

# Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



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## Enzalutamide (Xtandi®) Supplies via Community Pharmacy

As detailed in our [NHS Grampian Prostate Cancer SLA](#), all supplies of enzalutamide are to be procured through the formal UK supply chain, via Alliance wholesaler only.

NHS Grampian PCS team, with the support of the pharmacy champions, will be auditing this compliance over the coming months to ensure all supplies are made against medicines procured via this required chain.

## Atogepant Supplies via Phoenix Wholesaler

We have been made aware of issues obtaining Atogepant via wholesalers, which is currently only available to order directly from Phoenix. To place an order directly via this method, community pharmacies are required to set up an account with AbbieVie using the contact details below. No minimum charges are applicable.

### Customer Services

Tel: 0800 783 1699

Email: [orders.kr@abbvie.com](mailto:orders.kr@abbvie.com)

## Tegretol® Stock Issues

Please find the attached information regarding Tegretol MR 200mg & 400mg tablet shortage. Also attached is the Medicines Supply Notification. Note resupply dates mean that action may not be necessary for all patients who have sufficient supplies - data has therefore not been provided for all patients.

- Tegretol® (carbamazepine) 200mg prolonged release (PR) tablets are out of stock until mid-January 2024. Once back in stock, supplies can support the shortage of Tegretol® (carbamazepine) 400mg PR tablets.
- Tegretol® (carbamazepine) 400mg PR tablets remain available but cannot support an uplift in demand and will be out of stock from w/e 12<sup>th</sup> January until w/c 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024.
- Tegretol® (carbamazepine) immediate release (IR) tablets remain available and can support increased demand.
- Curatil® (carbamazepine) 200mg PR tablets remain available but can only support increased demand in secondary care.

## Save the Date: Training Events

Please see the below list of upcoming training sessions which are taking place in Grampian:

Management of ear conditions in Community Pharmacy	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January 2024, 7pm - 8.30pm.	To be held on MS Teams - link to register <a href="#">here</a> .
What's ADHD Got To Do With It?	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2024, from 7pm.	Book through Turas Learn here: <a href="#">What's ADHD Got To Do With It?</a>
Primary Care Partnerships – Optometry & Pharmacy	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 - Ardoe House Hotel, Aberdeen, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm	Book for these events on the <a href="#">Primary Care Partnerships - Pharmacy &amp; Optometry</a> Turas page.

## Smoking Cessation

### Smoking Cessation Campaign

From 9<sup>th</sup> January to 5<sup>th</sup> February (and beyond) the Government-initiated Community Pharmacy Scotland campaign will promote smoking cessation. You should by now have received and be displaying your posters prominently. Please use your own social media platforms to promote the campaign.

We will be running a month-long awareness campaign on Facebook, highlighting many areas around smoking, vaping, training, PCR use and more. If you don't already follow us, find our page [here](#).

### Smoking Cessation Training

Smoking cessation services can be provided by ALL staff within pharmacies. If you're not smoking trained then you can find lots of information on our smoking webpage, including links to appropriate training. If you have any questions or issues, please contact your relevant Public Health Practitioner:

- Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire South - [suzanne.cowie@nhs.scot](mailto:suzanne.cowie@nhs.scot)
- Moray and Aberdeenshire North - [denise.stirling@nhs.scot](mailto:denise.stirling@nhs.scot)

You can access smoking information on our website page [here](#).

### Very Brief Advice for Smoking Cessation

Attached is a reminder of the Very Brief Advice (VBA) algorithm using the 3A's technique which takes under a minute to carry out and can be hugely helpful in planting the seed for a patient's smoking cessation journey.

## Public Health Update

### Health Promotion Poster Campaigns

The upcoming poster campaigns listed below are initiated by Community Pharmacy Scotland:

- Smoking Cessation (9th January 2024 – 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024)
- Menopause (5th March 2024 – 31st March 2024)

Please note that plans for the Sexual Assault Response Co-ordination Service (SARCS) poster, due to run from 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024, have been **cancelled** so pharmacies should continue to display the Quit Your Way poster for that period.

It is mandatory that you display the poster prominently as part of the Public Health core services.

[Public Health Service — Community Pharmacy Scotland \(cps.scot\)](#)

Please note the posters should arrive automatically and will be signed for by a member of staff on arrival into the pharmacy. It seems some have arrived but then been lost within the pharmacy so please ensure it is put somewhere safe on arrival or put up immediately! The printing and delivery costs are too high for unnecessary duplication.

If you are sure you haven't received your poster, please email [stockorders.DPPAS@theapsgroup.com](mailto:stockorders.DPPAS@theapsgroup.com). They can also issue new wall frames and alternative poster sizes.

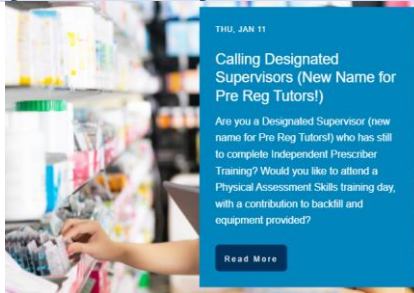
## Community Pharmacy Scotland Round-Up



### Adjusted Prices Review and Part 7 Changes

Based on evidence, there are several lines that have stabilised which you can view here with their revised price for January 2024. These are no longer treated as Adjusted Prices...

[Read More](#)



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### Calling Designated Supervisors (New Name for Pre Reg Tutors!)

Are you a Designated Supervisor (new name for Pre Reg Tutors) who has still to complete Independent Prescriber Training? Would you like to attend a Physical Assessment Skills training day, with a contribution to backfill and equipment provided?

[Read More](#)

### PHS Poster Campaign: Smoking Cessation

The current Public Health Service Poster campaign topic is Smoking Cessation which will run until further notice. The poster campaign topic of Sexual Assault Response Co-ordination Service is no longer going ahead...

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## The Happy Place 😊

### 11<sup>th</sup> January – International Thank You Day

Yesterday was International Thank You Day and although last week's 200<sup>th</sup> issue was our big shout out and thank you edition, we have received another special shout out this week to share with you...

#### Dickies Pharmacy, Summerhill

Thank you to Dickies Summerhill team who sent in a special mention to their delivery driver, Devon, who has worked for Dickies Summerhill since May 2016. Each day he goes above and beyond to ensure the wellbeing of delivery customers. The whole team at Summerhill are very grateful to have such a caring delivery driver!

***We would like to continue this section as an opportunity for reward, recognition and good news stories of the teams who read this! Please submit any items for inclusion to:***  
***[gram.pharmaceuticalcareservices@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.pharmaceuticalcareservices@nhs.scot)***

***All weekly updates are uploaded to the [CP Grampian website](#).***

***Remember to like our Facebook page for regular updates: [Community Pharmacies Delivering NHS Grampian Services](#)***

***We are happy to receive all feedback and comments to improve our communications to you, please don't hesitate to get in touch.***