



Friday 15th May 2026

NHS Ayrshire & Arran Community Pharmacy Update

Please share this update with the wider pharmacy team including reliefs and locum pharmacists

ACTION REQUIRED: Follow-Up Survey for HRT Prescribing

I hope you have had enough time to watch the short HRT information video and, where appropriate, use the HRT safety cards to support conversations with patients in your pharmacy.

Video can be found by clicking link here: [Unopposed Oestrogen Community Pharmacy Presentation](#)

This message marks the final step of this piece of work. The purpose of the follow-up questionnaire is to help us understand the benefits of the project from a community pharmacy perspective, including refreshing knowledge on the matter of unopposed oestrogen, whether the video and safety card have supported confidence and patient discussions around safe HRT use.

Your feedback is essential. The more responses we receive, the better we can demonstrate the value of community pharmacy involvement and shape any future work in this area. Completing the questionnaire should only take a few minutes, but it will make a real difference in helping us evaluate the impact of the project.

Thank you again for your engagement and for the vital role you play in supporting women to use HRT safely.

Feedback form can be found by clicking link here:

[HRT Safety & Endometrial Protection: Follow-Up Survey – Fill in form](#)

ACTION REQUIRED: Follow-Up Survey for Pregnancy Test Pilot

The Pregnancy Test Pilot has now been trialled for 6 months. Pharmacies who are delivering the Pregnancy Test Pilot are asked to complete the questionnaire below. It is important we obtain as much feedback as possible in order to develop the service appropriately.

Feedback form can be found by clicking link here and scanning the QR code:

[Pregnancy Test Pilot Evaluation Feedback Form](#)

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ACTION REQUIRED: Survey Request

Please consider below request from PhD student who is undertaking a survey into community pharmacy workforce in the UK.

Dear colleague, I am undertaking a full-time PhD to explore the public health role of the community pharmacy workforce in the UK. This includes understanding the true educational needs of the community pharmacy workforce, to enable them to confidently and competently deliver public health services.

In the next stage of my research, I am conducting an online anonymous survey and would be delighted if you agreed to participate. Please click on the following link if you are interested.

https://hud.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_a9k16E5106i2whE

This will take you to the start of the survey. There is a participant information sheet for you to read, and a consent form, all built into the beginning of the survey. If you give your consent to participate, you will be taken to the survey questions. If you have colleagues who may also be willing to participate in the survey, please share a copy of this link with them.

Many thanks for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,
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Friday 22nd May 2026

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ACTION REQUIRED: C Card Supply & STI Testing Kits

Please check you have adequate stock of C Card supplies & STI testing kits and ensure these are in date. We encourage pharmacists to offer both of these services opportunistically during EHC or Bridging Contraception consultations.

Information on how to order can be found by clicking the link below and information found under 'Condom Supply' or 'Chlamydia & Gonorrhoea Testing & Chlamydia Treatment'.

[Pharmacy Services – NHS Ayrshire & Arran](#)

Information for replacing STI testing kits:

- **SWABS/SAMPLE FLUID IN THE KITS HAVE AN EXPIRY DATE** – please ensure you check the date on these before providing to patients. When these expire, please dispose of them appropriately. To reduce waste, **DO NOT** throw away all contents of the kit in this instance, and instead email the Sexual Health Team at aa-uhb.shbbv@apct.scot.nhs.uk to request a new supply of swabs to add to your existing kit.

'C Card' Training:

- Pharmacies who have not completed the training have been emailed with the training materials and requested to email the Sexual Health Team once training has been completed. Thank you for completing this at your earliest convenience.

RECENT COMMUNICATIONS SUMMARY

Monday 27th April

ClinicalPCT - PCA2026-(P)-07

Tuesday 28th April

aa.cpteam – Class 2 drug alert No 22 – AmaroX Ltd Sertraline 100mg tablets

Tuesday 12th May

aa.cpteam – Class 4 drug alert No 23 – Milpharm Ltd Loperamide 2mg orodispersible tablets

Thursday 14th May

aa.cpteam – Drug Alert Class 4 – No 24 2026 – Class 4 Medicines Defect Information – Caution In Use – Fresenius Medical Care Deutschland GmbH, Balance 2.3% Glucose, 1.25mmol/L Calcium Solution For Peritoneal Dialysis

ClinicalPCT - Public Holiday Opening Times for Monday 15 June 2026 for Community Pharmacies

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