


## Community Pharmacy Communication Update

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025




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If you find these blogs useful, share them with your colleagues.

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REMINDER	Introduction to Bloods Sessions
 <p>Updated Pre-approved Price I</p> <p>Attached</p>	<p>One of our postgraduate tutors, Rona Honnet, is presenting three introduction to bloods sessions (U&amp;Es, FBC and LFTs) on behalf of the CPD Connect General Practice Nursing team as part of their Clinical drop-in series running until March 2025.</p> <p>They have kindly opened up these sessions to pharmacy colleagues, so please share this within your networks as appropriate.</p> <p>Sessions can be booked via Turas Learn here: <a href="#">Clinical drop-in series December 2024 to March 2025</a>, and recordings of each session (minus the Q&amp;A) will be shared afterwards.</p> <p>We will likely share this in our next mailchimp; however, as the first session is next week we wished to share this with you beforehand.</p> <p>Vicky Park 28/01/2025</p>

REMINDER	Updated Pre-approved Price List for CP
	<p>The Pre-approved price list for <b>February 2025</b> has now been updated.</p> <p>The amendments are:</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The document title has been updated from "Guide Prices for Commonly Requested Unlicensed Medicines" to "Pre-approved Prices for Commonly Requested Unlicensed Medicines."</li> <li>• Information regarding <b>clonazepam injection</b> has been added to the notes at the top of the page, with a reference to the <b>palliative care network</b>.</li> <li>• The pre-approved prices for unlicensed medicines have been reviewed and updated.</li> <li>• <b>Vitamins &amp; Supplements</b> section: Entries for <b>acetylcysteine</b> and <b>colecalfiferol</b> have been removed, as these were only intended to indicate that licensed alternatives are available.</li> <li>• <b>Ergocalciferol</b> has been removed due to its focus being more clinical than related to cost containment.</li> </ul> <p>If there are any queries about this form please contact: ggc.prescribing2@nhs.scot</p> <p>Kathryn Chisholm 27/01/2025</p>
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REMINDER	North East ADRS – Change of Address
	<p>The North East ADRS Team based at the Newlands Centre, Springfield Road, has moved to Parkhead Hub.</p> <p>Please note the change of address below, there are no changes to contact numbers or email.</p> <p><b>New Address:</b> North East ADRS Team Parkhead Hub, Parkhead Hub, 1251 Duke Street, Glasgow, G31 5NZ</p> <p>Amanda Laird 28/01/2025</p>

REMINDER	Progressing Realistic Medicine Survey - by 7 February 2025
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**I would be grateful if you will cascade and encourage your colleagues to complete the survey as soon as possible, by 7 February 2025.**

**Progressing Realistic Medicine survey**

Participation is anonymous and it takes around 10 minutes to complete. No personal or identifiable information will be collected. Please see attached the Privacy Notice which sets out how we will process the data, this should be cascaded along with the survey link - <https://forms.office.com/e/0Q6ZcVJg30>

The results from this survey will help us gauge our progress to date and help inform our next steps to support to practise Realistic Medicine and deliver Value Based Health and Care.

We know our system in Scotland is facing significant challenges. Health inequalities are widening. Demand for services is increasing. The COVID-19 pandemic and cost of living crisis have led to additional pressures on services, and our budgets.

Realistic Medicine can help us create the fairer, more sustainable system we are looking for. It is about delivering the outcomes that matter to the people we care for. It centres on personalised care and shared decision-making, includes an understanding of risk, embraces approaches to reducing waste and harm and tackling unwarranted variation through innovation and improvement.

A central theme of Realistic Medicine has been to engage health and care professionals to become the stewards of healthcare resources and to support them to use those resources wisely. Our vision is that:

*‘By 2025, we will support the Health and Social Care workforce to practise Realistic Medicine, thereby enabling the delivery of high quality and personalised care to the people of Scotland.’*

As we near 2025-26, we would like to take stock of how far we have come towards achieving our vision. The purpose of this survey is to gather the views and experiences of all healthcare professionals, no matter their role, in relation to Realistic Medicine and Value-Based Health and Care. This includes the support they receive, the barriers they face, and our priorities for the future. This important research offers you and your colleagues the opportunity to inform the future direction of Realistic Medicine and Value based Health and Care, based on your experiences.

Amela Subasic  
28/01/2025

REMINDER	<b>NES Pharmacy: Pharmacist Independent Prescribing Webinar – Getting Started in Community Pharmacy</b>
	<p>Dear Community Pharmacy Leads</p> <p>On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025, NES will be hosting a webinar for community pharmacy Independent Prescribers (IP):</p> <p><b>Pharmacist Independent Prescribing – Getting Started in Community Pharmacy</b></p> <p>This webinar planned for <b>Wednesday 5 March 2025 from 7-8.30pm</b>. It is designed to support community pharmacist IPs in the early stages of their prescribing journey, from service set up to expanding scope of practice and ongoing peer support.</p> <p>It will provide practical information to attendees on the process for registering with the GPhC as an IP and setting up the Pharmacy First Plus service in practice. As well as sharing resources that will support pharmacists to expand their clinical knowledge and scope of practice to treat a broad range of common clinical conditions in a safe and effective manner.</p> <p>Booking is via TURAS and can be done via the following link - <a href="#">Book your IP webinar place</a></p> <p>It is included in the NES monthly newsletter &amp; in CPS communications.</p> <p>Kind Regards Maxine McCabe MRPharmS (Advanced) 13/01/2025</p>

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	<p>You may have heard the news that the new Safer Drug Consumption Facility “The Thistle”, opened in Glasgow recently. It is based at Hunter Street Health and Care Centre and is open 365 days a year from 9am to 9pm.</p> <p>The Thistle is a safe, clean, warm and welcoming service where individuals can inject their own drugs. If they choose, the staff will also help with access to other recovery and support services that are needed.</p> <p>The staff team includes people with lived experience. <a href="#">The Thistle Service User Briefing.pdf</a></p> <p>This is a huge opportunity for Glasgow City to really make a difference in reducing drug related deaths.</p> <p>Community Pharmacies can themselves continue to contribute to supporting a reduction, by providing overdose awareness training for community pharmacy teams, and ensuring that Naloxone is available for immediate emergency supply and emergency administration.</p> <p>This was outlined in the National Community Pharmacy Emergency Naloxone Holding Service Specification which was released in 2023. <a href="#">pca2023-p-34.pdf</a></p> <p>Immediate emergency supply of Naloxone will be made from the pharmacy premises while emergency administration may occur within or out with pharmacy premises.</p> <p>Please remind your teams of this important initiative and ensure that you are carrying a supply of Naloxone for easy access when required.</p>

	Alan Harrison 11/02/2025
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<b>ACTION</b>	<b>Let's Chat Vac - Shingles</b>
	<p>The Vaccination Communication Planning Group would appreciate your support in promotion of the Shingles vaccination campaign.</p> <p><b><u>What can you do to support?</u></b></p> <p><b>Using the enclosed toolkit to promote as follows:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use hashtag <b>#ShinglesVaccineScot</b> in any communication cascades/display</li> <li>• Display Social Media Captions on twitter <a href="#">Campaign assets   Public Health Scotland News</a></li> <li>• Display Video Assets on twitter, digital screens, websites/pages, <b><u>Get vaccinated and protect yourself from the risk of shingles - YouTube</u></b></li> <li>• Display static assets on digital billboards, facebook or any of social media platforms.</li> </ul> <p><b>Sharing Patient Information</b>, which is available in a range of formats:</p> <p><a href="#">Protect yourself from the pain of shingles, protect-yourself-from-shingles-sept2024-easy-read-1656.pdf</a>  <a href="#">Shingles vaccine   Translations</a>  <a href="#">Shingles vaccine - BSL   Translations</a></p> <p>Pauline Atkinson 11/02/2025</p>

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	<p>Here is a range of support services available that complement and enhance GP care, including Advanced Nurse Practitioners, Pharmacists, Physiotherapists, Vaccination nurses, and Community Link Workers.</p> <p>Additionally, you can access services including Community Pharmacists, Dentists and Optometrists in your local area. These professionals are all part of your primary care team, serving as your front door to healthcare.</p> <p>To help you feel confident in seeking the right help, click on each image below to learn more about their roles, how they can assist</p>

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Before contacting any healthcare professional, consider using online resources, as your symptoms might be manageable at home. Helpful tools include [symptom finder](#) on NHS Inform and the NHS 24 app.

**Meet some of our Heros in Primary Care [NHS Heroes - NHSGGC](#) with more videos to follow!**

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	<p>Here is a range of support services available that complement and enhance GP care, including Advanced Nurse Practitioners, Pharmacists, Physiotherapists, Vaccination nurses, and Community Link Workers.</p> <p>Additionally, you can access services including Community Pharmacists, Dentists and Optometrists in your local area. These professionals are all part of your primary care team, serving as your front door to healthcare.</p> <p>To help you feel confident in seeking the right help, click on each image below to learn more about their roles, how they can assist you, and how you can reach them. Remember, it's also important to utilise the resources available to you when you have a health concern.</p>

Before contacting any healthcare professional, consider using online resources, as your symptoms might be manageable at home. Helpful tools include [symptom finder](#) on NHS Inform and the NHS 24 app.

**Meet some of our Heroes in Primary Care [NHS Heroes - NHSGGC](#) with more videos to follow!**

Pauline Atkinson  
11/02/2025

## REMINDER

### Let's Chat Vac – Vaccines For Students



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Please find attached the [social media toolkit](#) for Vaccines for Students.

Students are at increased risk of infectious diseases like meningitis and measles. These diseases spread easily in universities and colleges, as students mix closely with others from around the country and overseas.

The start of new terms for Scottish universities and colleges is an important opportunity to remind students of free vaccinations provided by the NHS in Scotland.


For further information visit [nhsinform.scot/vaccinesforstudents](https://nhsinform.scot/vaccinesforstudents)

#### **What can you do to support?**


##### **Promotion is key:**

- Access the new [social media toolkit](#) including social media assets and captions to share on your social media channels.
- Display Video Assets on twitter, digital screens, websites/pages, [Vaccines 4 Students Video](#)
- Display static assets on digital billboards, facebook or any of social media platforms. [Campaign assets | Public Health Scotland News](#)
- To get the campaign underway, PHS have posted on the following PHS social media channels. Sharing and liking the below posts is a great way to help raise awareness. [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [X](#)
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We would be grateful if you could promote this material as much as possible.

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 Smoking Cessation Bulletin.pdf  Attached	<p>In order for a Community Pharmacy to become an accredited Quit Your Way Pharmacy it is mandatory for a one day training programme to be completed by pharmacists, locums and support staff.</p> <p>We currently have some places available for the event on the date noted below:</p> <p><b>Date: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025</b> <b>Time: 9.00am-4pm (approx.)</b> <b>Venue: Eastbank Training Centre, 22 Academy Street, Shettleston G32 9AA</b></p> <p>The training will include key elements from the NES Smoking Cessation training pack, together with brief intervention techniques and NRT products. This session is open to all pharmacy staff. Fees will be paid to the pharmacy contractor to cover the costs of staff attending, (as pre-reg students are paid through NES, no need to claim).</p> <p>Please contact us ASAP by phone on <u>0141 201 4945</u>, or by e-mail <a href="mailto:ggc.pharmacyhit@nhs.scot">ggc.pharmacyhit@nhs.scot</a></p> <p>Places will be allocated on a first-come basis and will be confirmed in writing.</p> <p>Lunch will be provided. Please inform us if you do not require lunch or you have special dietary requirements. Parking is available on a first come basis.</p> <p><b>Further Training date: Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025, Glynhill Hotel</b></p> <p>Annette Robb 04/02/2025</p>

REMINDER	HIV Patients Who Don't Start At Their Treatment Start Date
	<p>If you receive notification that an HIV patient is starting treatment at your pharmacy, and (for whatever reason), the patient doesn't commence treatment at the notified treatment start date, please remember to go into the ARV module on NEO, mark the patient "No longer in service" (choosing "Treatment Never Started" from drop down list) and check the "Remove from Next Month's List" box.</p> <p>This will remove the patient from the system, notify the Brownlee and ensure our information is kept up to date.</p> <p>Your co-operation in this is much appreciated.</p> <p>Janine Glen 04/02/2025</p>

REMINDER	Alcohol and Drug Snapshot - January 2025
 <p>Alcohol and Drug Snapshot.pdf</p> <p>Attached</p>	<p>Welcome to our January 2025 Alcohol and Drug Snapshot.</p> <p>This edition has a focus on Drug Driving and Alcohol Harms.</p> <p>If you currently receive the snapshot via a colleague or social media and would like to be added to the distribution list, please request this via <a href="mailto:ggc.mhead@nhs.scot">ggc.mhead@nhs.scot</a></p> <p>You can download this edition, along with all of the previous Snapshots, from our website here - <a href="#">Health Improvement - Alcohol and Drugs - NHSGGC</a></p> <p>Claire Blair 04/02/2025</p>

REMINDER	GGC Medicines Update
	<p>GGC Medicines Update is a series of blogs with important medicines related messages relevant to all healthcare professionals across GGC. Please see below for new blogs and relevant updates.</p> <p><b>New blogs</b></p> <p>Click on the following links to access the recently published Medicines Update blogs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Cost efficiency - Prednisolone standard 5mg tablets preferred formulation in GGC</a></li> </ul>

- [New NHSGGC Guideline: Safe Withdrawal of Prednisolone Therapy in Adults with Non-Endocrine Disease](#)

## Updates

- [Formulary Update December 2024](#)
- [Guideline News December 2024](#)
- [MHRA Drug Safety Update January 2025](#)

Medicines Update blogs are correct at the time of publication. Click [here](#) for further information on Medicines Update.


If you would like to contribute to Medicines Update, please click [here](#) for a guide to blog writing.

If you find these blogs useful, share them with your colleagues.

All our blogs can be found on <http://www.ggcmedicines.org.uk> and anyone can join our mailing list by contacting us at [ggc.medicines.update@nhs.scot](mailto:ggc.medicines.update@nhs.scot)

We're also on social media, follow us on:  
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REMINDER	Introduction to Bloods Sessions
 <p>Updated Pre-approved Price List</p> <p>Attached</p>	<p>One of our postgraduate tutors, Rona Honnet, is presenting three introduction to bloods sessions (U&amp;Es, FBC and LFTs) on behalf of the CPD Connect General Practice Nursing team as part of their Clinical drop-in series running until March 2025.</p> <p>They have kindly opened up these sessions to pharmacy colleagues, so please share this within your networks as appropriate.</p> <p>Sessions can be booked via Turas Learn here: <a href="#">Clinical drop-in series December 2024 to March 2025</a>, and recordings of each session (minus the Q&amp;A) will be shared afterwards.</p> <p>We will likely share this in our next mailchimp; however, as the first session is next week we wished to share this with you beforehand.</p> <p>Vicky Park 28/01/2025</p>

REMINDER	Updated Pre-approved Price List for CP
	<p>The Pre-approved price list for <b>February 2025</b> has now been updated.</p> <p>The amendments are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The document title has been updated from "Guide Prices for Commonly Requested Unlicensed Medicines" to "Pre-approved Prices for Commonly Requested Unlicensed Medicines."</li> <li>• Information regarding <b>clonazepam injection</b> has been added to the notes at the top of the page, with a reference to the <b>palliative care network</b>.</li> <li>• The pre-approved prices for unlicensed medicines have been reviewed and updated.</li> <li>• <b>Vitamins &amp; Supplements</b> section: Entries for <b>acetylcysteine</b> and <b>colecalfiferol</b> have been removed, as these were only intended to indicate that licensed alternatives are available.</li> <li>• <b>Ergocalciferol</b> has been removed due to its focus being more clinical than related to cost containment.</li> </ul> <p>If there are any queries about this form please contact: ggc.prescribing2@nhs.scot</p> <p>Kathryn Chisholm 27/01/2025</p>

REMINDER	North East ADRS – Change of Address
	<p>The North East ADRS Team based at the Newlands Centre, Springfield Road, has moved to Parkhead Hub.</p> <p>Please note the change of address below, there are no changes to contact numbers or email.</p> <p><b>New Address:</b> North East ADRS Team Parkhead Hub, Parkhead Hub, 1251 Duke Street, Glasgow, G31 5NZ</p> <p>Amanda Laird 28/01/2025</p>



REMINDER	Progressing Realistic Medicine Survey - by 7 February 2025
 <p>Progressing Realistic Medicine Survey Attached</p>	<p><b>**SENT ON BEHALF OF DEPUTY CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER**</b></p> <p>Dear Colleagues</p> <p>I write to ask for your help with research focused on capturing views and experiences of Realistic Medicine and delivering Value based Health and Care.</p> <p><b>I would be grateful if you will cascade and encourage your colleagues to complete the survey as soon as possible, by 7 February 2025.</b></p> <p><u><b>Progressing Realistic Medicine survey</b></u></p> <p>Participation is anonymous and it takes around 10 minutes to complete. No personal or identifiable information will be collected. Please see attached the Privacy Notice which sets out how we will process the data, this should be cascaded along with the survey link - <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/0Q6ZcVJg30">https://forms.office.com/e/0Q6ZcVJg30</a></p> <p>The results from this survey will help us gauge our progress to date and help inform our next steps to support to practise Realistic Medicine and deliver Value Based Health and Care.</p> <p>We know our system in Scotland is facing significant challenges. Health inequalities are widening. Demand for services is increasing. The COVID-19 pandemic and cost of living crisis have led to additional pressures on services, and our budgets.</p> <p>Realistic Medicine can help us create the fairer, more sustainable system we are looking for. It is about delivering the outcomes that matter to the people we care for. It centres on personalised care and shared decision-making, includes an understanding of risk, embraces approaches to reducing waste and harm and tackling unwarranted variation through innovation and improvement.</p> <p>A central theme of Realistic Medicine has been to engage health and care professionals to become the stewards of healthcare resources and to support them to use those resources wisely. Our vision is that:</p> <p><i>‘By 2025, we will support the Health and Social Care workforce to practise Realistic Medicine, thereby enabling the delivery of high quality and personalised care to the people of Scotland.’</i></p>

	<p>As we near 2025-26, we would like to take stock of how far we have come towards achieving our vision. The purpose of this survey is to gather the views and experiences of all healthcare professionals, no matter their role, in relation to Realistic Medicine and Value-Based Health and Care. This includes the support they receive, the barriers they face, and our priorities for the future. This important research offers you and your colleagues the opportunity to inform the future direction of Realistic Medicine and Value based Health and Care, based on your experiences.</p> <p>Amela Subasic 28/01/2025</p>
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REMINDER	<b>NES Pharmacy: Pharmacist Independent Prescribing Webinar – Getting Started in Community Pharmacy</b>
	<p>Dear Community Pharmacy Leads</p> <p>On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025, NES will be hosting a webinar for community pharmacy Independent Prescribers (IP):</p> <p><b>Pharmacist Independent Prescribing – Getting Started in Community Pharmacy</b></p> <p>This webinar planned for <b>Wednesday 5 March 2025 from 7-8.30pm</b>. It is designed to support community pharmacist IPs in the early stages of their prescribing journey, from service set up to expanding scope of practice and ongoing peer support.</p> <p>It will provide practical information to attendees on the process for registering with the GPhC as an IP and setting up the Pharmacy First Plus service in practice. As well as sharing resources that will support pharmacists to expand their clinical knowledge and scope of practice to treat a broad range of common clinical conditions in a safe and effective manner.</p> <p>Booking is via TURAS and can be done via the following link - <a href="#">Book your IP webinar place</a></p> <p>It is included in the NES monthly newsletter &amp; in CPS communications.</p> <p>Kind Regards Maxine McCabe MRPharmS (Advanced) 13/01/2025</p>

## Community Pharmacy Communication Update

Tuesday 18th February 2025




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Thursday 20th February 2025




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17/02/2025

REMINDER	Topiramate – MHRA Guidance
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	<p>The Vaccination Communication Planning Group would appreciate your support in promotion of the Shingles vaccination campaign.</p> <p><b><u>What can you do to support?</u></b></p> <p><b>Using the enclosed toolkit to promote as follows:</b></p>

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**Tuesday 25th February 2025**




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	<p>See attached flow-chart and this <a href="#">page</a> on our website for more detail.</p> <p><b>NB. They cannot help with "medical" issues such as chest infections, UTIs or rashes - these patients will be re-directed to their GP/NHS24</b></p> <p>Pamela Macintyre 14/02/2025</p>
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