

Community Pharmacy Communication Update

Friday 3rd January 2025



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The content of the updated guidelines was developed and written following a series of Peer Review Sessions, attended by healthcare professionals from primary and secondary care, as well as the Scottish Cancer Coalition and public representatives. The content was written using current evidence and clinical consensus, and is specifically for healthcare professionals to aid recognition and referral of people in whom cancer is suspected.

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4. We do not expect you to provide feedback on every aspect of the SRG (though you are welcome to), please feel free to focus on the sections relevant to your speciality or area of interest
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Dr. Sarah Wink (she/her)

Project Manager – Scottish Referral Guidelines for Suspected Cancer 2024 Review

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Attached

- Covid
- Community Clinics details can be found at: [NHSGGC - Autumn Winter Vaccination Programme 2024/25](#)
- Eligibility is accessible at NHS Inform: [Flu vaccine | NHS inform](#)

What can you do to support?


Promotion is key:

- Access the [Winter Vaccines social media toolkit - December 2024 | Public Health Scotland News](#)
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Pauline Aitkenson
Primary Care Transformation Manager
10/01/2025

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ACTION	SAVE THE DATE: NES/HIS Webinar Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Standards in Community Pharmacy
	<p>This webinar aims to raise awareness about the essential role of pharmacy teams in implementing MAT standards and the impact of trauma and stigma on outcomes for those with substance use disorder.</p> <p>Speakers confirmed are:</p> <p>Catriona Matheson, Professor of Substance Use, University of Stirling who will provide insights into the current landscape of Drug Related Deaths (DRDs) in Scotland</p> <p>Adrian Mackenzie, Clinical Lead, MAT Standards, healthcare Improvement Scotland will explain the MAT Standards and their significance to pharmacy teams.</p> <p>Jonathan Burton, Scottish Pharmacy Board, RPS and Community pharmacist will talk about Positive Pharmacy experiences and the impact of stigma.</p> <p>We will have a further speaker who will focus on Positive Pharmacy experiences focusing on the impact of trauma.</p> <p>The evening will also launch updated resources related to Substance Use and ensure teams are aware of other resources to the support the recovery journey of people who use substances.</p> <p>Booking link: https://learn.nes.nhs.scot/79418/pharmacy-courses-and-events/medication-assisted-treatment-mat-standards-in-community-pharmacy</p> <p>Date: Thur 4th Feb 2025 Time: 7pm-8.30pm</p> <p>Adrian Mackenzie BSc (Hons), MRPharmS, IPresc, PG Dip MAT Standards Pharmacy Clinical Lead 13/01/2025</p>

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 <p>MSAN (2025) 01 - NovoRapid.pdf</p>	<p>Please find attached two level 2 MSAN advising that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MSAN(2025)01 - NovoRapid® (insulin aspart) FlexTouch® 100units/ml solution for injection 3ml pre-filled pens – is out of stock until late February 2025 and will subsequently be discontinued from March 2025;



MSAN (2025) 02
Apomorphine hydrochl

Attached

- MSAN(2025)02 - Apomorphine hydrochloride (APO-go® PFS) 50mg/10ml solution for infusion pre-filled syringe - is being discontinued with supplies anticipated to be exhausted from early April 2025.

The MSANs will be published on the NHS Scotland Publications [website](#)

Andreas Tzineris
13/01/2025

ACTION

NES Pharmacy: Pharmacist Independent Prescribing Webinar – Getting Started in Community Pharmacy

Dear Community Pharmacy Leads

On Wednesday 5th March 2025, NES will be hosting a webinar for community pharmacy Independent Prescribers (IP):

Pharmacist Independent Prescribing – Getting Started in Community Pharmacy



This webinar planned for **Wednesday 5 March 2025 from 7-8.30pm**. 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.

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.

Booking is via TURAS and can be done via the following link - [Book your IP webinar place](#)

It is included in the NES monthly newsletter & in CPS communications.

Kind Regards
Maxine McCabe MRPharmS (Advanced)
13/01/2025

ACTION	Partnering with Pharmacy Teams to Improve Migraine Management
 Public Information - Navigating Migraine  Improving Migraine Management.pdf Attached	Please find attached details of the upcoming National Public Webinar and the Staff Workshop for the <i>Partnering with pharmacy teams to improve migraine management</i> Susan Flannery 13/01/2025

ACTION	Public Holidays																												
	<p>Please find below a list of the public holidays which have been agreed between NHS GGC Pharmacy Services and CP GGC which will be observed by the community pharmacy network during 2025/2026.</p> <table><tr><td>2025</td><td>Greater Glasgow and Clyde</td></tr><tr><td>Easter Monday</td><td>21 April</td></tr><tr><td>May Day Monday</td><td>5 May</td></tr><tr><td>Autumn Monday</td><td>29 September</td></tr><tr><td>Christmas Day (Thursday)</td><td>25 December</td></tr><tr><td>Boxing Day (Friday)</td><td>26 December</td></tr></table> <p>2026</p> <table><tr><td>New Year (Thursday)</td><td>1 January</td></tr><tr><td>New Year (Friday)</td><td>2 January</td></tr></table> <table><tr><td>2025</td><td>NHS Greater Glasgow</td><td>Inverclyde HSCP</td><td>Renfrewshire HSCP</td></tr><tr><td>May Monday</td><td>26 May</td><td>26 May</td><td>26 May</td></tr><tr><td>Fair Monday</td><td>21 July</td><td>7 July</td><td>4 August</td></tr></table> <p>As in previous years, the Community Pharmacy Development Team will undertake a scoping exercise to gauge likely coverage across the community pharmacy network. This exercise will commence at the end of January 2025. Your co-operation will be appreciated.</p> <p>Janine Glen 14/01/2025</p>	2025	Greater Glasgow and Clyde	Easter Monday	21 April	May Day Monday	5 May	Autumn Monday	29 September	Christmas Day (Thursday)	25 December	Boxing Day (Friday)	26 December	New Year (Thursday)	1 January	New Year (Friday)	2 January	2025	NHS Greater Glasgow	Inverclyde HSCP	Renfrewshire HSCP	May Monday	26 May	26 May	26 May	Fair Monday	21 July	7 July	4 August
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Community Pharmacy Communication Update


Tuesday 21st January 2025



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	<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 presently have some places available for the event on:</p> <p>Date: Thursday 23rd January 2025 Time: 9:00am- 4:00pm (approx) Venue: Leverndale Hospital, Beresford Suite, 510 Crookston Road, Glasgow. G53 7TU</p> <p>Places will be allocated on a first-come basis and will be confirmed in writing. Please contact us ASAP by phone on 0141 201 4945, or by e-mail: ggc.pharmacyhit@nhs.scot</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>Lunch will be provided. Please inform us if you do not require lunch or you have special dietary requirements.</p>
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	<p>Annette Robb Public Health Pharmacy 12/12/2024</p>
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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The Community Pharmacy Development Team will notify ADRS Teams, other Health Board departments and Out of Hours colleagues throughout the day.

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Community Pharmacy Development Team
23/01/2025

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Attached

Until 31st March, the Mobile Units are offering

- Flu
- Covid
- Community Clinics details can be found at: [NHSGGC - Autumn Winter Vaccination Programme 2024/25](#)
- Eligibility is accessible at NHS Inform: [Flu vaccine | NHS inform](#)

What can you do to support?

Promotion is key:

- Access the [Winter Vaccines social media toolkit - December 2024 | Public Health Scotland News](#)
- Display enclosed posters detailing mobile unit locations
- Display Video Assets on twitter, digital screens, websites/pages, <https://youtu.be/Gf5WSH3uZ1I>
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Pauline Aitkenson
Primary Care Transformation Manager
10/01/2025

REMINDER

Let's Chat Vac - Vaccines for Young People and Consent



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Attached

Please find enclosed the [Vaccination Communication and Engagement Toolkit](#) for Young People.

Secondary school parents and carers will have received a letter regarding the S1 and S3 vaccinations. Vaccinations are now underway in Secondary schools.

To help raise awareness, the **GGC Vaccination Communication Group** would appreciate if you could display, share and cascade the below information through your relevant websites, digital screens, social media and any other relevant communication routes.

All young people in secondary schools are offered vaccines to protect them against serious diseases.

In S1 they are offered the HPV vaccine and in S3 the MenACWY and DTP vaccines which protect them against serious and, in some cases, life-threatening diseases such as meningitis and different cancers. The NHS in Scotland is encouraging parents, carers and young people to chat about the free vaccines offered, before signing and returning their consent form to school.

For most young people, the vaccines offered in secondary school are the last routine vaccinations they'll receive. The assets and captions within this toolkit aim to raise awareness of the importance of these vaccinations and encourage parents, carers and young people to sign and return the consent form to school. Campaigns for Radio and digital activity have already commenced and will be running through January aligning with Health Boards issuing letters and consent packs.

What can you do to support?

Using the enclosed toolkit promotion is key:

- **Use hashtag #ChatSignProtect** in any communication cascades/display
- Display Social Media Captions on twitter using the enclosed [Vaccines for Young People Toolkit 2024/2025 | Public Health Scotland News](#)
- Display Video Assets on twitter, digital screens, websites/pages, [Campaign assets | Public Health Scotland News](#)
- Display static assets on digital billboards, facebook or any of social media platforms. [Campaign assets | Public Health Scotland News](#)
- Upload and share Vaccinator Q&A videos to appropriate websites/pages [Campaign assets | Public Health Scotland News](#)
- **Key Messages around Consent:** Specific materials around consent are intended to help raise awareness and understanding of the self-consent process. Upload and share video [Do I need my parents permission to be vaccinated? | Public Health Scotland News](#) to help raise awareness.
- PHS recommend the attached static asset is shared with the following caption: *For vaccines that are offered in school, young people and their parent or carer will be asked to sign a consent form and return it to school. However, young people under 16 can give consent if the person giving the vaccine feels they understand what's involved, and any potential risks and benefits. To learn more visit nhsinform.scot/vaccineconsentyoungpeople*

Pauline Aitkenson
Primary Care Transformation Manager
09/01/2025

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- Updated Pre-approved Price List for CP
- North East ADRS – Change of Address
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	<p>One of our postgraduate tutors, Rona Honnet, is presenting three introduction to bloods sessions (U&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: Clinical drop-in series December 2024 to March 2025, and recordings of each session (minus the Q&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>

ACTION	Updated Pre-approved Price List for CP
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ACTION	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>New Address: North East ADRS Team Parkhead Hub, Parkhead Hub, 1251 Duke Street, Glasgow, G31 5NZ</p> <p>Amanda Laird 28/01/2025</p>

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	<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>
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Thursday 30th January 2025




REMINDER	Introduction to Bloods Sessions
 Updated Pre-approved Price I Attached	<p>One of our postgraduate tutors, Rona Honnet, is presenting three introduction to bloods sessions (U&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: Clinical drop-in series December 2024 to March 2025, and recordings of each session (minus the Q&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 February 2025 has now been updated.</p> <p>The amendments are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The document title has been updated from "Guide Prices for Commonly Requested Unlicensed Medicines" to "Pre-approved Prices for Commonly Requested Unlicensed Medicines." • Information regarding clonazepam injection has been added to the notes at the top of the page, with a reference to the palliative care network. • The pre-approved prices for unlicensed medicines have been reviewed and updated. • Vitamins & Supplements section: Entries for acetylcysteine and colecalfiferol have been removed, as

	<p>these were only intended to indicate that licensed alternatives are available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ergocalciferol has been removed due to its focus being more clinical than related to cost containment. <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>New Address: 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 S Attached</p>	<p>**SENT ON BEHALF OF DEPUTY CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER**</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>I would be grateful if you will cascade and encourage your colleagues to complete the survey as soon as possible, by 7 February 2025.</p> <p><u>Progressing Realistic Medicine survey</u> 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</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.

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	Defibrillator Awareness
	<u>Importance of knowing where a defibrillator is located</u>

A huge thanks to the community pharmacy team in Pierhead ,
Gourock.

On Saturday 11th January 2025, the community pharmacy team were called into action when a patient who had just been into the pharmacy collapsed in the back of a taxi. The team lead by James, Charlie and Ellie immediately left the pharmacy to attend to the patient and took control of the situation.

The emergency services were called and an instruction was given to obtain access to a defibrillator. While James and Charlie sourced a defibrillator, Ellie began to administer CPR. Unfortunately, when the defibrillator was located, the holding box was found to be empty. Thankfully the emergency services were quickly on the scene, took over the situation and the patient was transferred to hospital.

If a situation like this happens near a pharmacy, there is a good chance the pharmacy is the place that passers-by will seek help. Can I ask you to ensure you know **exactly** where the nearest defibrillator is and once located ensure there is a defibrillator present. If the holding box is damaged or empty, as was the case in Gourock, please report this immediately.

Once again a huge thanks to the team in Pierhead, Gourock for their efforts in this situation

Alan Harrison
21/01/2025

REMINDER	Pharmacist Information Pack
	<p>Please see link below for an updated version of the Pharmacist Information Pack. Although the document is dated July 2024, it was only finalised last week and contains the most up to date information.</p> <p>You may remember that this information resource exists to provide pharmacists (including locums) with details on community pharmacy services provided in NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde, along with payment and contact details.</p> <p>Locums – NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde</p> <p>NB - The pack is more than 30 pages long. Please consider before printing.</p> <p>We have a small supply of hard copies of the Pack. Should you wish to obtain a copy, please request from: cpdt@ggc.scot.nhs.uk</p>

	Janine Glen 21/01/2025
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REMINDER	SAVE THE DATE: NES/HIS Webinar Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Standards in Community Pharmacy
	<p>This webinar aims to raise awareness about the essential role of pharmacy teams in implementing MAT standards and the impact of trauma and stigma on outcomes for those with substance use disorder.</p> <p>Speakers confirmed are:</p> <p>Catriona Matheson, Professor of Substance Use, University of Stirling who will provide insights into the current landscape of Drug Related Deaths (DRDs) in Scotland</p> <p>Adrian Mackenzie, Clinical Lead, MAT Standards, healthcare Improvement Scotland will explain the MAT Standards and their significance to pharmacy teams.</p> <p>Jonathan Burton, Scottish Pharmacy Board, RPS and Community pharmacist will talk about Positive Pharmacy experiences and the impact of stigma.</p> <p>We will have a further speaker who will focus on Positive Pharmacy experiences focusing on the impact of trauma.</p> <p>The evening will also launch updated resources related to Substance Use and ensure teams are aware of other resources to the support the recovery journey of people who use substances.</p> <p>Booking link: https://learn.nes.nhs.scot/79418/pharmacy-courses-and-events/medication-assisted-treatment-mat-standards-in-community-pharmacy</p> <p>Date: Thur 4th Feb 2025 Time: 7pm-8.30pm</p> <p>Adrian Mackenzie BSc (Hons), MRPharmS, IPresc, PG Dip MAT Standards Pharmacy Clinical Lead 13/01/2025</p>

REMINDER	NES Pharmacy: Pharmacist Independent Prescribing Webinar – Getting Started in Community Pharmacy
	<p>Dear Community Pharmacy Leads</p> <p>On Wednesday 5th March 2025, NES will be hosting a webinar for community pharmacy Independent Prescribers (IP):</p>

Pharmacist Independent Prescribing – Getting Started in Community Pharmacy

This webinar planned for **Wednesday 5 March 2025 from 7-8.30pm**. 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.

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.

Booking is via TURAS and can be done via the following link - [Book your IP webinar place](#)

It is included in the NES monthly newsletter & in CPS communications.

Kind Regards
Maxine McCabe MRPharmS (Advanced)
13/01/2025

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Any queries should be directed to the contact provided – where no specific contact is shown, queries should be directed to ggc.cpdevteam@nhs.scot

We are keen for any feedback you have about this Update. Please submit your comments/suggestions to: cpdt@ggc.scot.nhs.uk