a href="mailto:FV-UHB.prescribingsupport@nhs.net">FV-UHB.prescribingsupport@nhs.net</a>
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