



## Community Pharmacy Communication Update

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and provide the Scottish public the opportunity to join the programme ahead of new clinics opening in the future.

If anyone would like further information please contact Kate Inglis, Scotland Stakeholder Manager [kathleen.feeney@ourfuturehealth.org.uk](mailto:kathleen.feeney@ourfuturehealth.org.uk).

Kate Inglis  
Scotland Stakeholder Manager  
24/03/2026

<b>IMPORTANT INFORMATION</b>	<b>Apremilast: Update</b>
	<p>To provide clarification on the apremilast communication issued last week, this was a notice of intent that the product was being repatriated in line with a national recommendation from National Procurement. We would like to apologise this was not made clear in this communication. Patients are currently being identified and the process will take place over the next 6 to 8 weeks to allow community pharmacies time to run down stock.</p> <p>24/03/2026</p>

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10/03/2026

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- **Lets Chat Vac - MVU Posters**
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	<p>As you may already be aware, Scottish Government funding for Community Pharmacy Champions ceased in April 2025, as outlined in the relevant Scottish Government circular <a href="#">SG circular</a>. This change was also communicated at Health Board level and via <a href="#">Community Pharmacy Scotland communications</a> in December 2024.</p> <p>The original role and remit of Practitioner Champions were set out in <a href="#">NHS Circular PCA (P) (2005)20</a>. Within NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (NHSGGC), Champions supported a wide range of activities, including assisting community pharmacists and the wider pharmacy team in the delivery of the NHS Pharmacy First Scotland service; responding to queries and providing advice on community pharmacy matters across a range of HSCP forums; supporting patient safety activities and service developments; and offering a valuable peer support network under the responsibility of local NHS Boards. In recognition of the success and value of the Pharmacy Champions within NHSGGC, short-term alternative funding was secured to continue the role until March 2026.</p> <p>With effect from <b>1 April 2026</b>, the Community Pharmacy Champions role within NHS GGC is no longer available. While we aim to recruit additional resource over the coming months, our capacity to provide direct Community Pharmacy (CP) or HSCP support for community pharmacy matters is currently limited.</p>

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Rachel Bruce  
14/04/2026

## ACTION

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Hello and welcome to the weekly roundup from the Mobile Harm Reduction Service.

We've had a great week providing WAND and support to people out in the community and would like to give you a wee update on areas we'll be visiting next week.

We now have 3 vans, meaning we can provide WAND interventions at several places at once, and respond more quickly to requests over the phone.

### **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April**

Staff Wellbeing Day

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#### **Van 1**

09.30 to 16.00 - Trongate Pharmacy (City Centre)

#### **Van 2**

09.30-12.30 – Queens Park

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### **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April**





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If you know anyone who would benefit from our service you can call the office on 0141 280 3834 to arrange a suitable day and time. For more service info or an electronic copy of our fliers please email:

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- **Hydrocortisone PGD V1**
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A copy of the report and agenda will be sent to attendees one week before the event.

Please return your ticket if you can no longer attend to allow for accurate attendance recording.

Louise Carroll  
31/03/2026

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### National Learning Event Designed To Support Scotland's Vaccination Workforce

We are pleased to share details of a **national learning event** designed to support Scotland's vaccination workforce. The event is delivered jointly by NES and PHS, with spotlight sessions from local NHS Boards to share innovation and creativity.

#### **Vaccination Learning Event – World Immunisation Week – Monday 27 April 2026 - 10am to 12.30pm**

A practical and inspiring national learning session exploring:

- The 5-Year Vaccination and Immunisation Framework
- Scotland's vaccination data and trends
- Responding to false vaccine information
- Launch of the Development Framework for Vaccinators
- Inclusive vaccination practice
- Good practice spotlight sessions showcasing innovation and excellence from vaccination teams across Scotland

**Full event information and registration link is now available on our NEW [Learning Events page](#) on Turas.**

We would be grateful if you could **distribute this information widely** through your local networks to help ensure that all those involved in vaccination delivery are aware of this opportunity and encouraged to register.

Rachel Bruce  
31/03/2026

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### FAST Education - new dates



Fast Education  
Dates.pdf

Attached

Please see attached offer of further training dates run by Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland on the FAST tool for identifying a stroke.

The dates and information are noted below and a poster is attached which can be displayed in staff areas.

This training is funded by the Scottish Government, and it is strongly recommended that clinical and non-clinical staff working with patients in **Emergency Departments, Primary Care (including community pharmacies), and the Scottish Ambulance Service** attend one of the sessions.

Each session will be no longer than 30 minutes, and will include a short presentation and time for discussion / questions via Microsoft Teams. This training is for **patient-facing** clinical and non-clinical staff working in **only Emergency Departments, Primary Care, and the Scottish Ambulance Service** (i.e. reception staff included), throughout Scotland.

A CPD certificate will be available for staff upon completion. Dates and times are as follows:

#### **FAST Education Dates**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 15:00**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 9:00**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 15:00**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 10:00**

Please can all attendees sign up via the following Microsoft Forms link. A Microsoft Teams invite will be sent out for the session nearer the date.

**SIGN UP:** <https://forms.office.com/e/YiFrAbRwtv>

**Please share this information with your clinical teams and encourage them to sign up. Please get in contact with me if you have any further questions.**

Esther Pullen  
10/03/2026

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## Community Pharmacy Communication Update

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026

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Gaile Weston  
28/04/2026

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 23042026_Clydebank Shopping Centre (  22042026_Craigend Resource Centre.do  24042026_Asda Linwood (1).docx  21042026_Crown Street Retail Park.dc <b>Attached</b>	<b>On behalf of the GGC Vaccination Communication Group</b> <b><u>LET'S CHAT VAC</u></b>  Hi all, please find attached <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MVU Posters for upcoming dates.</li> </ul> Nicola Coe 14/04/2026

<b>IMPORTANT INFORMATION</b>	<b>Enoxaparin</b>
	<p>The treatment LMWH of choice in NHSGGC for adults will be changing from dalteparin to enoxaparin from 01/06/2026. This is on the background of rising costs of dalteparin. All new patients requiring treatment LMWH from 01/06/2026 will be started on enoxaparin. Existing patients on dalteparin will either be switched to enoxaparin after an appropriate specialist review or complete the course with dalteparin.</p> <p>Please run down stocks accordingly to prevent waste.</p> Andrew Sommerville 14/04/2026

<b>IMPORTANT INFORMATION</b>	<b>National Patient Safety Alert – Nat PSA/2026/003/DHSC : Shortage Of Dinoprostone 3mg Vaginal Tablets AND 1mg/2.5ml, 2mg/2.5ml Vaginal Gel</b>
	Please see link below for National Patient Safety Alert/2026/003/DHSC  <a href="http://www.publications.scot.nhs.uk/files/natpsadhsc2026003.pdf">www.publications.scot.nhs.uk/files/natpsadhsc2026003.pdf</a>  14/04/2026

<b>IMPORTANT INFORMATION</b>	<b>MSAN (2026) 12 - Chlordiazepoxide 5mg and 10mg Capsules</b>
	<p>Please see link below for MSAN (2026) 12</p> <p><a href="http://www.publications.scot.nhs.uk/files/msan-2026-12.pdf">www.publications.scot.nhs.uk/files/msan-2026-12.pdf</a></p> <p>14/04/2026</p>

<b>IMPORTANT INFORMATION</b>	<b>Invitation, Event for Practitioners on Contraceptive Care</b>
	<p><b>Reflecting on and learning with contraception users' experiences of care'</b></p> <p>Follow the link to reserve a place.</p> <p><b>Wednesday 29th April, 6-7.30pm, at the Advanced Research Centre (University of Glasgow)</b></p> <p>Sign up:  <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/reflecting-on-and-learning-with-contraceptive-users-experiences-of-care-tickets-1985302762004?aff=oddtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/reflecting-on-and-learning-with-contraceptive-users-experiences-of-care-tickets-1985302762004?aff=oddtcreator</a></p> <p><b>Overview</b></p> <p>Dissemination and discussion event on contraceptive care aimed at stakeholders</p> <p>This event aims to disseminate research findings and launch the report from a recent research project exploring histories and imagined futures of contraceptive care from voices usually marginalized in sexual and reproductive health research.</p> <p>The event is aimed at practitioners from within health and social care, the third sector and policy. It offers a space to discuss and reflect on the research findings and to collectively think through ways of moving forward based on recommendations from the participants.</p> <p>The event runs from 18:00-19:30 in Room 237C of the Advanced Research Centre, University of Glasgow and is free to book. You do not have to be university staff or a student to attend.</p>

A copy of the report and agenda will be sent to attendees one week before the event.

Please return your ticket if you can no longer attend to allow for accurate attendance recording.

Louise Carroll  
31/03/2026

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### FAST Education - new dates



Fast Education  
Dates.pdf

Attached

Please see attached offer of further training dates run by Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland on the FAST tool for identifying a stroke.

The dates and information are noted below and a poster is attached which can be displayed in staff areas.

This training is funded by the Scottish Government, and it is strongly recommended that clinical and non-clinical staff working with patients in **Emergency Departments, Primary Care (including community pharmacies), and the Scottish Ambulance Service** attend one of the sessions.

Each session will be no longer than 30 minutes, and will include a short presentation and time for discussion / questions via Microsoft Teams. This training is for **patient-facing** clinical and non-clinical staff working in **only Emergency Departments, Primary Care, and the Scottish Ambulance Service** (i.e. reception staff included), throughout Scotland.

A CPD certificate will be available for staff upon completion. Dates and times are as follows:

**FAST Education Dates**  
**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 15:00**  
**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 9:00**  
**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 15:00**  
**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 10:00**

Please can all attendees sign up via the following Microsoft Forms link. A Microsoft Teams invite will be sent out for the session nearer the date.

**SIGN UP:** <https://forms.office.com/e/YiFrAbRwtv>

**Please share this information with your clinical teams and encourage them to sign up. Please get in contact with me if you have any further questions.**

Esther Pullen  
10/03/2026

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