



# Pharmaceutical Care Services Report 2026-2029

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# Executive Summary

The publication of NHS (Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) Amendment regulations 2011 requires NHS Boards to publish a pharmaceutical care service (PCS) report which is reviewed annually. This 2026 report is published according to these regulations in accordance with the Scottish Government circular PCA (P) 7 (2011). Boards are required to make their final report available on their website and other routes as informed by local policy.

## Pharmaceutical Care Services (PCS) 2024/25 in NHS Fife

This report provides an overview of the NHS Fife population and a detailed description of the pharmaceutical services currently delivered by community pharmacies across the area. Drawing on data from multiple sources, it assesses whether any unmet need exists in the provision of these services and identifies where improvements may be required to ensure the Board continues to meet its responsibility to provide reasonable access to pharmaceutical care for all patients.

Between April 2024 and March 2025, 86 contracted community pharmacies operated within Fife. These pharmacies are generally well distributed across the region and adequately meet the access needs of the vast majority of the population, with no significant gaps identified. The report does not highlight a need for additional community pharmacies at this time; however, service delivery within existing pharmacies will continue to be monitored, and examples of best practice will be shared to support ongoing improvement.

Overall, no gaps in the provision of pharmaceutical services have been identified within NHS Fife. Continued investment in the development of community pharmacy services, through staff training and ensuring a robust infrastructure, remains essential to support the sustained delivery of high-quality services that meet population needs.

A four-week public engagement period was undertaken to enable members of the public to comment on their experiences of community pharmacy services in Fife. A survey, distributed by the Fife HSCP Participation and Engagement Team, collected views on both accessibility and the range of services provided. The feedback received aligns with the findings presented in this report.

Although no unmet need has been identified, the report includes a number of recommendations intended to support ongoing quality improvement. These focus on strengthening service consistency, enhancing collaboration with wider NHS partners, and building on areas of good practice. The recommendations are not a response to service gaps but form part of NHS Fife's commitment to continuous improvement and maintaining high quality, person centred pharmaceutical care.

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# Summary of Recommendations

SERVICE AREA	RECOMMENDATION
Pharmacy First	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to promote community pharmacy as the first port of call for advice and treatment for common clinical conditions</li> <li>• Regularly review Patient Group Direction activity and collaborate with Primary Care to sustain patient pathways aligned with Right Care, Right Place principles.</li> </ul>
Pharmacy First Plus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support ongoing education events for Independent Prescribers in community pharmacy</li> <li>• Monitor and analyse prescribing data to inform service development</li> <li>• Remain involved in national conversations shaping the future of Pharmacy First Plus, including access to read/write records and scope of service</li> </ul>
Public Health- Smoking Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with community pharmacy teams to review smoking cessation data and share best practice across Fife</li> <li>• Work with the NHS Fife Specialist Service to continue to enhance referral pathways</li> <li>• Work with NHS Fife Specialist Service to offer training and education to community pharmacy teams</li> </ul>
Public Health- Emergency Hormonal Contraception	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with pharmacy teams and NHS Fife sexual health services to refine and maintain robust referral pathways</li> <li>• Equip pharmacies with signposting materials to support individuals requiring associated services (e.g., SARCs)</li> </ul>
Public Health- Bridging Contraception	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review uptake data and work with community pharmacists to develop</li> </ul>

	strategies that increase utilisation of the service
Free Condoms Fife	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote the availability of this service to community pharmacies and encourage broader participation</li> </ul>
Injecting Equipment Provision (IEP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide training for IEP pharmacy teams</li> <li>Work with the ADP and third sector partners to increase awareness of the service</li> </ul>
Take Home Naloxone (THN)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Co-develop strategies with ADP to promote THN availability among friends and family of individuals at risk of overdose</li> </ul>
Vaccination Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work closely with the CIS to identify cohorts suitable for community pharmacy signposting in the Winter Vaccination Programme</li> <li>Monitor and review data on travel vaccinations and consultations to ensure services remain appropriate for the Fife population</li> </ul>
Unscheduled Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthen collaboration with community pharmacy teams and healthcare professionals to increase awareness of the service, particularly for Out-of-Hours support</li> <li>Support appropriate pharmacy staff in using Clinical Portal to aid clinical decision-making</li> <li>Engage in national discussions regarding community pharmacy access to read/write clinical records</li> </ul>
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with colleagues in both NHS Fife and HSCP Communications Teams to develop key public messaging around community pharmacy services</li> </ul>

# Introduction

The primary purpose of the Pharmaceutical Care Services (PCS) report is to assess whether any unmet need exists in the delivery of pharmaceutical services through community pharmacies within the Health Board population. The report outlines how such needs should be addressed if they arise. In this reporting cycle, no specific unmet need or gaps in service provision have been identified.

However, the report also recognises the importance of continuous improvement. Accordingly, it includes recommendations aimed at strengthening existing service delivery, supporting quality improvement, and ensuring the sustainability of pharmaceutical services for the future. These recommendations are not intended to address unmet need but to promote ongoing development and resilience within the system.

A secondary purpose of the PCS report is to inform and engage the public, healthcare professionals and planners in the strategic planning of pharmaceutical services. As a key description of service need within Health Boards, the report also serves as a reference source for Pharmacy Practices Committees when considering applications to the Pharmaceutical List, as they are directed to take account of the needs outlined within the report.

## 1. Introduction to NHS Fife Health Board Area

The purpose of this section of the report is to describe the NHS Board area in terms of the population demographics, main health indices and urban/rural nature in order to gain an overall picture of the population and its health. This will outline the context within which pharmaceutical services are delivered.

### 1.1. Geographies to be considered

NHS Fife contains seven Localities within its Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP). The latest data on the population of these areas is indicated in [Table 1](#).

Locality	Population
Fife	374,730
Levenmouth	37,888
Glenrothes	49,824
NE Fife	74,685
Cowdenbeath	41,767
Dunfermline	59,584
Kirkcaldy	60,472
SW Fife	50,510

Table 1:  
Population of NHS Fife and its localities

Source:  
[Know Fife Community Profiles | KnowFife](#)  
(data published Oct 22)

## 1.2. NHS Fife Population Descriptions

The March 2022 census data shows that Fife had a population of 371,781, a slight fall in the previous estimate in 2021 of 374,730. This is the third highest population out of all 32 council areas in Scotland.

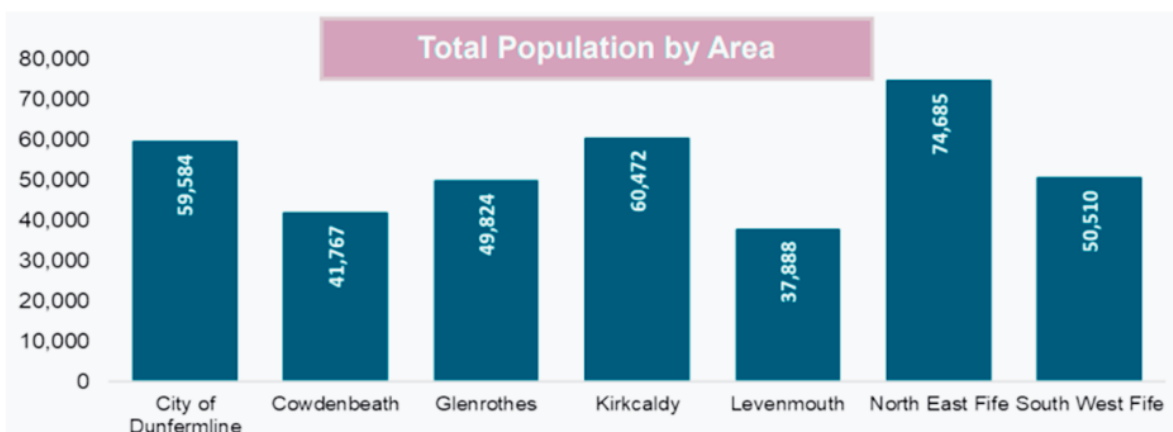
### 1.2.1. Fife Population: Age Distributions

According to the March 2022 census, children aged 0-14 years make up 15.5% of the population with 57,715 children living in Fife. The majority of the population in Fife (63%) is aged 15-64 years, whilst 21% of the population is aged 65 and over.

### 1.2.2. Sub-Fife Population: Fife Localities

Seven localities have been created in Fife for the organisation and delivery of services within the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP). Figure 1 shows the distribution of population of Fife across the seven locality areas. North East Fife locality has the highest proportion of the Fife population at 20% and Levenmouth locality the lowest at 10%.

Figure 1:  
Locality populations



Variations in population age structure can be seen across the seven localities (Figure 2).

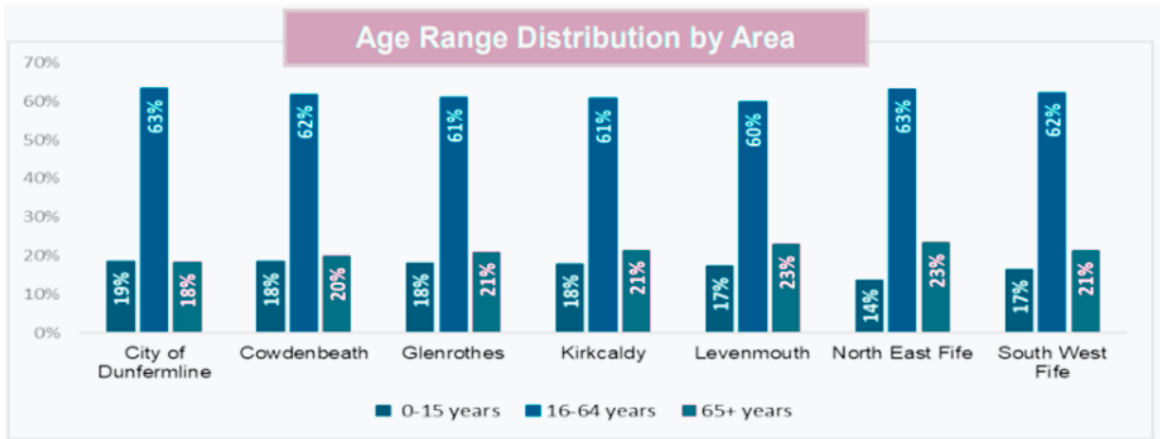
Figure 2:  
Population breakdown by age

	Number of People	% of Population
<b>0-14 years</b>	57,715	15.5%
<b>15-64 years</b>	234,039	63.0%
<b>65+ years</b>	80,010	21.5%

Source: Know Fife

Figure 3 shows that two of Fife’s seven localities have higher proportions of their population aged 65 and over compared to Fife; Levenmouth (23%) and North East Fife with 23%. In contrast, Dunfermline’s older population is significantly less than Fife at 18% and its proportion of children is the highest of all seven localities at 19%.

Figure 3:  
Age structure of Fife



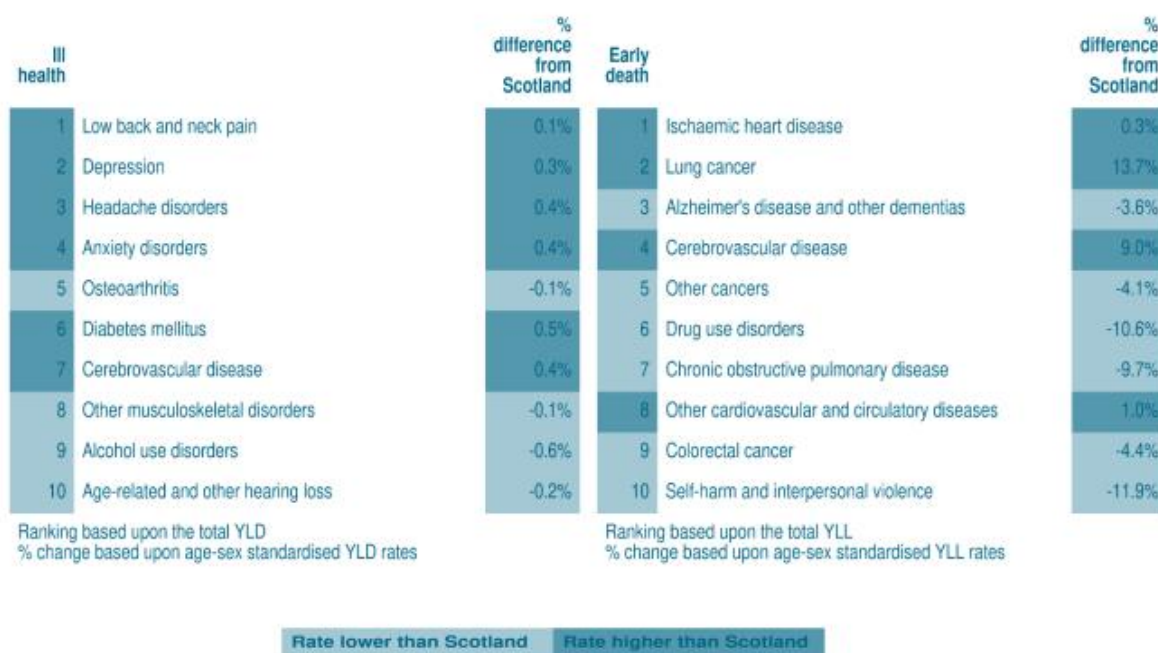
Current population projections estimate that by mid-2028, the population of Fife will be a similar size with a 0.1% decrease in the total population compared to 2018. Within the Fife population the number of people aged under 65 is estimated to fall by mid- 2028, but the number of people aged 65-74 is estimated to increase by 10% and the number aged 75 and over by 31%.

## Burden of Disease

Burden of Disease studies assess how ill-health and early death (due to illness or injury) prevent populations from living longer lives in better health. These studies can help to understand the diseases and injuries that cause the biggest health loss in the population and how these change over time. Figures from the 2019 Scottish Burden of Disease study, which was subsequently updated in September 2022, showed that in Fife (and Scotland) the leading groups of causes of health loss were cancers followed by cardiovascular diseases, neurological disorders, mental health disorders and musculoskeletal disorders. These five disease/injury groups accounted for almost two thirds of total burden of health loss across the population of Fife.

Lower back and neck pain, depression and headache disorders were the top three leading individual causes of ill-health in Fife in 2019 and ischemic heart disease, lung cancer and Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias were the top three individual causes of early death.

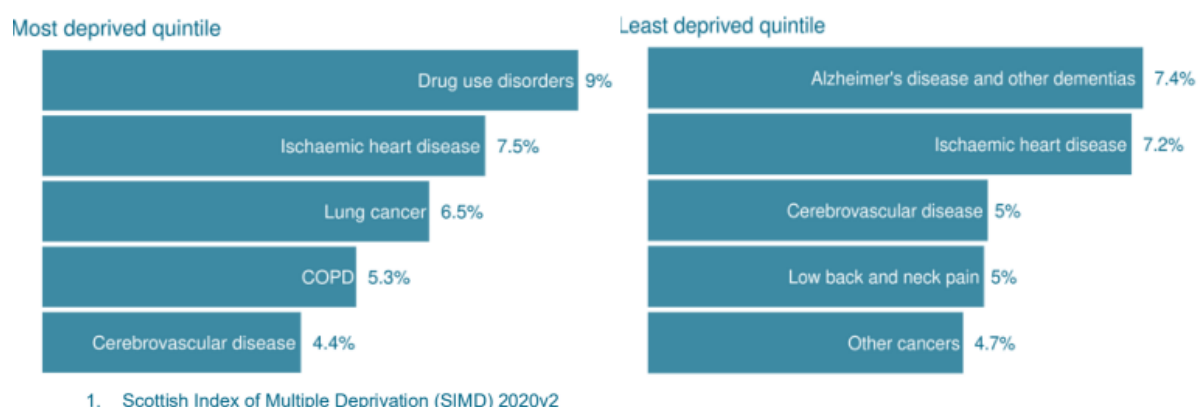
Figure 4:  
Leading individual causes of ill-health and early death



Source:  
PHS Scottish Burden of Disease Study 2019

The most recent Scottish Burden of Disease study provided estimates of burden of disease by deprivation. This was done for three regions in Scotland- North, East and West rather than smaller geographical areas due to uncertainty of the data. The data for the East region is shown overleaf.

Figure 5:  
Leading individual causes of ill-health and early death by proportion in most and least deprived quintiles



Burden of disease data is helpful as we consider the development of locally negotiated services which community pharmacies may provide.

### 1.2.3. Further Population Information

The most up to date population information for the NHS Fife Health Board Area, including statistics relating to births, deaths and ethnicity can be found at the following links:

- ScotPHO - Health and wellbeing profiles which provide a range of useful data at Scotland, NHS Board, HSCP and locality geographies. Available at [https://scotland.shinyapps.io/ScotPHO\\_profiles\\_tool/](https://scotland.shinyapps.io/ScotPHO_profiles_tool/)
- General Registrar of Scotland website which presents population and demographic information. Available at <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/statistics-and-data>
- The Scottish census website SCRoL. Available at <http://www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk/> which provides social and demographic information and includes the published 2022 Scottish census results.
- Information on the health of the NHS Fife population can be found in the Director of Public Health Annual Report nhs-fife-director-of-public-health-report-2020-and-2021-220220616.pdf (nhsfife.org)
- Burden of Disease - [Scottish Burden of Disease Study 2019 \(scotpho.org.uk\)](https://scotpho.org.uk/)

# Current Pharmaceutical Services in NHS Fife

## 2. Description of Current Pharmaceutical Services in NHS Fife

### 2.1. Community Pharmacy Services - General Overview

The following section provides a list of the NHS services provided by the 86 community pharmacies in NHS Fife at March 2025.

#### 2.1.1. Number of Community Pharmacies across NHS Fife and by Locality

At the end of March 2025, NHS Fife had 86 community pharmacies located across the seven Fife Localities. Table 2 below lists the number of community pharmacies in each Locality plus selected neighbouring Health Boards. There is no standard as to the number of populations that should be served by a pharmacy, however population per Community Pharmacy in Fife is similar to other boards and is lower than the national average. The distribution of community pharmacies across Fife allows wide access to their many services.

Locality	Population	Community Pharmacies	Population per Community Pharmacy
Fife	374,730	86	4,357
Levenmouth	37,888	10	3,788
Glenrothes	49,824	10	4,982
NE Fife	74,685	18	4,149
Cowdenbeath	41,767	12	3,481
Dunfermline	59,584	14	4,256
Kirkcaldy	60,472	14	4,319
SW Fife	50,510	8	6,314
Other HBs			
Forth Valley	305,710	76	4,022
Lothian	917,310	182	5,040
Tayside	415,030	92	4,511
Scotland	5,479,900	1,255	4,366

Table 2:  
Community pharmacies in NHS Fife (March 2025)

### 2.1.2. Resources - Premises/Facilities

NHS Circular: [PCA\(P\)\(2007\)28](#) Pharmaceutical Services Remuneration Arrangements For 2007-2008: Contract Preparation Payments Premises Guidance and Assessment Tool provides guidance on the premises requirements under the community pharmacy contract. It provides a tool for pharmacies to assess their ability to meet the requirements and produce an action plan for any rectification work that is required to meet those requirements. This guidance aids the planning of any future pharmacy premises or potential relocations.

### 2.1.2. Resources - Community Pharmacy Workforce

To operate legally each community pharmacy must have at least one pharmacist and all pharmacists must have a minimum qualification of a degree in pharmacy and be registered with the General Pharmaceutical Council. Community pharmacy is supported by a trained and knowledgeable workforce. The workforce ranges from those who provide healthcare and medicines advice from their role as healthcare counter staff and those who work directly in the dispensary. The support staff work in direct contact with the public and are suitably trained to provide advice on numerous health related matters. The pharmacist provides an expert source of knowledge to the support staff, although many staff have developed specialised areas of competence in which they work. As part of community pharmacy development to ensure continued ability to deliver NHS services, work continues to support development of support staff.

Pharmacists have the ability to be independent prescribers (IP). Implementation of the national Pharmacy First Plus service in 2020 allows delivery of a common clinical conditions service in community pharmacy. The table below shows current numbers of IPs in Fife- there has been an increase of 8 active prescribers in 23/24. Inactivity is due to extended leave and maternity leave. Further information about the Pharmacy First Plus service can be found in section 2.4.4

Table 3:  
Community pharmacist numbers training or trained with prescribing rights  
(March 2025)

Prescribing Status	Number of Pharmacists
Active	44
In training	19
Inactive	3

## 2.2. Community Pharmacy Services - Accessibility of Pharmaceutical Services

### 2.2.1. Travel times to community pharmacies

Previous national research has indicated that 86% of the population are within 20 minutes travelling time of their pharmacy and 44% are within 10 minutes. This data also showed that 47% of respondents travelled by car and 42% walked. The majority (83%) started and ended their journey at home with only 8% travelling from their place of work. Another UK wide survey showed that 56% of respondents were a short walk away from a pharmacy with an additional 22% further than a short walk but less than one mile. The respondents in this survey reported a mean distance of travel of 0.8 miles to a pharmacy.

The distance the population live from a pharmacy has been calculated for Fife. The information shows similar results to the research findings above. The distance from the pharmacy and the percentage of the population living within this distance are shown in Table 5.

Table 4:  
Percentages of the Fife population living within various distances of their nearest pharmacy

Distance population live from their nearest pharmacy	Percentage of population living within the distance
Quarter of a mile of pharmacy	28.4%
Half a mile of pharmacy	65.8%
Within one mile of pharmacy	88.5%
Within 2 miles of pharmacy	96.6%
Within 4 miles of pharmacy	99.8%
Within 6 miles of pharmacy	100%

1. Distances are "as the crow flies" straight line distances, not travel time
2. Distances are calculated from the grid reference of Fife pharmacies via the postcode and the mean value of the grid references for postcode within a data zone

The information above shows that 88.5% of the Fife population lives within 1 mile of their nearest pharmacy. It cannot be assumed that the population will necessarily use the nearest pharmacy, but location has been shown to be critical in the access to pharmaceutical services. It should be noted that NHS Fife is the third most densely populated of all Scottish Health Boards.

Survey results as part of the Office of Fair Trade review of the control of entry regulation and retail pharmacy services in the UK (OFT 609 report) demonstrated that 89% of people found the location of

their pharmacy easy to get to from home. Convenience of the pharmacy location is related to the distance required to travel to the pharmacy by the population that they serve.

Of the 305 respondents to this year’s public engagement survey, 84% said that their travel time to a community pharmacy was less than 15 minutes. 52% of respondents drove to their community pharmacy with a further 35% saying that they walk. This data is in line with previous national research.

### 2.2.2. Hours of Service

Pharmacies in Fife provide opening hours that must cover 9.00am to 5.30pm on 5 days of the week in which they can be closed for 1 hour during the middle of the day and offer one day per week of an 9am to 1pm opening ([NHS Fife General Pharmaceutical Services: Hours of Service Scheme](#)). In summary this shows that each contracted pharmacy must be open five and a half days per week. There are some local variations on these hours that have been agreed by the NHS Board based on local circumstances to suit the requirements at individual locations.

Several pharmacies have extended hours to 6pm and many offer a service on Saturday and some on Sundays. The last year has seen an overall increase in provision with 3 pharmacies increasing to open 5.5 days per week. See Table 6 for a summary of the hours of service of community pharmacies in Fife.

Table 5:  
Summary of the hours of service of the 86 community pharmacies in Fife (March 2025)

	Open 5 full days per week (closed Saturday)	Open 4.5 days Mon - Fri then half day Saturday	Open 5.5 days per week	Open up to 6 full days per week	Open 7 days per week
TOTAL	5	4	52	19	6

NHS Fife provision of pharmaceutical services on a Sunday is similar to other NHS Board areas.

It should be noted that all 6 community pharmacies which open on a Sunday are located in the same areas/towns as the Unscheduled Care Services Fife (UCSF) Centres, which is where prescriptions written on a Sunday are generated from.

The information from the public engagement exercise noted that 85% of respondents found their pharmacy’s opening hours to be convenient. A further 5% answered that the times were not convenient. The remaining 10% of respondents answered ‘other’ to this question and provided comments. Comments related to closure over lunch time, after work and at the weekend.

## 2.3. Community Pharmacy Services - Core Services

Core services form part of the nationally agreed Community Pharmacy Contract meaning that all contractors on the Board’s Pharmaceutical List must provide these services.

### 2.3.1. Acute Medication Service (AMS)

AMS is the provision of pharmaceutical care services for acute episodes of care and electronically supports the dispensing of acute prescriptions and any associated counseling and advice. AMS is provided by all 86 community pharmacies in Fife.

In terms of absolute activity relating to prescribing the most recently published data shows, 8,013,950 prescription items were dispensed in NHS Fife in 2024/25, an increase of 2.9% on the previous year. This compares to a national increase of 2.3%. See table 6 for the volume of prescription items dispensed in Fife over the last 5 financial years. Locality specific information can be found in the Appendices.

Prescribing and dispensing patterns remain largely local, with an average of 92% of prescriptions issued by GP practices being dispensed by pharmacies in the same locality, supporting place-based planning of pharmaceutical care services.

Financial Year	Number of prescription items dispensed
2024-25	8,013,950
2023-24	7,785,990
2022-23	7,496,220
2021-22	7,254,100
2020-21	6,917,140

Table 6- Volume of prescription items dispensed

### 2.3.2. Medicines: Care and Review

Medicines: Care and Review (MCR) is a revised model of the Chronic Medication Service (CMS) which commenced in April 2009, with NHS Fife being the early adopter board. Medicines: Care and Review (MCR) allows patients with long-term conditions to register with the community pharmacy of their choice for the provision of pharmaceutical care as part of a shared agreement between the patient, the GP and the pharmacist. One element of MCR allows the GP to generate a patient's prescription for a 24, 48 or 56 week period. In this period the patient is only required to visit the pharmacy to pick up their medication. This process sends electronic messages between the pharmacy system and GP practice system to update the GP record with the dispensing information. The pharmacist is required to complete a medication review and care plan with the patient within 16 weeks of patient registration.

All Health Boards are now working towards the aim of having all of their GP practices and Community Pharmacies providing the serial prescribing element of the service. One of the key changes to the revised service is that GP practices will now be allowed to identify patients suitable for serial prescriptions without the need for an initial registration for the service by a community pharmacy. This Community Pharmacy registration will now follow the GP intervention.

NHS Fife currently has 51 GP practices (98%) generating serial prescriptions with 85 (98%) pharmacies involved in processing them. We continue to work with practices and pharmacies to encourage uptake, with an emphasis on supporting those practices who are keen to increase the numbers of their patients receiving serial prescriptions. Public engagement suggests that only 59% of respondents were aware of the MCR service. 72% of respondents noted that they suffer from a long term condition and 31% of those use MCR.

Figure 6 shows the number of patients receiving a serial prescription by prescribing locality.

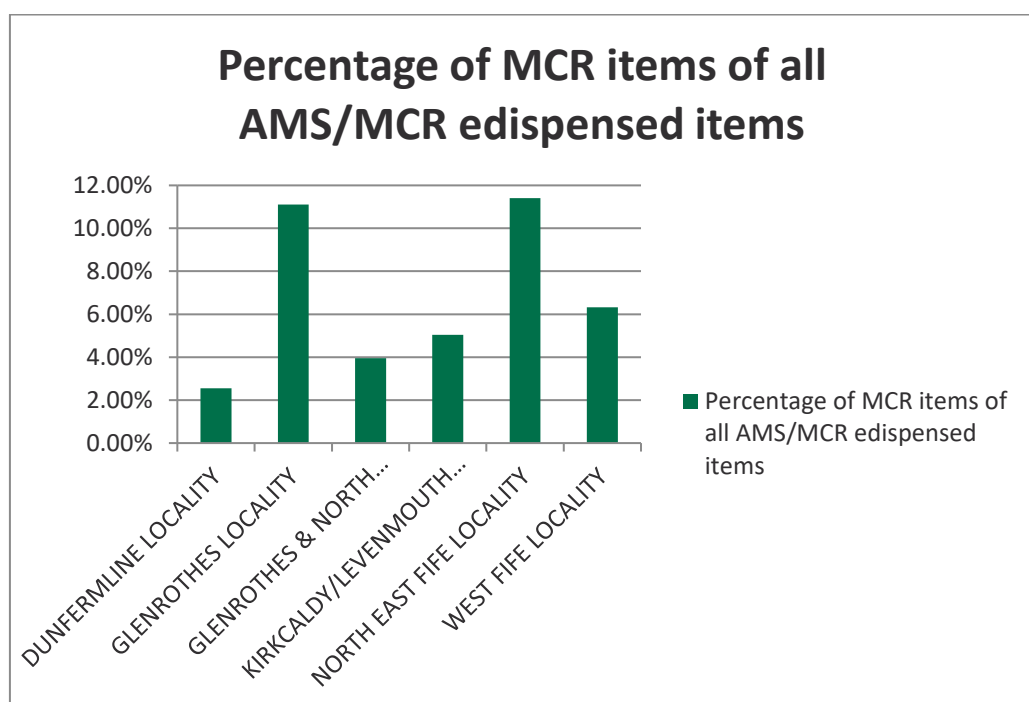


Figure 6: Patients receiving a serial prescription by locality at March 2025

### 2.3.3 Pharmacy First

In July 2020 the Pharmacy First service was implemented to replace the previous Minor Ailment Scheme. This service is delivered by all 86 community pharmacies in Fife and is available free of charge to eligible patients who require advice and/or treatment for minor ailments. When a patient accesses this service, they receive a consultation which will result in one of three outcomes- supply of an appropriate medicine if indicated, advice only or referral to their GP or other healthcare professional. Averages of 18,100 patients receive a Pharmacy First consultation monthly. These consultations result in an average of 11,556 patients per month receiving treatment.

There are several national Patient Group Directions (PGDs) available allowing pharmacists to provide treatment for urinary tract infections, impetigo, shingles, skin infections and hayfever. This means that patients who would normally require a GP consultation for treatment can attend their pharmacy instead. Between 23/24 and 24/25 numbers of patients treated under each of the PGDs has increased. The hayfever PGD was launched in September 2023 (after the main hayfever season) therefore the significant increase is unsurprising.

Table 7 shows the number of Pharmacy First PGD items dispensed in 24/25.

PGD	Number of patients treated 2023/24	Number of patients treated 2024/25	% Change
Urinary Tract Infection	5,864	6812	16.2%
Hayfever	129	3,475	2,594%
Skin Infection	1,427	1,721	20.6%
Impetigo	551	659	19.6%
Shingles	187	338	80.7%

Table 7 number of Pharmacy First PGD items dispensed 24/25

Figure 7 below shows the number of patients who access treatment via Pharmacy First (excluding PGD items) by SIMD quintile. 46% of patients treated in 24/25 are in SIMD quintiles 1 and 2.

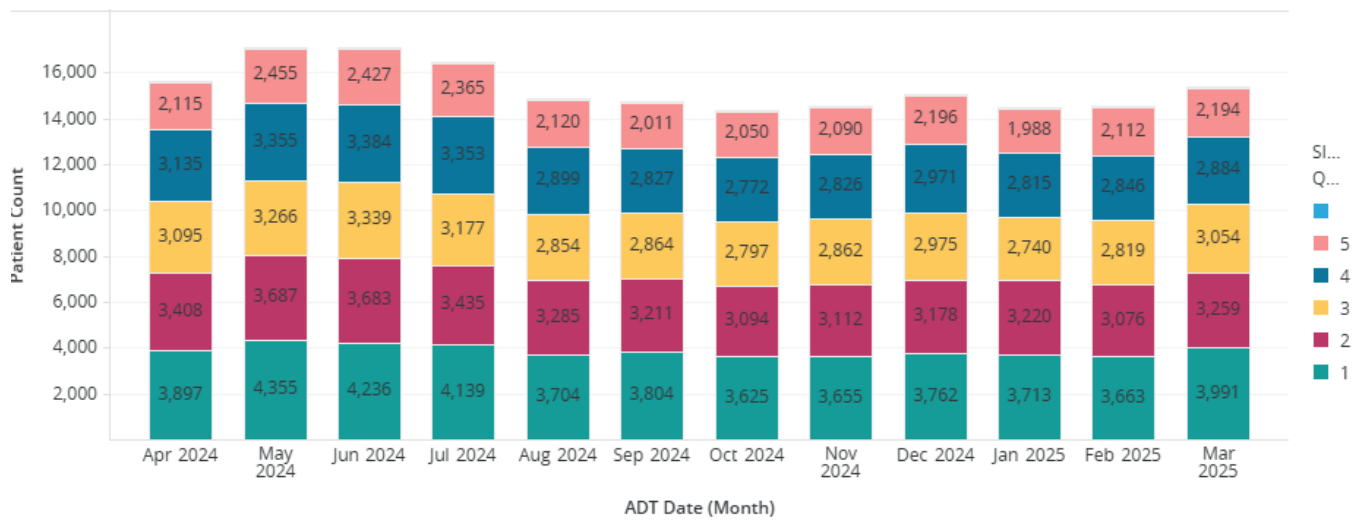


Figure 7 - Pharmacy First access by quintile 24/25

Figure 8 shows the comparison between males and females accessing Pharmacy First.

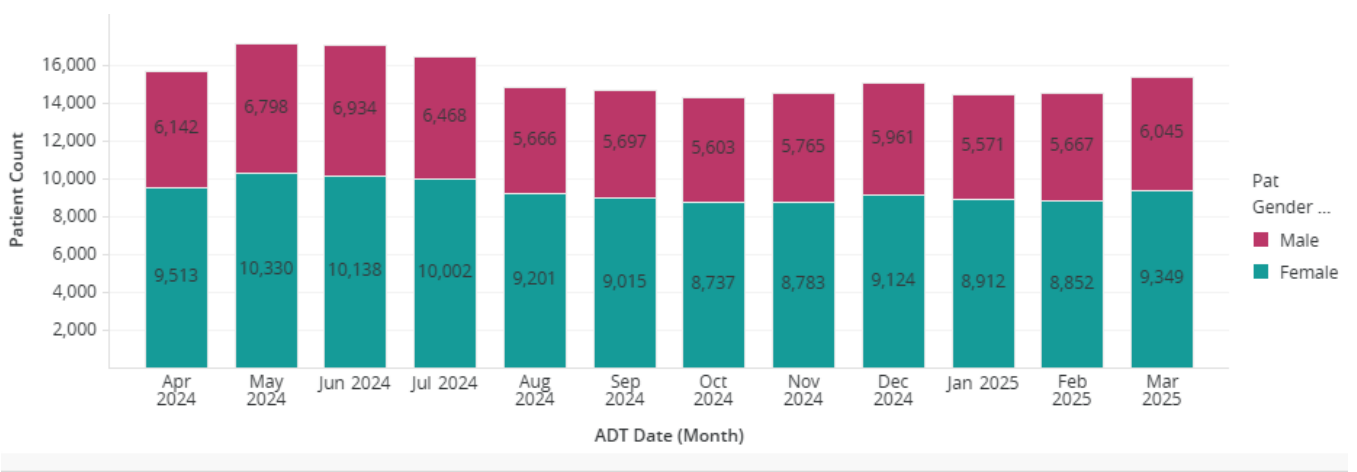


Figure 8- Pharmacy First access by gender 24/25

Of the 305 responses received to the public engagement survey, 87% of respondents were aware of the Pharmacy First service, and 60% had used it. Among those who had used the service, 83% reported receiving treatment or advice directly from the pharmacy, while 17% were referred to their GP.

#### RECOMMENDATION

- Continue to promote community pharmacy as the first port of call for advice and treatment for common clinical conditions

- Regularly review patient activity across each PGD and work with Primary Care colleagues to maintain strong patient pathways that support delivery of care in accordance with *Right Care, Right Place* principles

#### 2.3.4. Public Health Service

The Public Health Service (PHS) comprises of the following services:

- The provision of advice to patients or members of the public on healthy living options and promotion of self care in circumstances where in the professional opinion of the pharmacist it is appropriate to do so or by request from a patient or member of the public
- Making available for use by patients and members of the public a range of NHS or NHS approved health promotion campaign materials and other health education information and support material
- Participating in health promotion campaigns, each campaign being on display and visible within a pharmacy for at least six weeks, agreed nationally by Scottish Ministers and a body deemed to be representative of community pharmacy contractors. Between these campaigns generic display material will be made available by the Scottish Ministers for use by PHS providers if they wish
- Where agreed between a PHS provider and the Health Board, participation in locally agreed health promotion campaigns in the intervals between the national campaigns as described in the above paragraph.

There are three patient service elements of the public health service:

##### 2.3.4.1. Stop Smoking Services

The service consists of the provision of a stop smoking service comprising support and advice together with the supply of nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) or varenicline via a Patient Group Direction over a period of up to 12 weeks, in order to help smokers successfully stop smoking. The Community Pharmacy Stop Smoking Service is delivered by all 86 community pharmacies in Fife.

The community pharmacy service contributes significantly to the yearly NHS Fife smoking cessation Local Delivery Plan (LDP) Target. For financial year 24/25, 72% of all quit attempts made in Fife came from the community pharmacy stop smoking service (with the remainder via non-pharmacy services). The LDP standard target of successful 12 week quits in the most deprived areas, i.e. 40% most deprived data zones, was 473. In financial year 24/25, Fife achieved 76.4% of its LDP target, with 29 % of these quits via the Community Pharmacy service.

The Public Health Scotland review of smoking cessation services, published in September 2023, reinforces the pivotal role of community pharmacies in supporting people to quit smoking. As trusted and accessible healthcare providers, community pharmacies are uniquely positioned to deliver effective smoking cessation interventions. The review’s recommendations underline this by calling for stronger referral pathways between specialist services and community pharmacies, alongside enhanced training for pharmacy teams to maximise their impact.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Work with community pharmacy teams to review smoking cessation data and share best practice across Fife
- Work with the NHS Fife Specialist Service to continue to enhance referral pathways
- Work with NHS Fife Specialist Service to offer training and education to community pharmacy teams

### 2.3.4.2 – Sexual Health

#### 2.3.4.2.1 Emergency Hormonal Contraception

The introduction of a national PHS service for emergency hormonal contraception (EHC) in August 2008 has ensured equitable access to the population of Fife.

Community pharmacies continue to issue over 90% of the total EHC prescribed/supplied in NHS Fife. This service comprises of the provision of advice on sexual health matters and the supply of EHC (as levonorgestrel or ulipristal) to women aged 13 years and above, where appropriate. This service is delivered by all 86 community pharmacies in Fife. On average, 388 supplies of EHC are made by community pharmacists each month which is a slight increase of 2% versus the previous year.

Figures 9 and 10 below show the number of patients receiving EHC from community pharmacies by SIMD quintile and age group in 24/25.

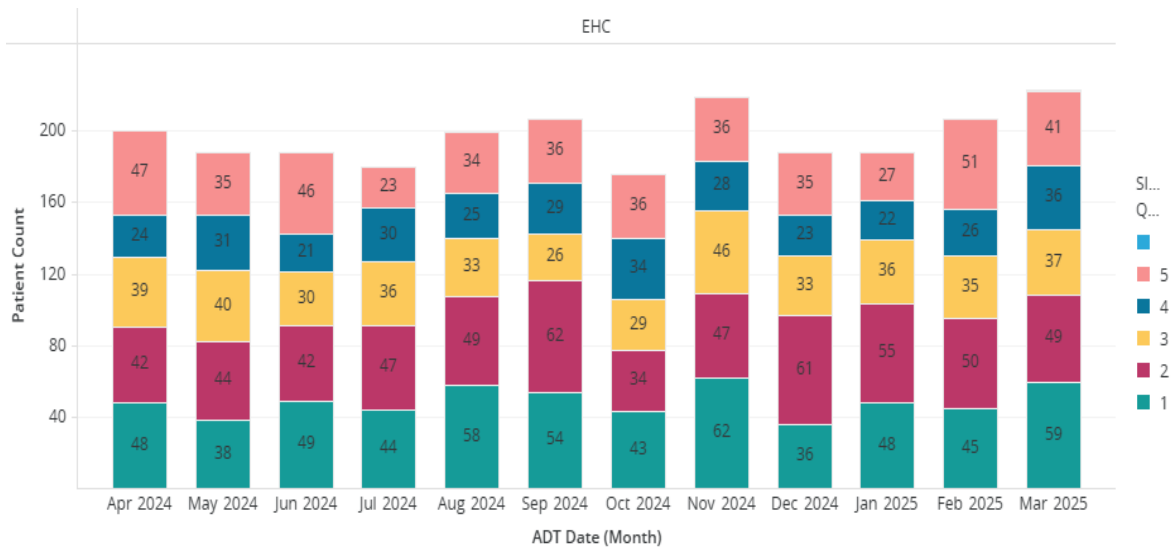


Figure 9- EHC supplies by SIMD quintile 24/25

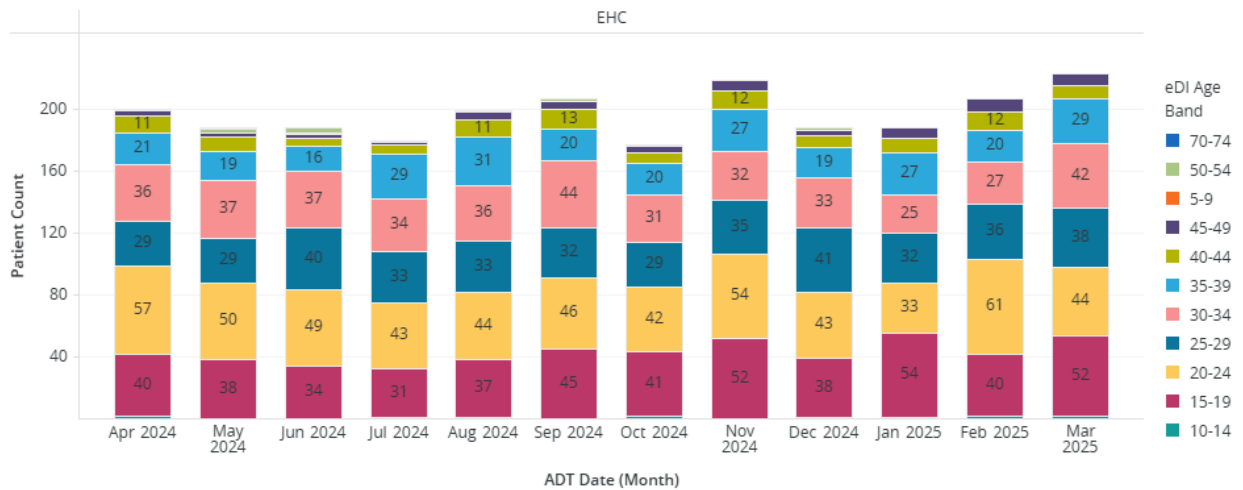


Figure 10- EHC supplies by age group 24/25

This data indicates that community pharmacies are utilised for access to EHC across all SIMD quintiles and age groups showing the valuable role pharmacies play in providing equitable access to emergency contraception.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Continue to work with pharmacy teams and the NHS Fife sexual health service to develop robust referral pathways
- Provide community pharmacies with appropriate signposting materials to allow them to support individuals who may require associated services, for example SARCs

#### 2.3.4.2.2. Bridging Contraception

A new addition to the PHS in November 2021 allows community pharmacists to provide a patient with bridging contraception, a short-term supply of desogestrel to give them time to access their GP or sexual health services for a long term contraception arrangements. This service aims to increase access to contraception and reduce the incidence of unplanned pregnancy. 440 supplies of bridging contraception were made between April 2024 and March 2025, a reduction of 23% on the previous year.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Review data in relation to the uptake of bridging contraception and work with community pharmacists to develop strategies to increase uptake

#### 2.3.4.3. Supply of Prophylactic Paracetamol following MenB Vaccine

This Community Pharmacy Public Health Service was introduced in October 2015 and allows the supply of prophylactic paracetamol via PGD to babies receiving the MenB vaccine at 2 months and 4 months. The preferred model across NHS Fife for supply of prophylactic paracetamol is solely via the community pharmacy service. There were 689 supplies made under this service in 24/25.

## 2.4. Community Pharmacy Services - National Services

Whilst core services must be delivered by all community pharmacies on the pharmaceutical list, the National suite of services is optional. That said, for many of these services, the vast majority of pharmacies in Fife offer them.

### 2.4.1. Gluten Free Food Service

The National Community Pharmacy Gluten Free Food Service was introduced in October 2015. This enables patients with a diagnosis of coeliac disease and/or dermatitis herpetiformis to obtain gluten free foods directly from a local pharmacy without the need to request a prescription from the GP Practice. NHS Fife has developed a Gluten Free Food Formulary and a patient leaflet is available. Patients are given an agreed allocation of Gluten Free units and are able to choose which staple foods they require from the Fife Gluten Free Formulary.

Pharmacists are required to register patients, complete a Pharmacy Care Record (PCR), and carry out an initial health check with each patient and thereafter an annual health check with patients using this service. All 86 NHS Fife community pharmacies have signed up to this service. 24,585 items were dispensed under this service in 24/25. Patients can still choose to remain with their GP practice to request their prescription for gluten free foods.

### 2.4.2. Unscheduled Care

Unscheduled care can be described as:

“NHS care which cannot reasonably be foreseen or planned in advance of contact with the relevant healthcare professional, or is care which, unavoidably, is out with the core working period of NHS Scotland. It follows that such demand can occur at any time and that services to meet this demand must be available 24 hours a day.”

In the past the largest group of patients requiring unscheduled care tended to use one of the following routes:

- an urgent appointment with their GP advice from NHS 24
- referral to the Out of Hours service via NHS 24

More recently service developments in community pharmacy have led to pharmacies becoming an important access route for people requiring unscheduled care particularly over weekends and public holidays. One important resource is the National Patient Group Direction for the Urgent Supply of Repeat Medicines and Appliances, which enables pharmacists to provide an emergency supply of medication free of charge following a patient assessment. Community Pharmacies can also use a Direct Referral process to local Out of Hours services where the pharmacist feels that the patient has an urgent medical need that cannot be adequately treated within the pharmacy. Each week, on average over 750 patients were aided to access medicines through this service in 24/25. Figure 11 below gives a comparison of average number of urgent supply items per 1000 population across Scotland.

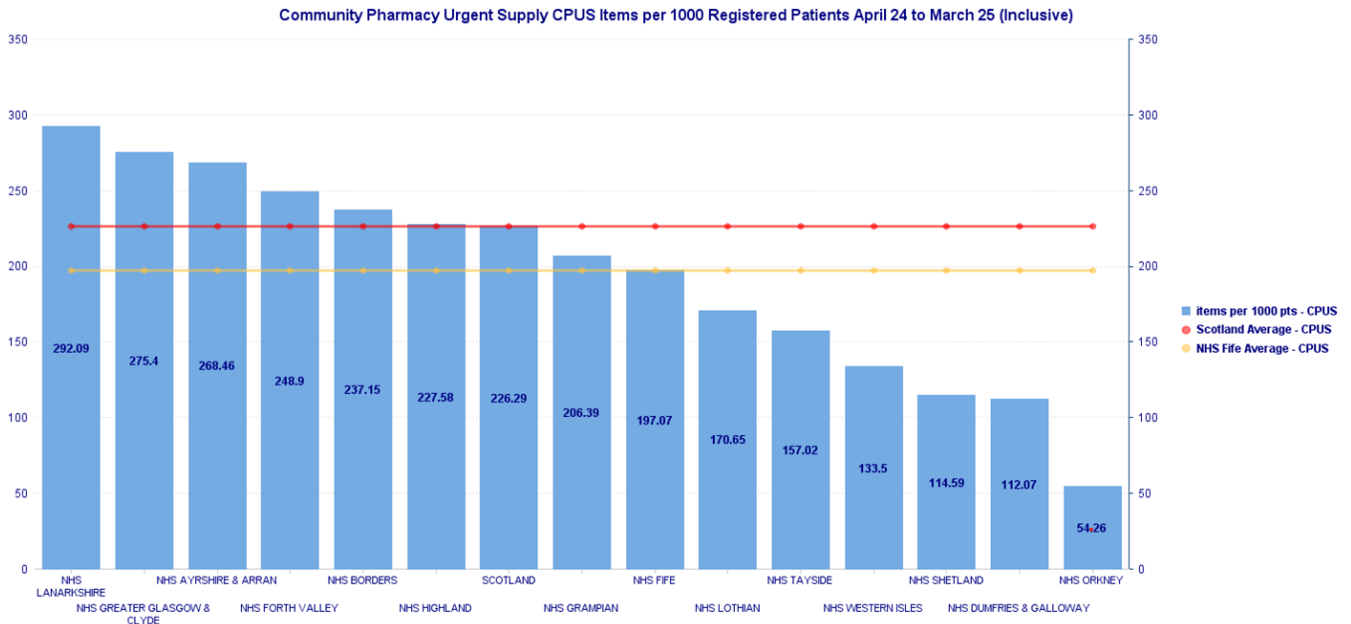


Figure 11- Urgent supply per 1000 population 24/25

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Continue to work with community pharmacy teams and other healthcare professionals to raise awareness of the availability of this service, in particular to support in the Out of Hours period.
- Continue to support appropriate staff within community pharmacies to use Clinical Portal to aid in decision making
- Continue to engage in any national conversations around read/write access to clinical records for community pharmacists

### 2.4.3. Stoma Service

From 1 July 2011 suppliers of stoma appliances must be entered on the NHS Scotland list of approved suppliers. Stoma service providers are expected to comply with the agreed standards for service provision. All NHS Fife community pharmacies have currently registered to provide this service. In addition, other appliance suppliers also provide this service giving NHS Fife adequate coverage for this service.

### 2.4.4. Pharmacy First Plus

From September 2020, the NHS Pharmacy First Plus service was introduced by the Scottish Government, aiming to maximise the pharmacist’s expertise in medicines by providing the opportunity for Pharmacist Independent prescribers to manage acute common clinical conditions within Community Pharmacy. The pharmacist must be available to provide the service for a minimum of 25 hrs per week for a minimum of 45 weeks of a rolling year. In Fife there are currently 39 pharmacies providing this service, an increase of 16 pharmacies on last year. Averages of 870 items were prescribed under this service per month between March 2024 and February 2025. NHS Fife is supporting the expansion of the number of qualified Pharmacist Independent Prescribers which in turn will support the expansion of the Pharmacy First Plus service.

Figure 12 below shows the number of patients from each SIMD category that accessed Pharmacy First Plus between April 2024 and February 2025. Some CHI data is missing, so a proportion of patients could not be assigned to an SIMD category. The data indicates that this service is used by patients across all SIMD quintiles, highlighting the important role community pharmacy Independent Prescribers play in ensuring equitable access to medicines.

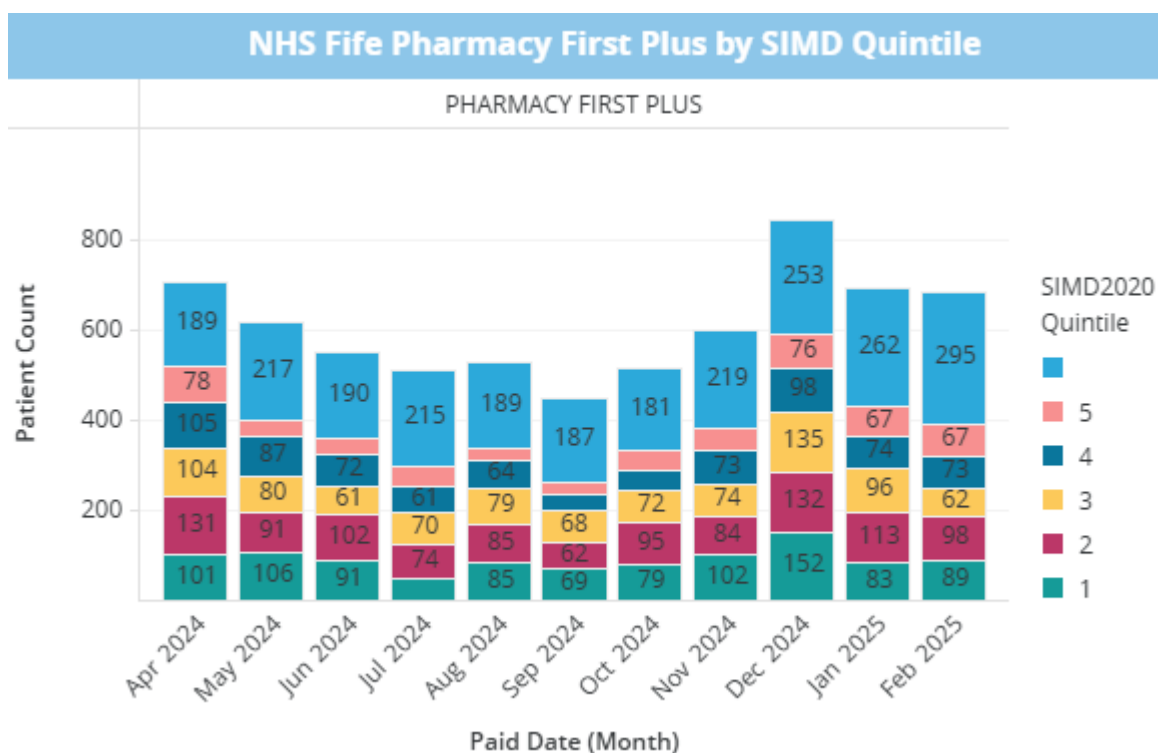


Figure 12- Pharmacy First Plus access by SIMD 24/25

Prescribing data shows that the top three areas prescribed for under Pharmacy First Plus were infections, ear, nose & throat and skin.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Continue to support education events for Independent Prescribers in community pharmacy
- Continue to review and analyse prescribing data
- Continue to engage in national conversations regarding future direction of Pharmacy First Plus, including access to read/write records and scope of service

### 2.4.5. Emergency Naloxone Provision

The Scottish Drug Deaths Taskforce, which was set up in 2019, made a recommendation that all community pharmacies should hold naloxone for administration in an emergency. To realise this ambition, funding was made available in 2023 which supported all community pharmacies to hold two naloxone kits for use in an emergency. All pharmacies in Fife now participate in this service.

### 2.5. Community Pharmacy Services - Additional Services

There are several additional services agreed within NHS Fife. These are locally negotiated contracts and as such not all pharmacies participate in these services. It is the responsibility of the NHS Board to ensure that these additional services meet the needs of the population. This does not mean however that the population requires these services equally across geographical areas or that it is necessary to provide them from every community pharmacy. These services might not be provided entirely by pharmacy alone and so provision must be looked at in the context of wider healthcare services.

Additional Services	Total
Dispensing/supervision of opioid substitution therapy	86
Injecting Equipment Provision	23
Take Home Naloxone	64
Advice to Care Homes	53
Palliative Care Network	22

Table 8:  
Numbers of Community Pharmacies providing Additional Services (at March 2025)

#### 2.5.1. Substance Use

Opioid Substitution Therapy (OST) with methadone or buprenorphine is a well- established treatment for opioid dependent patients. OST reduces harm to the individual and society by reducing the injecting of drugs which in turn helps to reduce the spread of potentially fatal blood borne viruses such as Hepatitis B, C and HIV. It can also help to stabilise and decriminalise the lives of drug users and integrate them back into society.

### 2.5.1.1. Opioid Substitution Therapy (OST)

Supervised self-administration of OST has become a key component of any OST programme. Supervision is undertaken at the request of the prescriber and is a clinical decision based on the patient's stability, home circumstances and progress through treatment. Supervision ensures that adequate blood and tissue levels of methadone are maintained and helps to prevent diversion onto the illicit market.

The use of community pharmacies for dispensing methadone allows patients to be treated in their own communities. Community pharmacists are the best placed healthcare professionals to carry out the supervision of OST. A valuable supportive relationship can develop between the community pharmacist and the patient. Daily contact allows the pharmacist to monitor patient compliance (e.g. missed doses) and suspected misuse of illegal drugs and alcohol. It also allows the pharmacist to provide health promotion advice.

Currently all pharmacies in Fife dispense and supervise OST when requested by the prescriber. The majority of pharmacies are able to provide supervision either in a consultation room or an area screened off from general view.

### 2.5.1.2. Injecting Equipment Provision (IEP)

Injecting equipment is provided with the aim of reducing the transmission of blood borne viruses spread by the sharing of injecting equipment; to protect the public from discarded equipment; to make contact with people who inject drugs who are not in contact with drug treatment services; and to improve access to health and harm reduction advice.

Additional funding secured from Fife Alcohol Drug Partnership (ADP) has enabled an extension to the network, from 19 to 23 pharmacies. Participating pharmacies are identified in appendix 1. Injection equipment is provided in pre-packed packs standardised throughout Scotland via national procurement.

Injecting equipment providers are asked to encourage clients to use a new set of works for every injection. Five different packs are available, including two suitable for steroid users. Data is collected at each transaction and forwarded to Information Services Division for input to the annual report.

A comparison of IEP supplies made between 23/24 and 24/25 can be seen in the graph below, with a slight reduction in transactions observed.

## IEP supplies via Community Pharmacies 23/24 vs 24/25

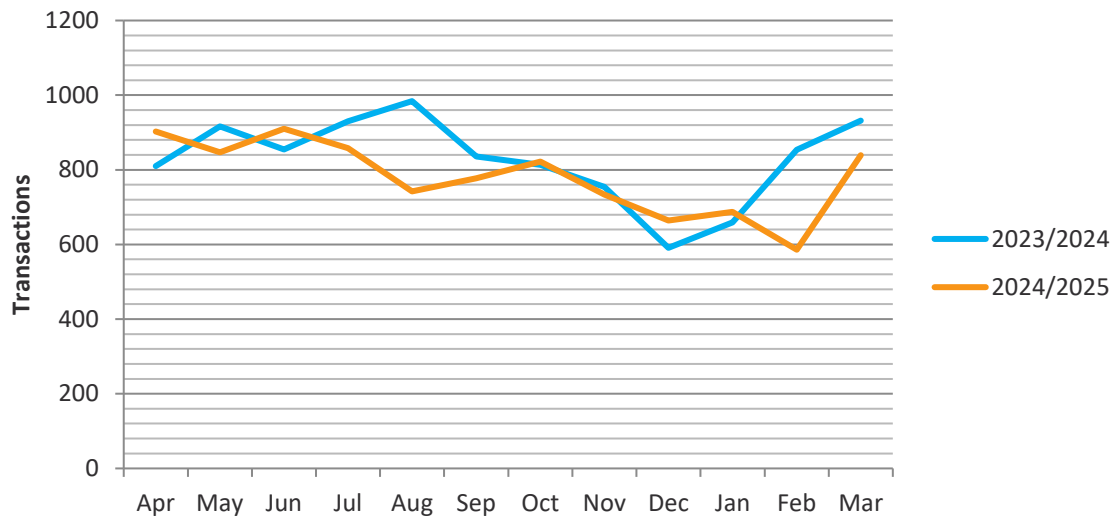


Figure 13- IEP Supplies 23/24 vs 24/25

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Continue to provide training to IEP pharmacy teams
- Work with the ADP and third sector partners to ensure awareness of the service

#### 2.5.1.3. Take-Home Naloxone (THN)

This service allows community pharmacists and their support staff to provide the necessary training in overdose recognition, basic life support, use and supply of naloxone to persons at risk and family members. Additional funding provided by the ADP in 2020 has allowed this service to expand. There are now 64 pharmacies across Fife participating in this service and further uptake continues to be encouraged. The graph below shows a significant increase in the number of THN supplies made via community pharmacy in 24/25 versus 23/24. This is as a result of increased training to community pharmacies led by a Pharmacy Technician with support from the charity With You.

## THN supplies via CP 23/24 vs 24/25

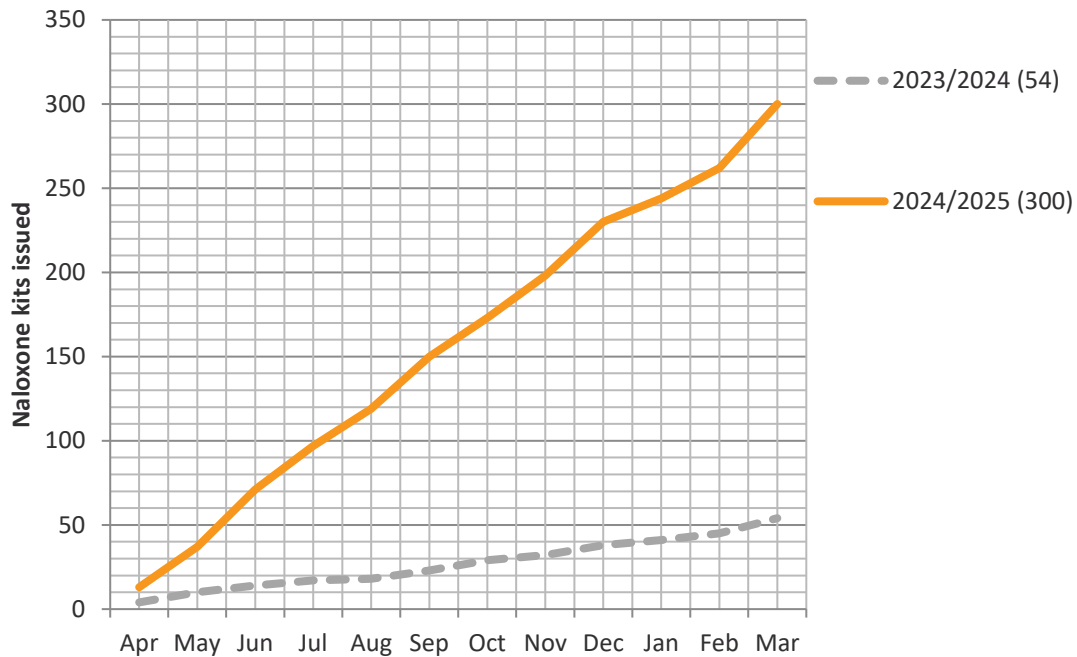


Figure 14- THN supplies 23/24 vs 24/25

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Develop strategies, in partnership with ADP, to promote the availability of THN to friends and family of individuals at risk of overdose

### 2.5.2. Pharmaceutical Advice to Care Homes

Community pharmacies provide a service to Care Homes to provide advice on safe keeping and correct administration of drugs and medicines to residential and nursing homes. The service specification for this service is due for review.

### 2.5.3. Palliative Care Network

The aim of this service is to provide a network of community pharmacists throughout Fife, who are able to meet the pharmaceutical care needs of palliative care patients.

The key services provided are:

- Dispensing of specialist palliative care medicines
- Providing advice and information on the use of these medicines to patients/carers and healthcare professionals
- Liaising with the patients' usual community pharmacist and primary healthcare team to ensure continuity of supply of the specialist medicine(s)

The participating pharmacies are identified in Appendix 1.

#### 2.5.4. Just in Case Programme

A 'Just in Case - JIC' programme is delivered from community pharmacies. Such a programme has been advocated by the Scottish Government through 'Living and Dying Well - a national action plan for palliative and end of life care in Scotland'. The NHS Fife Action Plan contains as part of action 6: 'To identify if there are areas or circumstances within NHS Fife where the use of 'Just in Case' boxes would improve the accessibility of medicines likely to prevent hospital admissions'. JIC relies on appropriate anticipatory prescribing which forms part of wider anticipatory care planning processes.

The programme was developed with the NHS Fife Palliative Care Guidelines Group and the Network of Palliative Care Community Pharmacy Development Group. The programme uses the already established Fife Network of Palliative Care Community Pharmacies to work closely with the patient's Primary Care team to monitor the supply of boxes and the medicines contained therein.

676 JIC boxes were provided via community pharmacies in 24/25. Avoidable hospital admissions and GP and Community Pharmacy out of hours calls are being prevented. Where a JIC box is issued and subsequently used, 99% of patients were found to be able to remain in their preferred place of care i.e. home. Feedback from both health professionals and patients and their families are that having JIC medicines at home is greatly reassuring.

Throughout 24/25 the JIC Policy was under review with a view to all community pharmacies being able to provide JIC medicines, rather than solely the Community Pharmacy Palliative Care Network.

#### 2.5.5. Prescribed Sharps Disposal Service

All 86 community pharmacies participate in the prescribed sharps disposal service. 'Prescribed sharps' refers to items such as insulin needles, pen needles, lancets, and other sharp devices supplied on prescription for personal medical use. Patients return their full, sealed sharps bin to their local pharmacy and exchange it for a new one.

The primary driver for the service is to reduce the risk to patients, pharmacy staff, waste-handling staff, and the wider public from sharps being disposed of in domestic waste—an issue highlighted by Fife Council, the Healthcare Environment Inspectorate (HEI), and NHS Fife Health Board.

This service provides patients with a safe and convenient route for the disposal of prescribed sharps. By offering an accessible disposal option, the service reduces the volume of sharps stored in patients' homes, lowering the risk of accidental needle-stick injuries and minimising environmental harm associated with inappropriate disposal.

### 2.5.6. Hepatitis C Treatment

In line with national frameworks that support patient access to medicines within local healthcare settings, the NHS Fife Specialist Hepatitis C Service, collaborates with community pharmacies across NHS Fife to facilitate community supply of antiviral medication for Hepatitis C treatment.

However, challenges with procuring these medicines in community pharmacy have reduced the number of patients able to receive treatment through this route. Of the 63 patients treated in 2024/25, 29 received their medication via community pharmacy, with the remainder receiving treatment through hospital services.

### 2.5.7. Chlamydia Treatment

NHS Fife introduced a new local service in March 2021 that is delivered from Community Pharmacies. Patients can now be treated for Chlamydia using a Patient Group Direction for doxycycline when the patient/sexual contact presents a voucher that they have received from the 'Sexual Health Fife' team. 66 pharmacies participate in this service. Between April 24 and March 25, 257 people received treatment for chlamydia via community pharmacy, a 5% increase on the previous year.

### 2.5.8. Free Condoms Fife Scheme

Community Pharmacies participate in the "Free Condoms Fife" Scheme, where supplies of condoms are made freely available to the public to pick up from a discrete area within the pharmacy. Pharmacy participation in this service is low.

#### RECOMMENDATION

- Promote the availability of this service to community pharmacies and encourage participation

### 2.5.9. Vaccination Services

Working closely with the Community Immunisation Service Community pharmacies across Fife have taken part in successful NHS influenza vaccination service campaigns over the last five flu seasons delivering almost 45,000 vaccinations over the five years of activity.

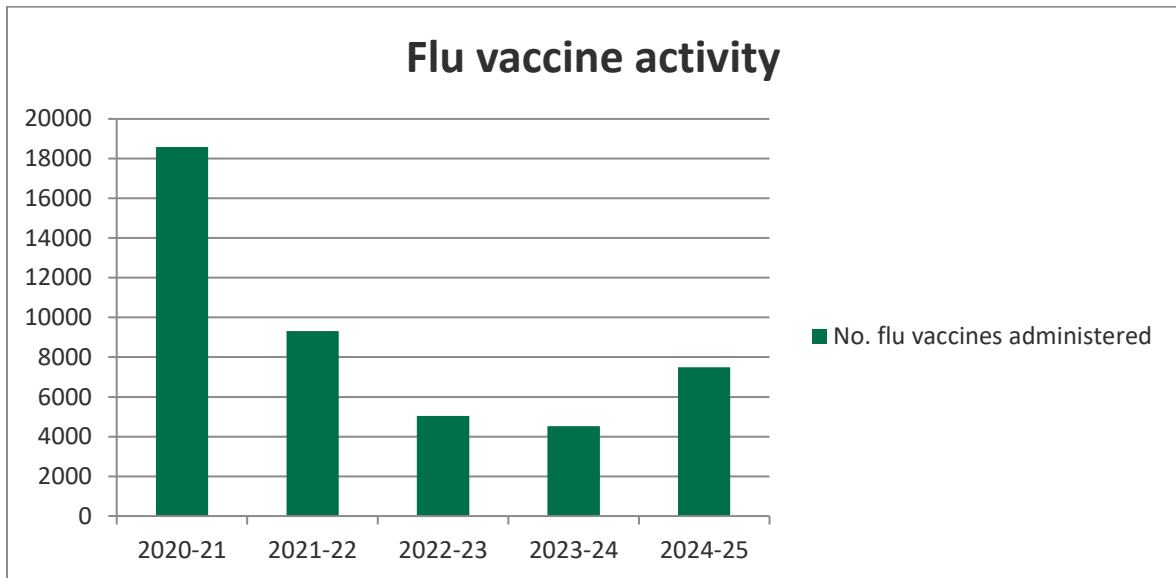


Figure 15- Flu Vaccines administered

Offering this service via community pharmacies allows agreed eligible groups to access flu vaccinations in a setting closer to home. The community pharmacy service is now seen as an integral part of NHS Fife’s Winter Vaccination Programme.

As part of the Vaccination Transformation Programme, 21 Community Pharmacies commenced provision of NHS travel vaccination on behalf of Fife Health and Social Care Partnership in April 2022, participating pharmacies are identified in appendix 1. The graph below shows the growth of this service since commencement. It should be noted that alongside administration of NHS available travel vaccines, participating community pharmacies are also asked to provide any private vaccines required.

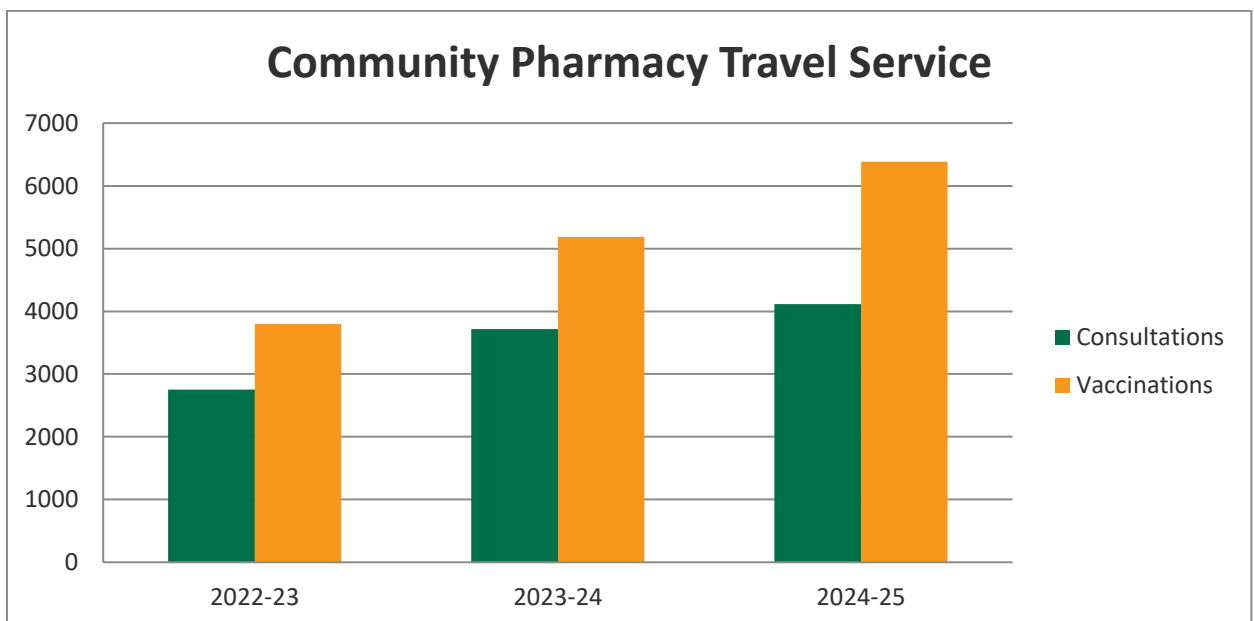


Figure 16- Travel Service activity

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Continue to work closely with the CIS to identify appropriate cohorts to be signposted to community pharmacies for the Winter Vaccination Programme
- Monitor and review data regarding travel vaccination and consultations in order to ensure provision is appropriate for the citizens of Fife

### 2.5.10. Public consultation and engagement

Over the 5 week public engagement period a total of 305 responses were received. The full Participation & Engagement report can be found at [Publications and Reports | Fife HSCP](#).

The survey asked members of the public for their views on:

- Access to community pharmacies (see section 2.2.1)
- Travel time to community pharmacies (see section 2.2.1)
- Awareness and convenience of opening hours (see section 2.2.2)
- Awareness of services offered by community pharmacies (both core and additional)

Analysis of the public engagement survey indicates that levels of awareness and use of community pharmacy services vary significantly across service types. Services that are well established and widely used—such as prescription collection—show very high levels of familiarity and uptake. In contrast, awareness of more specialised or targeted services (e.g., Emergency Naloxone Provision, Stoma Services, Gluten Free Food Service, or Bridging Contraception) is substantially lower.

A key factor contributing to this pattern is the age profile of survey respondents. The demographic spread shows a skew toward older adults, with 65% of all responses coming from individuals aged 55 and over, and over one-third aged 65 and older. Younger adults, who are more likely to access services such as Emergency Hormonal Contraception, Bridging Contraception or post-vaccination paracetamol supply, were significantly under-represented. Only five respondents were under the age of 35.

This imbalance means that the lower reported awareness for particular services may be influenced more by who responded, rather than reflecting poor communication or accessibility of the services themselves. Older respondents are naturally more familiar with core services (e.g., dispensing, flu vaccination), whereas services targeted at younger populations were less likely to be personally relevant to most respondents.

While the survey provides valuable insights, it highlights the need for future engagement that reaches a broader demographic, ensuring that awareness levels truly reflect the needs and experiences of all age groups.

Given the indications of low awareness—particularly for several key public health and preventative services—there is merit in exploring the development of a targeted public communication plan. This would need careful consideration to ensure that messages are appropriate, accessible, and reach the groups most likely to benefit from these services.

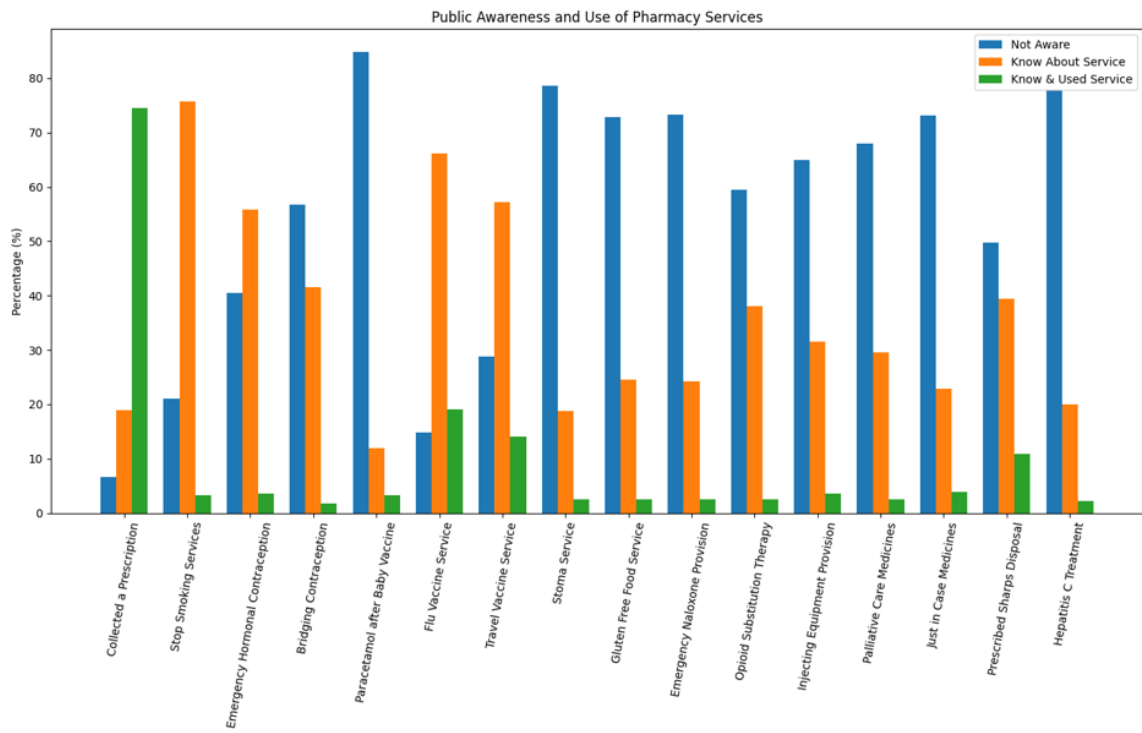


Figure 17:  
Awareness of community pharmacy services

# Analysis of Pharmaceutical Needs within NHS Fife

## 3. Analysis of Pharmaceutical Needs within NHS Fife

Information on both the health of the population of Fife and the services currently provided by community pharmacies has been detailed in the previous sections of the report. This has allowed adequate information to be considered to contemplate what the implications of this are for the future of the community pharmacy service within NHS Fife.

Overall, the data for 2024/25 indicates that pharmaceutical care services across Fife remain stable, with some fluctuations in patient numbers compared to the previous year. These variations, which can be seen in the table below, are within the expected range for community-based services and can reflect normal changes in demand and population dynamics. Importantly, several localities, including Kirkcaldy and SW Fife, have seen growth, demonstrating continued engagement with Pharmacy First and related services. Taken together, the figures show that service provision remains robust and responsive to local needs.

Locality	Number of patients receiving treatment on PF, PGD, PHS or UC 24/25	% change vs 2023/24
Levenmouth	6,675	-3.5%
Glenrothes	8,135	+1.4%
NE Fife	10,430	-3.8%
Cowdenbeath	5,485	-11%
Dunfermline	7,687	+2.7%
Kirkcaldy	9,399	+7%
SW Fife	5,086	+4.5%

Table 9:  
Number of patients receiving treatment under Pharmacy First PGDs (PF PGD), Public Health Services (PHS) or Unscheduled Care (UC) 23/24 vs 22/23

### 3.1 Number of Community Pharmacies

There are 86 contracted community pharmacies in NHS Fife. These are well distributed across the region and appear to meet the access needs of the vast majority of the population. Since 2009, there have been eight new community pharmacy contracts awarded in NHS Fife; one in each of the seven Localities ahead of the most recent opening in the Dunfermline Locality.

### 3.2. Hours of Service

There would appear to be no under provision in terms of opening hours for NHS Fife with adequate out of hours' opening mirroring the current Unscheduled Care Service Fife geography.

### 3.3. Pharmacy Workforce

There has been an increase in pharmacists who are either independent prescribers or working towards this qualification. The introduction of Pharmacy First Plus allows Community Pharmacists to utilise their prescribing qualifications order to provide pharmaceutical care and contribute to the transformation of urgent care agenda.

Recent data indicates a significant reduction in the number of unexpected closures in community pharmacies, which indicates sustainability of services, however infrequent unexpected closures do remain and this will continue to be monitored.

### 3.4. Community Pharmacy Services - Core Services

#### 3.4.1. Acute Medication Service

Prescription numbers remain stable within NHS Fife and with no significant increase in demand there is therefore no increase in need for any further Community Pharmacy provision.

#### 3.4.2. Medicines: Care and Review

Work continues on increasing engagement in this service, there is currently no unmet need.

#### 3.4.3. Pharmacy First

As all patients registered with a GP or living in Scotland can access the NHS Pharmacy First Scotland service there is no unmet need in the provision of consultation and treatment for common clinical conditions from a community pharmacy. However, there will be ongoing work to monitor the level of activity under the PGDs and encourage local referral pathways between GP Practice and Community Pharmacies.

#### 3.4.4. Public Health Services

Public Health Services provided as part of the core Community Pharmacy contract continue to be supported within Fife, and this element of the contract has made a significant contribution to harm reduction and women's health. There is no current unmet need identified.

#### 3.5. Community Pharmacy Services – National and Additional Services

The Additional Services developed under the Community Pharmacy Contract have made a fundamental contribution to the health of the population. Several community pharmacy services are negotiated at a local level and there is potential to review each of those on an ongoing basis, to ensure that the services delivered still meet the needs of the local population. No gaps have been identified in current service provision under these services; however this will continue to be monitored.



## Appendix 1A- Levenmouth Locality

There are 10 pharmacies in the Levenmouth locality

Pharmacy Name	Pharmacy Address	IEP	Palliative Care	Travel Vaccines	Hepatitis C	Chlamydia Treatment	Pharmacy First Plus
BOOTS THE CHEMISTS	MERLIN CRESCENT, BUCKHAVEN, KY8 1HJ				✓	✓	
WEMYSS PHARMACY	UNIT 2, 21 MAIN ROAD, EAST WEMYSS KY1 4RE			✓	✓	✓	✓
KENNOWAY PHARMACY	19 BISHOPS COURT, KENNOWAY, KY8 5LA				✓	✓	
BOOTS THE CHEMISTS	47 HIGH STREET, LEVEN, KY8 4NE	✓			✓	✓	
LEVEN PHARMACY	12-14 COMMERCIAL ROAD, LEVEN, KY8 4LD			✓	✓		✓
OMNICARE PHARMACY	30 COMMERCIAL ROAD, LEVEN, KY8 4LD		✓	✓	✓	✓	
LUNDIN LINKS PHARMACY	2 EMSDORF STREET, LUNDIN LINKS, KY8 6AB				✓		
BOOTS THE CHEMIST	AJAX WAY, METHIL, KY8 3RS	✓			✓	✓	
OMNICARE PHARMACY	345 METHILHAVEN ROAD, METHIL, KY8 3HR	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
WELL PHARMACY	303 WELLESLEY ROAD, METHIL, KY8 3BS				✓		

There are 6 GP Practices in the Levenmouth locality

Presc Location Code	Presc Location Name	Presc Location Postcode	Number of Items
20108	MUIREDGE SURGERY	KY8 1HJ	205,801
20856	KENNOWAY MEDICAL GROUP	KY8 5JZ	88,501
21261	SCOONIE MEDICAL PRACTICE	KY8 4ET	278,212
21281	AIRLIE MEDICAL PRACTICE	KY8 4ET	89
21505	METHILHAVEN SURGERY	KY8 1HU	60,209
21524	AIRLIE MEDICAL PRACTICE	KY8 3RS	233,145
		<b>Total</b>	<b>865,957</b>

In total there were **865,957** items prescribed by the six GP Practices in Levenmouth. Of these prescribed items, **860,214** were dispensed within Fife. Of the items dispensed in Fife, **837,630 (97%)** were dispensed within Levenmouth locality.

Breakdown of all prescription items by top 5 therapeutic areas (BNF Chapter)

BNF Chapter Description	Patient Numbers	Number of Paid Items	%
CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM	18,647	242,168	25.50%
CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM	12,808	201,811	21.25%
GASTRO-INTESTINAL SYSTEM	13,710	95,060	10.01%
ENDOCRINE SYSTEM	8,599	86,807	9.14%
RESPIRATORY SYSTEM	10,120	74,103	7.80%

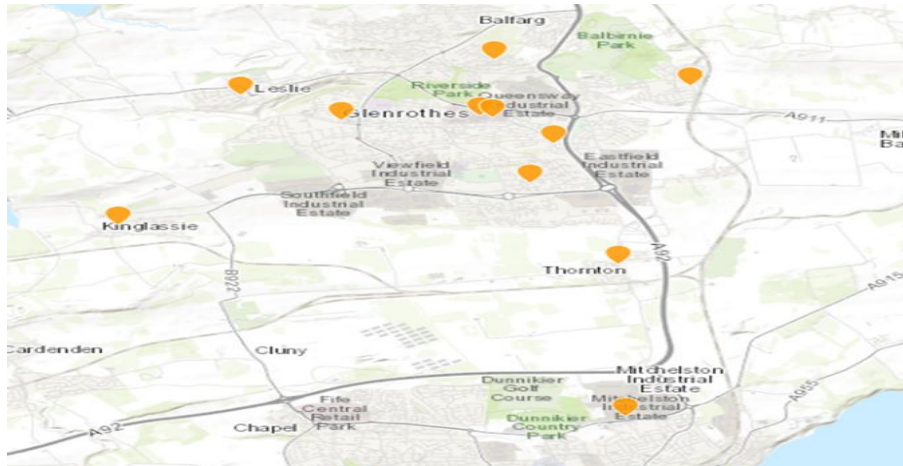
## Community Pharmacy Service Breakdown

Service	Patients Numbers	Number of Paid Items
Urgent Supply	5,087	11,191
Public Health Service	680	4,693
Urinary Tract Infection	736	845
Health Board Local Service	211	450
Hayfever	152	208
Skin Infection	162	176
Impetigo	53	59
Shingles	28	28

A total of 6,672 unique patients received 17,650 items on Urgent Supply / Public Health Prescription / Pharmacy First PGD.

*(Note: this number does not include non PGD items dispensed under Pharmacy First)*

## Appendix 1B- Glenrothes Locality



There are 10 pharmacies in the Glenrothes locality

Pharmacy Name	Pharmacy Address	Injection Equipment	Palliative Care	Travel Vaccines	Hepatitis C	Chlamydia Treatment	Pharmacy First Plus
BOOTS THE CHEMISTS LTD	14 LYON SQUARE, GLENROTHES, KY7 5NR	✓	✓		✓	✓	
BOOTS THE CHEMISTS LTD	COS LANE, GLENROTHES, KY7 4AQ		✓		✓	✓	✓
SUPERDRUG	10 FALKLAND GATE, GLENROTHES, KY7 5NS					✓	
DEARS PHARMACY AND TRAVEL CLINIC	3 GLAMIS CENTRE, GLENROTHES, KY7 4RH	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
CADHAM PHARMACY LTD	8 CADHAM CENTRE, GLENROTHES, KY7 6RU		✓	✓		✓	✓
DEARS PHARMACY AND TRAVEL CLINIC	UNIT 6 MINTO PLACE, GLENROTHES, KY6 1PD					✓	
KINGLASSIE PHARMACY	50 MAIN STREET, KINGLASSIE, KY5 0XA					✓	✓
DEARS PHARMACY AND TRAVEL CLINIC	LESLIE SURGERY, LESLIE, KY6 3LQ					✓	✓
DEARS PHARMACY AND TRAVEL CLINIC	53 HIGH STREET, MARKINCH, KY7 6DQ			✓		✓	✓
W DAVIDSON & SONS LTD	74-76 MAIN STREET, THORNTON, KY1 4AG				✓	✓	✓

There are seven GP Practices in the Glenrothes locality

Presc Location Code	Presc Location Name	Presc Location Postcode	Number of Items
20606	THE LOMOND PRACTICE	KY6 1HL	219,665
20611	NORTH GLEN MEDICAL PRACTICE	KY7 6SX	190,275
20630	THE GLENWOOD PRACTICE	KY6 1HL	127,380
20659	COS LANE SURGERY	KY7 4AQ	193,551
20663	ROTHES MEDICAL PRACTICE	KY7 4RH	168,873
21153	LESLIE MEDICAL PRACTICE	KY6 3LQ	126,059
21454	MARKINCH MEDICAL PRACTICE	KY7 6ER	108,298
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1,134,101</b>

In total there were **1,134,101** items prescribed by the seven GP Practices in Glenrothes. Of these prescribed items, **1,128,142** were dispensed within Fife. From the items dispensed in Fife, **1,019,728 (90%)** were dispensed within Glenrothes.

Breakdown of all prescription items by top 5 therapeutic areas (BNF Chapter)

BNF Chapter Description	Patient Numbers	Number of Paid Items	%
CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM	22,735	278,732	24.38%
CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM	16,139	248,981	21.78%
GASTRO-INTESTINAL SYSTEM	17,222	112,603	9.85%
ENDOCRINE SYSTEM	10,774	109,221	9.55%
RESPIRATORY SYSTEM	13,319	88,428	7.74%

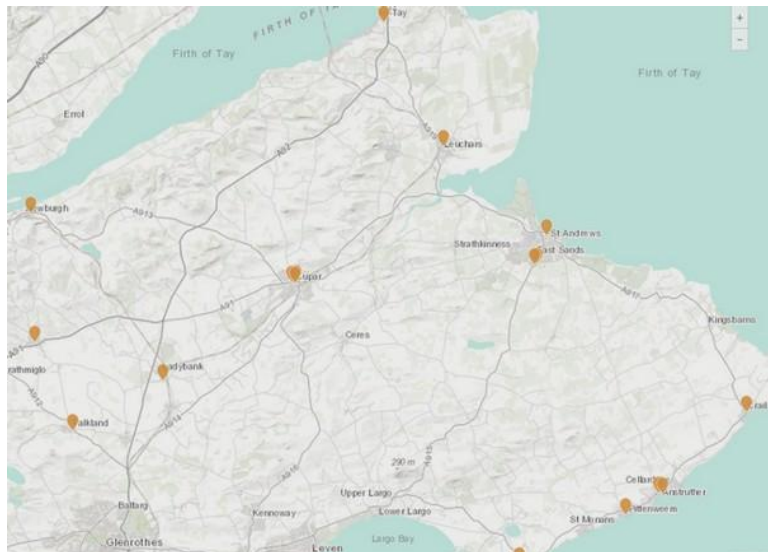
## Community Pharmacy Service Breakdown

Service	Patients Numbers	Number of Paid Items	%
Urgent Supply	5,683	12,598	59.55%
Public Health Service	748	5,158	24.38%
Health Board Local Service	516	1,316	6.22%
Urinary Tract Infection	996	1,153	5.45%
Hayfever	330	445	2.10%
Skin Infection	309	339	1.60%
Impetigo	81	87	0.41%
Shingles	42	44	0.21%

A total of 8,126 unique patients received 21,140 items on Urgent Supply / Public Health Prescription/Pharmacy First PGD.

*(Note: this number does not include non PGD items dispensed under Pharmacy First)*

## Appendix 1C- North East Fife Locality



There are 18 Pharmacies in the NE Fife locality

Pharmacy Name	Pharmacy Address	Injection Equipment	Palliative Care	Travel Vaccines	Hepatitis C	Chlamydia Treatment	Pharmacy First Plus
T & K BROWN LTD	31/32 SHORE STREET, ANSTRUTHER, KY10 3AQ	✓  (April - Sept)					✓
EAST NEUK PHARMACY	23/23 RODGER STREET, ANSTRUTHER, KY10 3DU	✓  (Oct - Mar)	✓	✓		✓	✓
ROWLANDS PHARMACY	42 HIGH STREET, AUCHTERMUCHTY, KY14 7AP		✓		✓		
CRAIL PHARMACY	11 HIGH STREET, CRAIL, KY10 3TA				✓		✓
BOOTS THE CHEMISTS	2-6 ST CATHERINE STREET, CUPAR, KY15 4BT					✓	✓
ROWLANDS PHARMACY	45-47 BONNYGATE, CUPAR, KY15 4BY	✓	✓		✓		
ROWLANDS PHARMACY	1 CROSSGATE, CUPAR, KY15 5HA				✓		

W DAVIDSON & SONS LTD	42 HIGH STREET, ELIE, KY9 1DB			✓	✓	✓	
LOMOND PHARMACY	LIQUORSTANE BUILDINGS, FALKLAND, KY15 7FH						✓
W DAVIDSON & SONS LTD	30 COMMERCIAL ROAD, LADYBANK, KY15 7JS				✓	✓	✓
LEUCHARS PHARMACY	14 MAIN STREET, LEUCHARS, KY16 OHN			✓	✓	✓	✓
WM DAVIDSON & SONS LTD	40 HIGH STREET, NEWBURGH, KY14 6AQ		✓			✓	✓
ROWLANDS PHARMACY	TAYVIEW MEDICAL PRACTICE, 16 VICTORIA TERRACE, NEWPORT ON TAY, DD6 8DJ		✓		✓	✓	
PITTENWEEM PHARMACY	7 MARKET PLACE, PITTENWEEM, KY10 2PH				✓		
BOOTS THE CHEMISTS	113-119 MARKET STREET, ST ANDREWS, KY16 9PE	✓				✓	
DEARS PHARMACY AND TRAVEL CLINIC	ST ANDREWS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, LARGO ROAD, ST ANDREWS, KY16 8AR			✓		✓	
MORRISONS PHARMACY	45 LARGO ROAD, ST ANDREWS, KY168PJ		✓			✓	
ROWLANDS PHARMACY	32 CASTLE STREET, TAYPORT, DD6 9AF				✓		✓

There are 11 GP Practices in the NE Fife locality

Presc Location Code	Presc Location Name	Presc Location Postcode	Number of Items
20004	ANSTRUTHER MEDICAL PRACTICE	KY103FF	121,704
20057	AUCHTERMUCHTY PRACTICE	KY147AW	110,743
20409	EDEN VILLA PRACTICE	KY154JN	130,209

20413	BANK STREET MEDICAL GROUP	KY154JN	125,784
21101	HOWE OF FIFE SURGERY	KY157JS	81,618
21204	PITCAIRN PRACTICE LEUCHARS & BALMULLO	KY160DZ	86,918
21558	NEWBURGH SURGERY	KY146DA	77,725
21609	TAYVIEW MEDICAL PRACTICE	DD6 8DJ	159,418
21736	COAST HEALTH	KY102LG	100,041
21825	BLACKFRIARS MEDICAL PRACTICE	KY168AR	77,253
21830	PIPELAND MEDICAL PRACTICE	KY168AR	157,896
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1,229,309</b>

In total there was **1,229,309** items prescribed by the 11 GP Practices in North East Fife. Of these prescribed items, **1,198,603** were dispensed within Fife. From the items dispensed in Fife, **1,174,995 (98%)** were dispensed within North East Fife.

#### Breakdown of all prescription items by top 5 therapeutic areas (BNF Chapter)

BNF Chapter Description	Patient Numbers	Number of Paid Items	%
CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM	21,133	308,601	23.74%
CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM	26,791	276,197	21.24%
ENDOCRINE SYSTEM	14,798	138,041	10.62%
GASTRO-INTESTINAL SYSTEM	21,014	127,234	9.79%
RESPIRATORY SYSTEM	15,581	88,560	6.81%

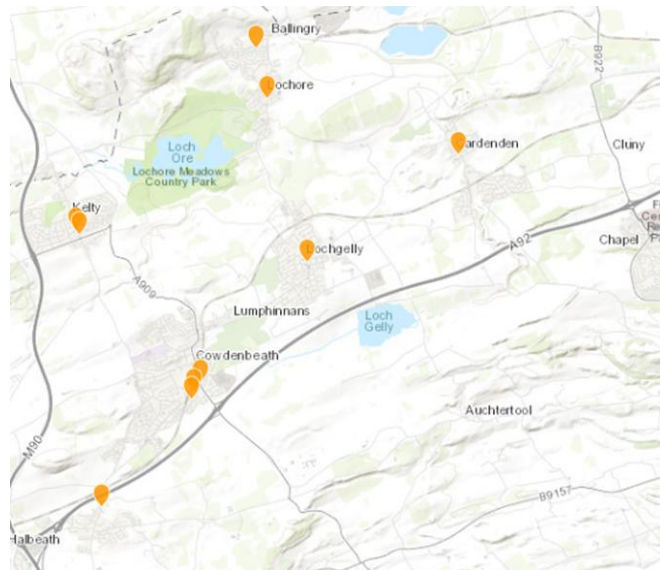
## Community Pharmacy Service Breakdown

Service	Patients Numbers	Number of Paid Items	%
Urgent Supply	7,394	14,626	54.81%
Public Health Service	1,016	8,159	30.57%
Health Board Local Service	527	1,500	5.62%
Urinary Tract Infection	1,291	1,491	5.59%
Skin Infection	369	402	1.51%
Hayfever	174	240	0.90%
Impetigo	94	102	0.38%
Shingles	77	79	0.30%

A total of 10,372 unique patients received 26,599 items on Urgent Supply / Public Health Prescription/Pharmacy First PGD.

*(Note: this number does not include non PGD items dispensed under Pharmacy First)*

## Appendix 1D Cowdenbeath Locality



There are 12 Pharmacies in the Cowdenbeath locality

Pharmacy Name	Pharmacy Address	Injection Equipment	Palliative Care	Travel Vaccines	Hepatitis C	Chlamydia Treatment	Pharmacy First Plus
DEARS PHARMACY & TRAVEL CLINIC	4/5 BENARTY SQUARE, BALLINGRY, KY5 8NR	✓		✓		✓	✓
B JOHNSTON	191 STATION ROAD, CARDENDEN, KY5 0BN						
BOOTS UK LTD	187 STATION ROAD, CARDENDEN, KY5 0BN				✓	✓	
BOOTS THE CHEMIST LTD	345 HIGH STREET, COWDENBEATH, KY4 9QW	✓			✓	✓	
M & D GREEN	20 BROAD STREET, COWDENBEATH, KY4 8HY	✓			✓		
WM MORRISON SUPERMARKETS	UNITS 1/2 RAITH CENTRE, COWDENBEATH, KY4 8PB		✓		✓	✓	✓
WELL PHARMACY	92 MAIN STREET, CROSSGATES, KY4 8DF						

WELL PHARMACY	39 MAIN STREET, KELTY, KY4 0AA				✓	✓	
DEARS PHARMACY & TRAVEL CLINIC	60 MAIN STREET, KELTY, KY4 0AE	✓		✓		✓	✓
DEARS PHARMACY & TRAVEL CLINIC	60 LOCHLEVEN ROAD, LOCHORE, KY5 8DA					✓	✓
DEARS PHARMACY & TRAVEL CLINIC	67 BANK STREET, LOCHGELLY, KY5 9QN	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
WELL PHARMACY	66 BANK STREET. LOCHGELLY, KY5 9QN	✓			✓	✓	

There are eight GP Practices in the Cowdenbeath Locality

Presc Location Code	Presc Location Name	Presc Location Postcode	Number of Items
20254	WALLSGREEN MEDICAL PRACTICE	KY5 0JE	72,964
20305	COWDENBEATH SURGERY	KY4 9DH	244,980
20358	CROSSGATES MEDICAL PRACTICE	KY4 8DF	72,649
20803	KELTY MEDICAL PRACTICE	KY4 0AE	152,258
21384	MEADOWS PRACTICE	KY5 9QZ	134,124
21421	BENARTY MEDICAL PRACTICE	KY5 8DA	128,653
21440	DR K THOMPSON	KY5 9QZ	58,528
21469	LOCHGELLY MEDICAL PRACTICE	KY5 9QZ	76,375
		<b>Total</b>	<b>940,531</b>

In total there were **940,531** items prescribed by the eight GP Practices in Cowdenbeath. Of these prescribed items, **925,594** were dispensed within Fife. Of the items dispensed in Fife, **875,368 (95%)** were dispensed within Cowdenbeath.

Breakdown of all prescription items by top 5 therapeutic areas (BNF Chapter)

BNF Chapter Description	Patient Numbers	Number of Paid Items	%
CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM	20,099	269,164	25.43%
CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM	13,462	236,382	22.33%
GASTRO-INTESTINAL SYSTEM	14,266	102,724	9.71%
ENDOCRINE SYSTEM	8,952	96,747	9.14%
RESPIRATORY SYSTEM	11,460	83,502	7.89%

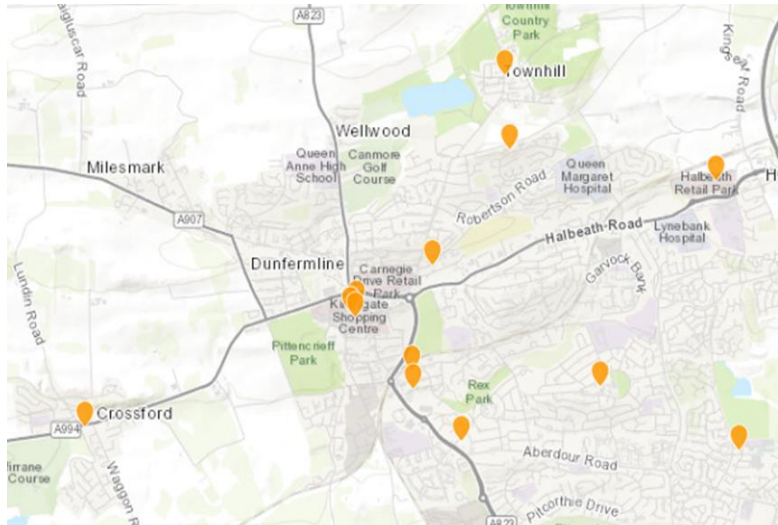
Community Pharmacy Service Breakdown

Service	Patients Numbers	Number of Paid Items	%
Urgent Supply	3,872	7,749	53.27%
Public Health Service	648	4,828	33.19%
Urinary Tract Infection	695	765	5.26%
Health Board Local Service	210	754	5.18%
Skin Infection	159	170	1.17%
Hayfever	100	157	1.08%
Impetigo	91	98	0.67%
Shingles	25	25	0.17%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,485</b>	<b>14,546</b>	

A total of 5485 unique patients received 14,546 items on Urgent Supply / Public Health Prescription/Pharmacy First PGD.

*(Note: this number does not include non PGD items dispensed under Pharmacy First)*

## Appendix 1E- Dunfermline Locality



There are 14 pharmacies in the Dunfermline locality

Pharmacy Name	Pharmacy Address	Injection Equipment	Palliative Care	Travel Vaccines	Hepatitis C	Chlamydia Treatment	Pharmacy First Plus
ASDA PHARMACY	HALBEATH ROAD RETAIL PARK, DUNFERMLINE, KY11 4LP		✓		✓	✓	
BOOTS THE CHEMISTS LTD	UNIT 2, KINGSATE CENTRE, DUNFERMLINE, KY12 7QU				✓	✓	
DEARS PHARMACY & TRAVEL CLINIC	85 HIGH STREET, DUNFERMLINE, KY12 7DR	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
GRAEME PHARMACY	43 BELLIEOMAN ROAD, DUNFERMLINE, KY12 0AE				✓	✓	
LINDSAY & GILMOUR	6 ALDERSTON DRIVE, DUNFERMLINE, KY12 0XU	✓		✓	✓	✓	
ROWLANDS PHARMACY	UNIT 6, BLOCK 1, TURNSTONE ROAD, DUNFERMLINE, KY11 8JZ				✓	✓	
WELL PHARMACY	3 ABBEVUE, DUNFERMLINE, KY11 4HA				✓	✓	
WELL PHARMACY	1 ST ANDREW STREET, DUNFERMLINE, KY11 4QG				✓		
WELL PHARMACY	7 DOUGLAS STREET, DUNFERMLINE, KY12 7EB				✓	✓	

WELL PHARMACY	ELLIOT STREET, DUNFERMLINE, KY11 4TF	✓			✓		
WILLOW PHARMACY	85 WOODMILL STREET, DUNFERMLINE, KY11 4JN				✓	✓	
ROWLANDS PHARMACY	6 QUEENS BUILDINGS, QUEENSFERRY ROAD, ROSYTH, KY11 2RA		✓		✓		
WELL PHARMACY	2 CROSSROADS PLACE, ROSYTH, KY11 2LS	✓  (from Aug 2024)					
CARE PHARMACY	87 MAIN STREET, TOWNHILL, KY12 0EN			✓		✓	

There are seven GP Practices in the Dunfermline Locality

Presc Location Code	Presc Location Name	Presc Location Postcode	Number of Items
20451	NETHERTOWN SURGERY	KY114TF	176,395
20466	NEW PARK MEDICAL PRACTICE	KY120BL	200,803
20471	HOSPITAL HILL SURGERY	KY113BA	136,885
20485	MILLHILL SURGERY	KY114JW	157,381
20490	BELLYEOMAN SURGERY	KY120AE	178,049
20502	LINBURN ROAD HEALTH CENTRE	KY114LT	101,202
21755	PRIMROSE LANE MEDICAL CENTRE	KY112ZL	169,942
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1,120,657</b>

In total there were **1,120,657** items prescribed by the seven GP Practices in Dunfermline. Of these prescribed items, **1,111,657** were dispensed within Fife. From the items dispensed in Fife, **1,011,924 (91%)** were dispensed within Dunfermline.

Breakdown of all prescription items by top 5 therapeutic areas (BNF Chapter)

BNF Chapter Description	Patient Numbers	Number of Paid Items	%
CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM	27,190	288,579	22.68%
CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM	19,760	278,220	21.87%
ENDOCRINE SYSTEM	13,865	127,690	10.04%
GASTRO-INTESTINAL SYSTEM	21,242	120,727	9.49%
RESPIRATORY SYSTEM	16,248	90,820	7.14%

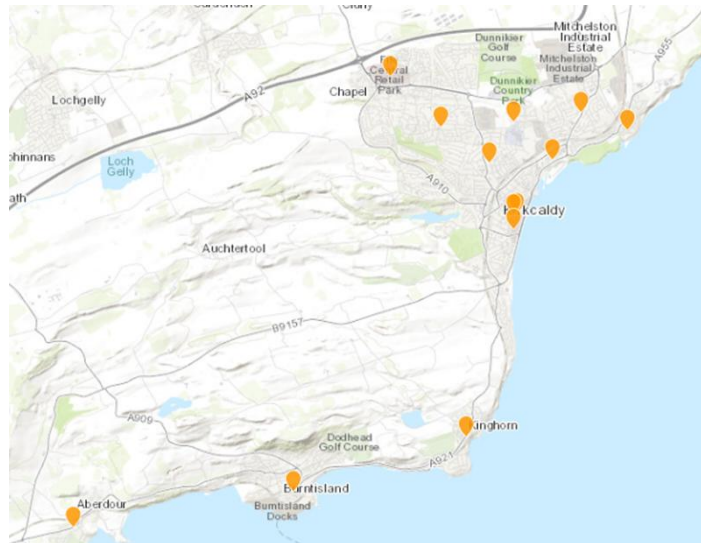
## Community Pharmacy Service Breakdown

Service	Patients Numbers	Number of Paid Items	%
Urgent Supply	4,823	8,706	43.37%
Public Health Service	1,073	7,194	35.84%
Health Board Local Service	326	2,092	10.42%
Urinary Tract Infection	1,221	1,381	6.88%
Skin Infection	299	315	1.57%
Hayfever	112	192	0.96%
Impetigo	116	123	0.61%
Shingles	61	64	0.32%

A total of 7,682 unique patients received 20,067 items on Urgent Supply / Public Health Prescription/Pharmacy First PGD.

*(Note: this number does not include non PGD items dispensed under Pharmacy First)*

## Appendix 1F Kirkcaldy Locality



There are 14 Pharmacies in the Kirkcaldy locality

Pharmacy Name	Pharmacy Address	Injection Equipment	Palliative Care	Travel Vaccines	Hepatitis C	Chlamydia Treatment	Pharmacy First Plus
ABERDOUR PHARMACY	30 HIGH STREET, ABERDOUR, KY3 0SW						
DEARS PHARMACY AND TRAVEL CLINIC	229/231 HIGH STREET, BURNTISLAND, KY3 9AQ	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
DYSART PHARMACY	UNIT 21, HIGH STREET, DYSART, KY1 2UG		✓		✓	✓	✓
DEARS PHARMACY AND TRAVEL CLINIC	222 DUNEARN DRIVE, KIRKCALDY, KY2 6LE					✓	
EDEN PHARMACY	63 HIGH STREET, KINGHORN, KY3 9UW				✓	✓	✓
ASDA PHARMACY LTD	ASDA SUPERSTORE, CARBERRY ROAD, KIRKCALDY, KY1 3NG		✓		✓	✓	
BOOTS THE CHEMISTS LTD	116-120 HIGH STREET, KIRKCALDY, KY1 1NQ	✓			✓	✓	✓
BOOTS THE CHEMISTS LTD	UNIT 21, FIFE RETAIL PARK, KIRKCALDY, KY2 6QL	✓	✓		✓	✓	

DEARS PHARMACY AND TRAVEL CLINIC	18 HIGH STREET, KIRKCALDY, KY1 1LU					✓	✓
DEARS PHARMACY AND TRAVEL CLINIC	133/135 HIGH STREET, KIRKCALDY, KY1 1LR			✓		✓	
PATHHEAD PHARMACY	28 MID STREET, KIRKCALDY, KY1 2PN				✓	✓	✓
ST CLAIR PHARMACY	233 ST CLAIR STREET, KIRKCALDY, KY1 2BY	✓		✓		✓	✓
WELL PHARMACY	2 VICEROY STREET, KIRKCALDY, KY2 5HT	✓			✓		
WELL PHARMACY	KIRKCALDY HEALTH CENTRE, WHYTEMAN'S BRAE, KIRKCALDY, KY1 2NA		✓		✓		✓

There are 10 GP Practices in the Kirkcaldy locality

Presc Location Code	Presc Location Name	Presc Location Postcode	Number of Items
20151	BURNTISLAND MEDICAL GROUP	KY3 9DF	94,543
20184	THE LINKS PRACTICE	KY3 9DF	33,834
20907	KINGHORN MEDICAL PRACTICE	KY3 9RT	59,805
20950	NICOL STREET SURGERY	KY1 1PH	181
20964	DRS MCKENNA, MURPHY & BRODIE	KY1 2NA	127,794
20979	BENNOCHY MEDICAL CENTRE	KY2 5RB	161,485
20983	ST BRYCEDALE SURGERY	KY1 1ER	126,554
20998	PATH HOUSE MEDICAL PRACTICE	KY1 2PG	369,957
21007	DR EGERTON, & PARTNERS	KY1 2NA	128,516
21011	DRS FORDYCE & PARISH	KY1 2NA	117,539
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1,220,208</b>

In total there were **1,220,208** items prescribed by the 10 GP Practices in Kirkcaldy. Of these prescribed items, **1,208,196** were dispensed within Fife. From the items dispensed in Fife, **1,180,573 (98%)** were dispensed within Kirkcaldy.

#### Breakdown of all prescription items by top 5 therapeutic areas (BNF Chapter)

BNF Chapter Description	Patient Numbers	Number of Paid Items	%
CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM	29,987	364,730	24.59%
CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM	20,876	325,187	21.92%
GASTRO-INTESTINAL SYSTEM	22,399	149,633	10.09%
ENDOCRINE SYSTEM	14,050	137,774	9.29%
RESPIRATORY SYSTEM	16,374	103,835	7.00%

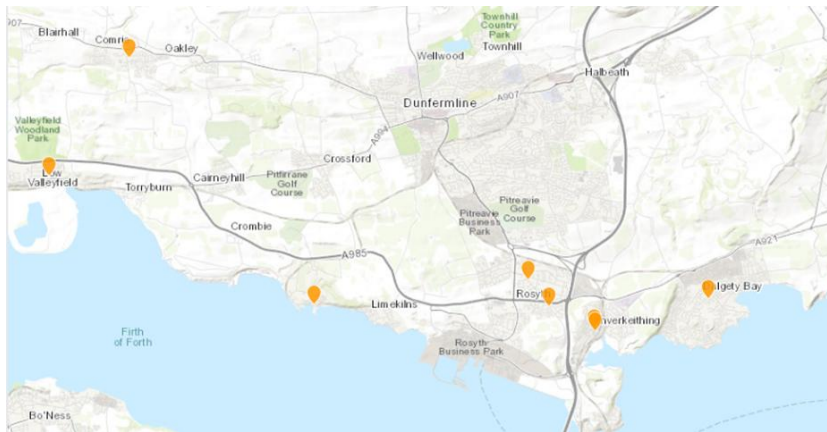
#### Community Pharmacy Service Breakdown

Service	Patients Numbers	Number of Paid Items	%
Urgent Supply	6,795	15,464	60.55%
Public Health Service	1,129	7,521	29.45%
Urinary Tract Infection	1,071	1,273	4.98%
Health Board Local Service	222	515	2.02%
Skin Infection	279	313	1.23%
Hayfever	180	255	1.00%
Impetigo	111	118	0.46%
Shingles	70	76	0.30%

A total of **9,396** unique patients received 25,541 items on Urgent Supply / Public Health Prescription/Pharmacy first PGD.

*(Note: this number does not include non PGD items dispensed under Pharmacy First)*

## Appendix 1G South West Fife Locality



There are 8 Pharmacies in the SW Fife Locality

Pharmacy Name	Pharmacy Address	Injection Equipment	Palliative Care	Travel Vaccines	Hepatitis C	Chlamydia Treatment	Pharmacy First Plus
Charlestown Pharmacy	Charlestown Medical Practice, 1a Main Road, Charlestown, KY11 3ED					✓	
Crossford Pharmacy	61 Main Street, Crossford, KY12 8NN			✓		✓	✓
Rowlands Pharmacy	12 Bay centre, Regents Way, Dalgety Bay, KY11 9YD				✓	✓	
High Valleyfield Pharmacy	Chapel street, High Valleyfield, KY12 8JS				✓	✓	✓
Lindsay & Gilmour The Cross	8 High Street, Inverkeithing KY11 1NN				✓	✓	
Lindsay & Gilmour	51 High Street, Inverkeithing KY11 1NL				✓	✓	
Well Pharmacy	31 High Street, Kincardine, FK10 4RJ				✓		
Dears Pharmacy and Travel Clinic	14 Wardlaw Way, Oakley, KY12 9QH	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓

There are five GP Practices in the SW Fife Locality

Presc Location Code	Presc Location Name	Presc Location Postcode	Number of Items
20729	VALLEYFIELD MEDICAL PRACTICE	KY128SJ	81,215
20752	INVERKEITHING MEDICAL GROUP	KY111NU	321,562
21308	CHARLESTOWN SURGERY	KY113ED	45,913
21613	OAKLEY MEDICAL PRACTICE	KY129QH	163,488
21760	PARK ROAD PRACTICE	KY112SE	105,410
		<b>Total</b>	<b>717,588</b>

In total there were **717,588** items prescribed by the five GP Practices in South West Fife. Of these prescribed items, **703,094** were dispensed within Fife. From the items dispensed in Fife, **551,047 (78%)** were dispensed within South West Fife.

Breakdown of all prescription items by top 5 therapeutic areas (BNF Chapter)

BNF Chapter Description	Patient Numbers	Number of Paid Items	%
CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM	12,403	183,598	23.37%
CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM	15,877	167,845	21.37%
ENDOCRINE SYSTEM	8,481	78,708	10.02%
GASTRO-INTESTINAL SYSTEM	12,505	77,947	9.92%
RESPIRATORY SYSTEM	9,268	54,963	7.00%

## Community Pharmacy Service Breakdown

Service	Patients Numbers	Number of Paid Items	%
Urgent Supply	3,673	7,590	51.85%
Public Health Service	496	5,539	37.84%
Urinary Tract Infection	550	605	4.13%
Health Board Local Service	275	503	3.44%
Skin Infection	191	196	1.34%
Hayfever	62	107	0.73%
Impetigo	61	65	0.44%
Shingles	28	29	0.20%

A total of 5,083 unique patients received 14,639 items on Urgent Supply / Public Health Prescription/Pharmacy First PGD.

*(Note: this number does not include non PGD items dispensed under Pharmacy First)*

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