

THANK YOU

Thanks for all your interest and engagement with [the previous two flash briefs](#). A few of you have asked if we can share some statistics, so....

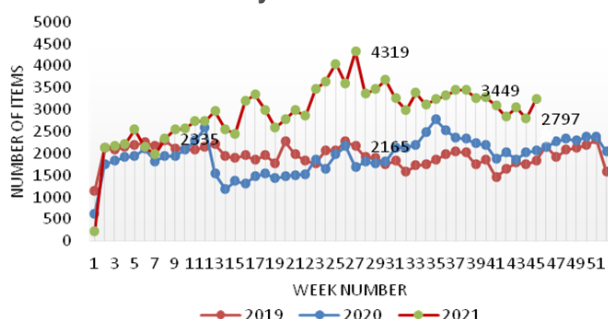
Over the last six months in Fife, the Pharmacy First Service (PFS) alone has...

- Been ~150 % busier compared with previous years

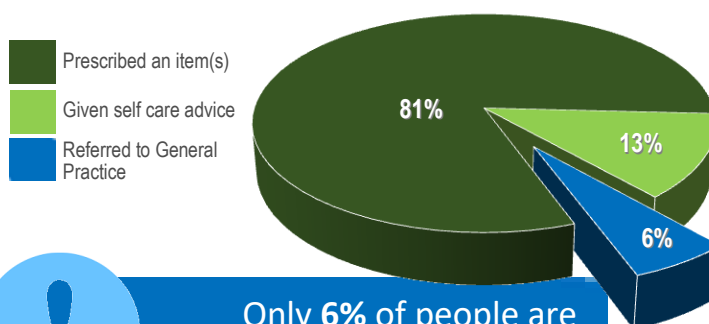
- Treated 69 woman each week for a Urinary Tract Infection (UTI)

Supplied over 3200 items each week to treat common minor ailments (therefore averting a GP appointment)

Number of items dispensed each week on Pharmacy First in NHS Fife



Outcomes of Pharmacy First Consultations in NHS Fife



Only 6% of people are referred to general practice

Other statistics..

Only 39% of common

ailment items were for men

- Are they less aware of the service?

Connecting to Other Services Other than Community Pharmacy

With coronavirus, it's more important than ever that people access the right care in the right place and the best part is there are other services out there that can help and be referred into.

[Community Health Care Services](#) – You may want to refer patients to this website (and the videos therein) which explains the different types of community health care services available (and our roles).

[Scotland's Service Directory](#) – You (or the person) can use this new website as a searching tool to find out what charity and third sector services are available around you (e.g Dementia Cafes, Walking Football etc).

[NHS inform](#) – Always a great source of information for self-care advice a latest update includes info on the Scotland COVID Status App where you can share your COVID Status when travelling internationally and for some events and venues in Scotland.

MORE INFO

There will be a campaign going live on social media and local press from the beginning of December with a focus on diverting some of the 20% that currently self-present at A&E to more appropriate services for their needs, often closer to home. Look out for this logo on all the supportive material →

**Right Care
Right Place**

What other services do community pharmacies provide? (NB - most of these are walk-in services)

Obviously Community Pharmacies provide other services too (not only Pharmacy First and Pharmacy First Plus). A number of you have asked for a brief description of the main ones. This list is not exhaustive and your local pharmacies may provide additional and specialist services (e.g. 'travel clinics', 'advice to care homes service', 'compliance aids').

Emergency Hormonal Contraception (EHC)

- Enables community pharmacists to provide where clinically indicated, a free supply of emergency hormonal contraception.
- They may also provide [free condoms](#).

99 woman each week are provided with EHC

Bridging Contraception

- Enables community pharmacist to provide a 3 month supply of desogestrel as 'bridging contraception' following the need for EHC.
- This service started on 09 Nov 2021.



Chlamydia Treatment

- Patients are signposted to the Sexual Health Fife team for testing and Doxycycline can be dispensed against a voucher and sexual health advice given.

Ask your local pharmacy if they provide any additional services

M:CR (includes Serial Prescribing)

- **Part 1:** When a patient is registered a pharmacotherapy level 1 medication review is performed.
- **Part 2:** The dispensing of serial prescriptions (which can last 24,48 or 56 weeks).
NB. this can save practice admin time.

Flu Vaccination

- Pharmacies can administer Flu vaccinations on private PGDs however the board was very thankful to 50/86 community pharmacies who supported this years seasonal flu service (for those that didn't/couldn't attend their clinic appt.)

8,300 vaccinations have been given so far this year in community pharmacies

Stoma Service

- Which includes flange cutting and customisation and supply of appliances on request.

Emergency Medication Supply

- If a prescriber is not contactable and the patient has had the medication before, a pharmacist can support by issuing a cycle of medication to maintain a patient's concordance with their treatment. (NB. This excludes all controlled drugs (CDs) like gabapentin, tramadol etc.)



Gluten Free Food

- For a number of years now community pharmacies have been issuing prescriptions for Fife's coeliac patients and performing yearly health checks.

Over 400 GF items are provided each week to Fife's coeliac patients

Smoking Cessation

- Pharmacists are able to prescribe a course (and counselling) for nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) and medication to help people stop smoking.

Community pharmacies also (of course) dispense prescriptions on what is called the **Acute Medication Service (AMS)** and help to manage medication shortages.