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# Rotherham Community Pharmacy Newsletter

## January 2010



### The Medicines Management Team Are Moving

As from Wednesday, 17 February 2010, the Medicines Management Team will be located at NHS Rotherham Headquarters, Oak House, Moorhead Way, Bramley, Rotherham, S66 1YY. Please send any correspondence to this address, including Pharmacy First, EHC and NRT claim forms. All staff telephone numbers will remain the same.

### Pharmacy First Accreditation Reminder

From 12 February 2010, any pharmacist wishing to operate the Pharmacy First Service will need the following to be accredited to operate the service:-

- Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) Check – contact Joy Rogers
- CPPE Safeguarding and Child Protection Assessment or CPPE Safeguarding Children e-assessment.
- CPPE e-assessment – Minor Ailments

Pharmacists who haven't obtained all of the above will no longer be able to deliver the service.

### Amendments to Nicotine Replacement Therapy PGD

In order to improve the service we provide to clients the existing Nicotine Replacement Therapy PGD has been amended. As of the 25th January 2010:

- **The formulary has been extended (A copy of the revised PGD has been sent out to pharmacies).**
- **The prescription levy has been removed.**
- **The remuneration for single therapy and dual therapy has been standardised at £3.50.**

The voucher has been altered to accommodate these changes. It now includes two blank fields at the bottom of list of products to enable a record of the reduced strength patches to be made. The client inclusion and exclusion criteria and claims process remain unchanged. Therefore to claim you need to send the top (white) copy to the Medicines Management Team at Oak House (the distribution list is at the bottom of the voucher).

If you have any questions, please contact the Rotherham Stop Smoking Service on 01709 422444.

### Smartcard Reminder

Don't forget to apply for the new pharmacist Smartcards and Premises Card.

### EHC & Trimethoprim Training Event

**Wednesday, 9 June 2010 or Thursday, 17 June 2010**

Any pharmacist not yet accredited to provide Emergency Hormonal Contraception (EHC) under the Patient Group Direction (PGD) should make a note of these **provisional** dates. We hope to provide Child protection training in the afternoon, followed by EHC training in the evening. An update on the Trimethoprim PGD may be included for pharmacists not accredited on the same evening. In preparation before attendance at the training sessions and to enable accreditation to be awarded each pharmacist will need to comply with the following:

- Provide proof of completion of the CPPE Emergency Contraception open learning program 2007 (or 2005 edition and read the spring 2008 update) or e-assessment Emergency Contraception
- Provide proof of completion of the CPPE Child Protection: a Guide for the Pharmacy Team open

learning program 2006 or Safeguarding Children e-assessment

- Have a valid Criminal Record Bureau (CRB) check certificate.

It is recommended that where possible the pharmacist completes both the CPPE packages and applies for the CRB check prior to attending the training to avoid delays in the accreditation process. Those pharmacists who are able to provide evidence of completion of both CPPE packs and who can produce a valid CRB certificate can become accredited following attendance at the training events and receipt of their certificate. Pharmacists attending training and completion of the above will receive a certificate of accreditation.

To apply to be CRB checked you should contact either: Joy Rogers on 01709302112 or Alison Fuller on 01709 302776 or write to them at NHS Rotherham, Oak House, Moorhead way, Bramley, Rotherham. S661YY.

### Directed Audit 09/10 - Audit of Controlled Drugs

Just to remind you the directed audit is taking place from February 1st to 19th and you should have received all the information! If you have any queries phone the Medicines Management Team on 01709 302640. The audit will require you to record information on EVERY Schedule 2 Controlled Drug script you receive (see appendix 1 of your audit pack or the latest MEP) and every script for buprenorphine (both patches and tablets) you receive within this period. NB please note that some drugs such as codeine, morphine and pholcodine can vary in their legal classification depending upon strength/form etc. if you are not sure if a prescription is for a Schedule 2 controlled drug (also known as CD POM) please refer to your MEP.

The information you gather will help NHS Rotherham create a snapshot picture of the current situation so we can work to reduce the risks associated with controlled drugs prescribing, dispensing and administration.

### Operation Hindsight

NHS Rotherham is working with South Yorkshire Police on the above initiative. This initiative was established following a case where someone who was convicted of an act of terrorism had been known to a number of different agencies since the age of 9 but had not been brought to the attention of the police.

To assist in this initiative it would be helpful if you could contact the police at

[www.rotherhamprevent@southyorks.pnn.police.uk](mailto:www.rotherhamprevent@southyorks.pnn.police.uk) or telephone 01709 832772 (message only facility) if you have any concerns regarding any customer whose behaviour gives cause for concern as their requests for items may be linked to terrorist activity. e.g. requests to purchase hydrogen peroxide, purchasing large quantities of hair dye. Any information given will be treated in confidence.

### Incident of the Month

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Two incidents of Methadone being handed to the wrong patient have been reported. Please check patient's identity very carefully, even if you see the patient every day. Please note that all incidents relating to Controlled Drugs should be reported to Dr John Radford Accountable Officer, NHS Rotherham.

## Management of Problematic Drinking in Primary Care

Hazardous (increasing risk) and Harmful (Higher risk) drinking is associated with a wide range of problems, including physical health problems such as cancer and heart disease. In addition, alcohol is involved in a wide range of other social and health issues such as offending behaviours, domestic violence, suicide and deliberate self harm; child abuse and child neglect; mental health problems and homelessness. The evidence base indicates that much of this harm is preventable. The introduction and development of integrated local alcohol intervention systems considerably benefits increasing risk and higher risk and dependent drinkers, their families, social networks and the wider community.

Pharmacies are likely to see an increase in the numbers of people collecting prescriptions for Disulfiram as GP's start to manage transfers of patients from specialist services into primary care. The Primary Care Alcohol Service is based in GP surgeries and one of their roles is to support GP's in initiating patients on to Disulfiram where appropriate. Typically Initial scripts would be for 7 days supply followed by 14 days and eventually moving to 28 days supply. Disulfiram is supplied to pharmacies in pots of 50 x 200mg tablets with only one product information leaflet per 50 tablets- more leaflets are available from <http://www.medicines.org.uk> for download and printing or by request from **ALPHARMA Ltd. Whiddon Valley, Barnstaple EX32 8NS** **Tel:01271311257** in order that every patient receives appropriate information about their medication and the dangers of consuming alcohol whilst taking Disulfiram, reactions to alcohol vary from person to person, can be severe and even life threatening. Also patients should be provided with an **emergency card** to carry with them at all times and these can also be requested from ALPHARMA at the above address. If Pharmacies have concerns about patients collecting disulfiram scripts (i.e Intoxicated or the amount prescribed) in the first instance contact the prescriber.

For further information and advice or to arrange training around this area please ring Wendy Edmondson (Lead Nurse – Alcohol Development) on 01709 423508 OR Dr Russell Brynes (Substance Misuse Medical Advisor) on 0844 815 1956. Other members of the Primary Care Alcohol Team include: Jo Hudson, Suzy Bowes, Linda Norris and Kathryn Bown contactable on 01709 423500. Alternatively visit <http://www.alcohollearningcentre.org.uk/> or <http://www.Drinkaware.co.uk> for further information about alcohol.