

Weekly media and issues update

For the week ending: 13 March 2020

PHARMAC Senior Leadership Team	PHARMAC Communications Team
Minister of Health Press Secretaries	Minister of Health Private Secretary
Ministry of Health Deputy Director General System Strategy and Policy	Ministry of Health Manager System Stewardship
Ministry of Health Relationship Manager	Ministry of Health Media Team

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On call communications advisor

Senior communications advisor Jane Wright is on call. The on-call media phone number is 021 863 342.

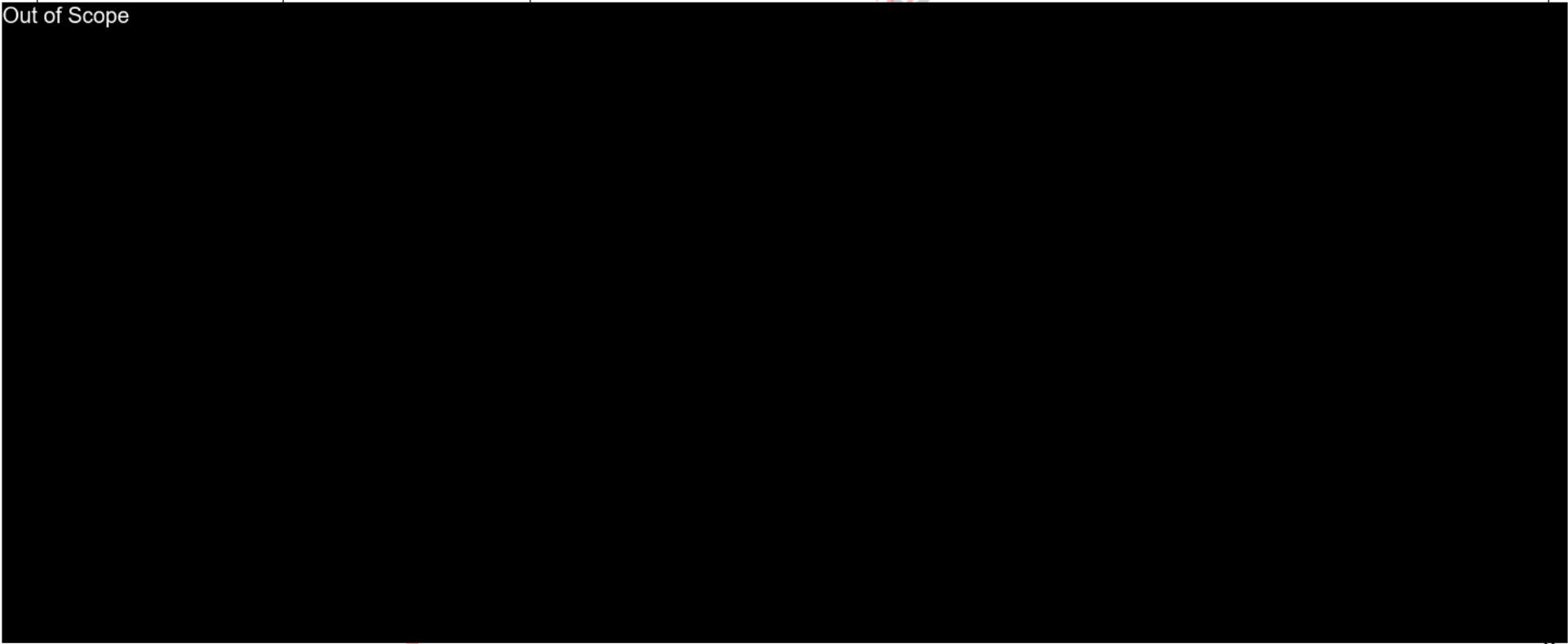
Communications team

- Jannel Fisher, communications manager – s9(2)(a)
- Jane Wright, senior communications advisor – s9(2)(a)
- Cameron Webb, communications advisor – s9(2)(a)

Upcoming issues and events

Subject	Timeframe	Details
COVID-19 and supply issues	<i>Ongoing</i>	<p>PHARMAC has contacted all contracted medicine and device suppliers to seek information about any potential impacts to supply and their contingency plans. The majority have responded to confirm that they have contingency plans in place and are actively managing their supply chains as best they can. Some suppliers have advised us that they anticipate future disruptions due to supply, whether due to manufacturing or transportation. We are working closely with them to determine the best approach to manage potential shortages.</p> <p>There are supply issues with paracetamol and PHARMAC placed temporary dispensing limits on Government-funded paracetamol from Monday 9 March 2020.</p>

Out of Scope



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Media responses

Subject	Media outlet	Details
COVID-19 and medicine supply	Stuff The AM Show The Herald	We have supplied information to various media on PHARMAC's process around supply shortages and the contracts we have in place with suppliers. We had updated our website and are directing media there to ensure they have the most up to date information.

Out of Scope

Official Information Act responses sent or received this week

Requestor	Request	Date
Out of Scope		
s9(2)(a)	Security of supply of medications	Sent 13 March

s9(2)(a)

Supply constraints for clabradine and dacarbazine

Sent 13 March

Balance of Report is Out of Scope



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