

Community Pharmacy Update

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

Flu season is upon us

Flu service special

As we approach winter, flu season is upon us! Let's ensure we keep our patients and communities safe by encouraging those eligible for the vaccine to attend the mass vaccination clinics or their local community pharmacy participating in the service. NHS flu vaccine clinics will be starting in community pharmacies signed up to this service from 14th September 2026.

Follow this link - [NHS Flu – NHS Ayrshire & Arran](#) to be taken to our dedicated NHS A+A Flu section of the community pharmacy website. This holds all relevant guidelines and resources that participating community pharmacy teams may need. The PGD for Flu 2026/2027 was sent out via e-mail to relevant pharmacies and this year includes pharmacy technicians as well as pharmacists.

The community pharmacy NHS flu service for 2026/27 is available to the following eligible patient groups.

- Health and social care workers (All NHS staff frontline and non-frontline and all frontline Social Care Workers)
- Those who experience homelessness
- Those who experience substance use
- Those aged 18-64yrs "at risk" from flu and not eligible for COVID-19 vaccination from 26th October only
- Those aged 65 and over from 26th October only

Below is a list of the community pharmacies participating in the NHS Influenza service

Pharmacy Name	Address 1	Address 2	Postcode	Phone Number
Well	18-20 Main Street	Beith	KA15 2AD	01505 504114
Dundonald Pharmacy	11 Main Street	Dundonald	KA2 9EF	01563 850760
Coylton Pharmacy	13a Main Street	Coylton	KA6 6JW	01292 570449
Drongan Pharmacy	64 Mill 'O' Shield Road	Drongan	KA6 7AY	01292 591219
Superdrug Pharmacy	6B Aitken Street	Largs	KA30 8AU	01475 674865
McConnell Pharmacy	27 Mauchline Road	Hurlford	KA1 5AB	01563 525393
McConnell Pharmacy	4 Wallace Street	Galston	KA4 8HP	01563 820308
Toll Pharmacy	Ayr Road	Prestwick	KA9 1TP	01292 478244
Rowlands Pharmacy	29 Mount Oliphant Crescent	Ayr	KA7 3EN	01292 261013
Crosshouse Pharmacy	4/8 Irvine Road	Crosshouse	KA2 0HQ	01563 525614
Kilmaurs Pharmacy	5 Main Street	Kilmaurs	KA3 2RQ	01563 559485
Well	14 Sandgate	Ayr	KA7 1BH	01292 263973
Morrisons Pharmacy	Castlehill Road	Ayr	KA7 2HT	01292 266555
Morrisons Pharmacy	West Langlands Street	Kilmarnock	KA1 2PY	01563 523030
Morrisons Pharmacy	4 Irvine Road	Largs	KA30 8BT	01475 672193
Tarbolton Pharmacy	14 Cunningham Street, The Cross	Tarbolton	KA5 5QF	01292 541207
Deans Pharmacy	53 MacPhail Drive	Kilmarnock	KA3 7ET	01563 520686
Well	75 Loudoun Street	Mauchline	KA5 5BA	01290 550387
Doon Valley Pharmacy	5 Cathcartson	Dalmellington	KA6 7QY	01292 551197
Cumbræ Pharmacy	30 Stuart Street	Millport	KA28 0AJ	01475 530248
The Pharmacy (E Templeton)	14 Dean Street	Kilmarnock	KA3 1EA	01563 525201
Seaford Pharmacy	43/45 Blackburn Drive	Ayr	KA7 2XW	01292 281111
Stewart Pharmacy (Willis)	55 High Street	Stewarton	KA3 5BP	01560 483139
Stevenson Chemist	131 Deveron Road	Troon	KA10 7JH	01292 317878
Ogg & Co	44 Newmarket Street	Ayr	KA7 1LR	01292 262366
Townhead Pharmacy	Station Plaza	Kilwinning	KA13 6NT	01294 559898
Newfield Dregghorn	25 Main Street	Dregghorn	KA11 4AH	01294 212375
Care Pharmacy	55 Main Road	Springside	KA11 3A2	01294 537230
Willis Pharmacy	15 Templehill	Troon	KA10 6BQ	01292 317691
Alloway Pharmacy	21 Alloway, Ayr	Ayr	KA7 4PY	01292 445255
Fenwick Pharmacy	77 Main Road	Fenwick	KA3 6DU	01560 600639
Bellfield Pharmacy	89 Whatriggs Road	Kilmarnock	KA1 3RD	01563 550654
Carrick Pharmacy	71 High Street	Maybole	KA19 7AB	01655 882235
Penmans Pharmacy	2 Eglinton Street	Beith	KA15 1AQ	01505 502506
Houlihan Pharmacy	120 Glasgow Road	Kilmarnock	KA3 1UT	01563 525219
Rowlands Pharmacy	2 Tanyard	Cumnock	KA18 1BF	01290 420107
Rowlands Pharmacy	151 Main Street	Kilwinning	KA13 6EQ	01294 552569
Rowlands Pharmacy	28/30 New Street	Stevenston	KA20 3HF	01294 462498
Rowlands Pharmacy	24 The Castle	New Cumnock	KA18 4AH	01290 338266
Rowlands Pharmacy	110/112 Main Street	West Kilbride	KA23 9AR	01294 822234
Cumnock Pharmacy	9B Townhead Street	Cumnock	KA18 1LE	01290 421632
Wellington Square Pharmacy	26 Wellington Square	Ayr	KA7 1HH	01292 610070
Monkton Pharmacy	Old Primary School, Main Road	Monkton	KA9 2FH	01292 432212
Dalrymple Pharmacy	6 Main Street	Dalrymple	KA6 6DF	01292 560931

Simulation is back! November 2026

As part of continuing education and development for our established community pharmacy independent prescribers, we host a series of simulation sessions. Simulation replicates 'real life' skills, drills, and experiences to realistically rehearse and train in an environment that is safe for both patients and learners. This concept has been used across a variety of healthcare settings for several years as part of clinical training to provide a safe and controlled learning environment where clinicians can make prescribing decisions and learn in real time without compromising patient safety. The aim of our sessions is to create a supportive learning opportunity in an entirely safe and confidential space to enhance our legacy community pharmacy prescribers' confidence and skills in delivering Pharmacy First Plus. The added bonus is a network opportunity to get to know other community pharmacy prescribers within A&A! If you are interested in attending, please email aa.cpteam@aapct.scot.nhs.uk Here's what our A&A IP Community Pharmacists said about our January Simulation Session:



The next simulation session is **Tuesday November 3rd 9am – 1pm**

For Information: Medicines Returns Process and Checklist

Further to previous communications, we would like to advise all community pharmacy teams that the new Medicines Returns Process and Checklist for care homes will be implemented for care homes linked to East Ayrshire pharmacies from 5 October 2026. We are in the process of ensuring all relevant care homes are ready for this date.

Implementation in South Ayrshire and North Ayrshire will follow, with further communication being issued in advance of their rollout.

Thank you for your ongoing support with this initiative. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch at aa.pharmacycarehomeenquiries@aapct.scot.nhs.uk

ACTION REQUIRED: STI Testing Kits Feedback Form (For Participating Pharmacies Only)

Thank you for continuing to provide STI testing kits to patients across Ayrshire & Arran. We would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete the short feedback form using the link below. **Please complete the feedback form by 10th of September.**

[Feedback on STI Testing in Community Pharmacy – Fill in form](#)

We are keen to gather your feedback to help us identify opportunities to improve the service and ensure that pharmacies have the support they need to deliver it effectively. The survey should take approximately 5 minutes to complete.

Changes to NHS Pharmacy First Scotland Approved List of Products

Following a change to NHS Ayrshire and Arran formulary the list of products available under pharmacy first, section 10, Skin, has been updated. The changes are as follows:

Update to Section 10.1 Skin – Eczema and Allergy:

Emollient, bath and shower additives

- Removal of Hydromol Bath and Shower emollient – 350 ml, 500 ml
- Removal of QV Gentle wash – 500 ml

Bath/shower preparations with antimicrobials

- Removal of Dermol 600 bath emollient – 600 ml
- Removal of Oilatum Plus bath additive – 500 ml

Information from Previous Communications

ACTION REQUIRED: Unplanned Closures

Please let us know if your pharmacy has to close unexpectedly or is unable to open

1. Phone 07805 248 789 or 07557 114 209 to advise of the unplanned closure as soon as possible so that we can inform partner agencies.
2. Let us know what arrangements you have made for any daily pick-ups if the pharmacy is going to be closed for more than an hour or two.
3. Signpost patients who require urgent medication or advice etc to the nearest alternative pharmacy

If your pharmacy is part of a group, please don't assume that your head office will inform us immediately. Although they will let us know, the notification is often received hours later after the event.

Finally, the two numbers given above are manned during weekday working hours and also at weekends.

RECENT COMMUNICATIONS SUMMARY

Wednesday 26th August – ClinicalPCT - Circular PCA2026-(P)-13

Friday 4th September – Kirstie Williams - Community Pharmacy Network Event 2026 – Summary and Slides

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