



Community Pharmacy Communication Update

Tuesday 2nd June 2026

New Items in this edition –

- Important Update Concerning Linc-Flo Drainage Bags being Discontinued and the New Product
- Funded Independent Prescribing Courses
- Commonwealth Games Pharmacy Prep
- Webinar Right Decision Service for GPs and Primary Care Teams
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- Mobile Van Locations Week Beginning 01/06/2026

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Prescribing/Endorsing enquiries

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Catherine Scoular

02/06/2026

ACTION	Funded Independent Prescribing Courses
	PSD Scotland (previously known as NHS Education for Scotland) contact NHSGGC several times a year to look for potential candidates for funded Independent Prescribing (IP) courses at Robert Gordon University and University of Strathclyde. In order to support this process, NHSGGC has a waiting list which you can be added to by completing the online form below. https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=veDvEDCgykuAnLXmdF5JmplyF8x3kEpEqwXaUODbCVVUM0M0Qk8zTIJMRUVHUEIUSEdMQUxKUTBPOS4u. We will then add you to our list. Thereafter to be accepted onto the course you require to have a Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP) in place. If you are considering completing your IP qualification there is some useful information available via the links below including the DPP criteria. DPP criteria guiding principles are agreed for both universities and included in the attached document. Resources to support individuals on their journey to becoming a DPP are available at Section 4: Designated Prescribing Practitioner Turas Learn. University of Strathclyde (UofS) continue to require a DPP CV. DPP CV samples are available. Robert Gordon University (RGU) DPP application is now by MS Forms. At present for Uof S the DPP requires to be located within the same Health Board as the IP candidate. It is also worth reviewing the following information that can be found here https://learn.nes.nhs.scot/35679/independent-prescribing/independent-prescribing If you have any questions regarding the course, why not speak to colleagues who have completed it or peers who are offering Pharmacy First Plus services. NHSGGC has over 60% of pharmacies offering Pharmacy First Plus with the goal to be every pharmacy providing the service. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have any further questions. Lorna Brown 02/06/26

ACTION	Commonwealth Games Pharmacy Prep
	The Common Clinical Conditions (CCC) Advisory Group would like to invite you to a Commonwealth Games Pharmacy Prep webinar, presented by Dr Seán MacBride-Stewart, Lead for Pharmacist (Medicines Management Resources) Central Prescribing Team. This session will take place on Wednesday 17th June 2026, from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Join Microsoft Teams We hope to see you all there. Michelle Cooper 02/06/2026

ACTION	Webinar Right Decision Service for GPs and Primary Care Teams
 Webinar flyer Right Decision Service for Attached	With support from Stuart Sutton, the GP Clinical Lead for the Modernising Patient Pathways Programme in the Centre for Sustainable Delivery, the Right Decision Service (RDS) team in Healthcare Improvement Scotland is planning a series of 30 minute lunch and learn webinars to introduce GPs and other members of the primary care team to some of the key resources the RDS offers for primary care – eg national and local referral guidelines; ASSIGN and other calculators; primary care prescribing guidance. We have created the attached flyer, and a registration form to sign up to sessions. April Masson Portfolio Lead, Primary Care 02/06/2026

ACTION	Let's Chat Vac - Mobile Vaccination Unit Locations
 Ferguslie Sports Centre_MVU_16062026.docx  Morrisons_MVU_18062026.docx  Tesco Car Park_Port Glasgow_MVU_17062026.docx Attached	Please find enclosed relevant posters for the Mobile Vaccination Unit. General details regarding vaccinations can be found by accessing Vaccinations - NHS GGC Pauline Aitkinson 02/06/2026

ACTION	Mobile Van Locations Week Beginning 01/06/2026
	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 3rd June 2026 Van 1 09.30 -16.00 - Trongate Pharmacy (City Centre) Van 2 10.00-16.00 –Chez Nous Hotel & Britannia Hotel (West End) Thursday 4th June 2026 Van 1 10.00-16.00 - Trongate Pharmacy (City Centre)

Van 2

10.00–2.30 – Springburn (incl. Lenzie Gate)

13.00-16.00 – Tartan Lodge Hotel (Alexandra Parade)

Van 3

07.00-11.30 Fordneuk (Bridgeton)

Friday 5th June 2026**Van 1**

11.00-15.30 - Trongate Pharmacy (City Centre)

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:

mhrsinfo@turningpointscotland.com

Turning Point Scotland

02/06/2026

Items from previous editions –

IMPORTANT INFORMATION	NHS GGC ADRS Community Pharmacy BBV Testing Programme
	In 2024, we introduced the NHS GGC ADRS Community Pharmacy BBV Testing Programme. We currently have 14 participating Community Pharmacies. We are pleased to advise that we plan to expand provision of this service, by increasing the number of participating pharmacies, by a small amount. We would now like to invite Community Pharmacies who are not already part of the programme to register their interest in providing the service. <u>Programme</u> Participating pharmacies would be expected to offer BBV testing to individuals who may be at risk of contracting a BBV (opportunistic testing), as well as testing individuals referred to the pharmacy by local ADRS teams (targeted testing). On a quarterly basis, specific patient lists will also be provided by the ADRS Central Pharmacy Team, of individuals already attending the pharmacy for OST who are due a BBV test, to facilitate service uptake and encourage discussion of BBV testing. Individuals will be offered a Dry Blood Spot Test (DBST) for Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and HIV. This minimally invasive procedure involves

pricking a finger with a lancet and collecting a small sample of blood on a testing card. A DBST takes around 5 minutes to complete. The card is then packaged and sent to the testing lab. Results will be available via Clinical Portal and provided to the individual by pharmacy staff. The individual can then be referred to acute services, if appropriate, for treatment. The BBV Testing Module on NEO is used to facilitate all steps of the process.

We believe that this service increases accessibility to BBV testing for individuals at risk, and offers an alternative route into BBV treatment for those who are not open to ADRS, or for those who struggle to engage with ADRS or GP appointments.

Staff Roles

DBSTs can be performed by any member of staff who has been trained, including dispensers and healthcare assistants. We would ask that contractors identify at least one or two staff members, in addition to the pharmacist, to undertake training, to allow continuity of service provision during periods of planned and unplanned leave. All training will be facilitated onsite in the pharmacy, by the ADRS Central Pharmacy Team. Additional training can also be provided for new staff if required.

Training & Support

A comprehensive support package will be available for participating pharmacies:

- Local Service Level Agreement
- Programme Guidance
- NEO Support Manual
- ADRS Central Pharmacy Team on site support
- Support materials including leaflets and posters to display in the pharmacy

Remuneration

An initial fee of £200 will be paid to each new participating site, to cover staff training and set-up. This is paid on the basis that at least 15 tests will be completed during the course of the SLA (two years). Contractors who do not complete at least 15 tests will be required to repay the £200 fee.

A fee of £35 will be paid for each DBST undertaken within the pharmacy, recorded on NEO and sent to the laboratory for testing. Claims will be submitted via NEO as per other ADRS services.

All required consumables, such as freepost envelopes, lancet devices, spot plasters, alcohol swabs and gloves will be provided by the ADRS Central Pharmacy Team.

If you would be interested in taking part in this programme, we would be grateful if you could complete the form below, to allow us to identify potential new participating sites. Notes of interest must be received by 5th June 2026, to allow implementation over the following months.

[Community Pharmacy BBV Testing Service: Note of Interest \(ADRS PT 26.0\) – Fill in form](#)

This service is not automatically open for all contractors to opt in. Provision is based on service need and existing level of provision in the local area. The ADRS Central Pharmacy Team will undertake an assessment of all notes of interest received, to determine the most suitable contractor(s) to participate in the service. Identified pharmacies will then be contacted. Onsite visits will be undertaken to assess suitability to provide the service.

If you would like any further information, this can be requested using the form and a member of the ADRS Central Pharmacy Team will be in touch.

We look forward to receiving your responses.

ADRS Central Pharmacy Team
26/05/2026

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

NHS GGC ADRS Community Pharmacy Buvidal Administration Programme

We currently have 11 Community Pharmacies participating in the **NHS GGC ADRS Community Pharmacy Buvidal Administration Programme**. We are pleased to advise that we plan to expand provision of the service, by increasing the number of participating pharmacies by a small amount, in line with service need.

We would like to invite Community Pharmacies who are not already part of the programme to register their interest in providing the service, to allow us to identify potential new sites.

Programme

The service involves the administration of monthly Buvidal injections, as well as managing appointments, stock and monitoring patient attendance. Patients will be assessed by ADRS for suitability of Community Pharmacy Buvidal Administration prior to their transfer. The service covers administration only, and prescriptions will be generated by ADRS prescribers. Prescriptions will be sent to the pharmacy at least one week prior to administration dates, to allow sufficient time for the pharmacy to order Buvidal stock. Individuals will continue to be supported, reviewed and monitored by ADRS.

Staff Roles

Buvidal can be administered by trained Pharmacists and / or Pharmacy Technicians. There must be at least two staff members trained, to meet the requirement that the service is available for at least 20 days per month, and to ensure continuity of service provision during planned and unplanned leave of trained staff members. Full training will be provided by both ADRS and Camurus (Buvidal manufacturer). Ongoing support will also be available from the ADRS Central Pharmacy Team.

Training & Support

A comprehensive support package will be available for participating pharmacies:

- Local Service Level Agreement
- Buvidal Training provided by Camurus (Buvidal Manufacturer)
- ADRS specific training provided by ADRS Central Pharmacy Team
- Programme Guidance
- NEO Support Manual and training
- ADRS Central Pharmacy Team on site support

Remuneration

A one off set up fee of £200 will be paid to each new site that is identified, to cover training and set-up.

A fee of £40 will be paid for each Buvidal administration within the pharmacy. Claims will be submitted via NEO as per other ADRS services.

Stock Ordering

Clinical equipment (sharps disposal container, alcohol swabs, cotton balls, spot plasters) will be provided by the ADRS Central Pharmacy Team, and will be resupplied when required.

Participating pharmacies will be required to order the necessary Buvidal stock, upon receipt of prescriptions from ADRS.

If you would be interested in taking part in this programme, we would be grateful if you could complete the form below, to allow us to identify potential new participating sites. Notes of interest must be received by 5th June 2026, to allow implementation over the following months.

[Community Pharmacy Buvidal Administration Programme: Note of Interest \(ADRS PT 27.0\) – Fill in form](#)

This service is not automatically open for all contractors to opt in. Provision is based on service need and existing level of provision in the local area. The ADRS Central Pharmacy Team will undertake an assessment of all notes of interest received, to determine the most suitable contractor(s) to participate in the service. Identified pharmacies will then be contacted. Onsite visits will be undertaken to assess suitability to provide the service.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

National PGD for Urgent Provision of Medicines, Appliances and ACBS Products - updated Medicines A-Z Look-up List

As you know, the life-cycle of the UC PGD was extended last year to 2 ½ years and therefore is not due for review until April 2027.

As promised, we have updated the Medicines A-Z Look-up List (April 2026) for use alongside PGD v32 and is now attached. The main change is the decision to allow the supply of Morphine Sulfate 10mg/5ml Oral Solution (POM CD Sch 5) under PGD v32, with all other morphine preparations still prohibited.

I will now look to upload the updated list to the NHS Scotland Community Pharmacy website.

Many Thanks for your support

John McAnaw
26/05/2026

IMPORTANT INFORMATION	Pharmacy First Plus - IP service - Positive Solution Users Only
	If you are an independent prescriber and you use Positive Solutions, then please see the advice below. In an old version of analyst, the following UCF claim Pharmacy First Plus - IP service allowed medication to be added to the claim. This is a bug and if that claim form is submitted to PSD for reimbursement it will not be paid. The correct process is to send the UCF claim, Pharmacy First Plus - IP service prescribe, electronically. Then write the prescription on your prescription pad and then submit that to PSD for reimbursement. I have copied the bullet points below. If you have any concerns, please log a call through service now and I will be happy to help you. · When advice only is provided during the consultation, the claim selected should be Pharmacy First Plus – Advice. · When there has been a prescribing event and a prescription is required, the claim selected should be Pharmacy First Plus – Prescribing. · A prescription pad must still be used by the PIP to record the medicine/s being prescribed to meet current legal requirements as UCF is a claiming system and not a prescribing system. · Reimbursement for the items prescribed will still be from the GP10P prescription form which must still be submitted to NHS Practitioner and Counter Fraud Services (P&CFS). · Each prescribing event is recorded as one activity; the number of items prescribed are not recorded individually in the UCF. The prescribing option is just notification that a prescribing event has taken place, not that items were prescribed. Therefore, there is no keying of items into the PMR systems. · Where the outcome of a consultation is that the patient needs to be referred to another healthcare provider the claim selected should be Pharmacy First Plus – Referral Catherine Scoular 26/05/2026

IMPORTANT INFORMATION	NHS Pharmacy First Hayfever PGDs
	Updated NHS Pharmacy First Scotland PGDs for hayfever have recently been circulated to the community pharmacy network for review and authorisation. Pharmacists should note that use of fexofenadine in breastfeeding has been reclassified from an exclusion criterion to a caution within the PGD. This change introduces additional supporting text to guide clinical decision-making: <i>“Use while breastfeeding: Limited data exists on the content of human milk after administering fexofenadine hydrochloride. It is not expected to carry any adverse effects in the infant but may have the potential to cause a negative effect on lactation. The use of fexofenadine in mothers breast feeding their babies requires that the therapeutic benefits of the drug be weighed against the potential hazards to the mother and baby”.</i> This means that supply is not contraindicated, but pharmacists must apply clinical judgement, ensuring use is limited to situations where benefit clearly outweighs potential risk. Pharmacists should also be aware that these national PGDs do not contain an explicit drug interaction section. While inclusion of drug interactions is not a legal requirement within PGD legislation, assessment of clinically relevant interactions remains a fundamental component of the consultation and supply process, and must continue to be undertaken routinely. Elaine Paton 26/05/2026

IMPORTANT INFORMATION	Important: Please Read – Locally Negotiated Service Fees (ADRS) – from April 2025
 Service Grid and Fees - Final.xlsx Attached	<i>This increase will be applied to services delivered from April 2025.</i> The attached list now provides details for fees relating to all local community pharmacy services currently operating in NHSGGC. A back payment will be made through the Regional Services payment via PSD in June 2026, to adjust the claims already made for services provided since April 2025.

Details of this payment will appear on the local remittance generated by CPDT. Thereafter, the new fees will be applied directly to claims as they are made.

We would like to thank all Contractors for their ongoing work in delivering these services and to Community Pharmacy GGC for their supportive discussions on this issue.

Rachel Bruce
Mary Clare Madden
19/05/2026

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

UK Name Change Notification for Descovy®



UK Descovy
Debranding Letter J
Attached

Please see the attached letter informing you that Gilead Sciences Ltd. has conducted a strategic review of its product portfolio and is making a change to the names of some of its product portfolio within the UK. This name change has been reviewed and authorised by the UK Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA).

This is to inform you that Gilead has changed the name of the following products:

Descovy® 200 mg/10 mg film-coated tablets to
Emtricitabine/Tenofovir Alafenamide Gilead® 200 mg/10mg film-coated tablets
Descovy® 200 mg/25 mg film-coated tablets to
Emtricitabine/Tenofovir Alafenamide Gilead® 200 mg/25mg film-coated tablets

The remaining stock of branded DESCOVY® is now nearing depletion, and the debranded Emtricitabine/Tenofovir Alafenamide Gilead® products will begin entering the supply chain from JUNE 2026.

Apart from the change in name and carton design:

- The SmPC has not changed
- The tablet formulation has not changed and is identical to the branded version in its appearance, excipients, and manufacturing
- The indication, posology and method of administration, list of contraindications, special warnings and precautions and listed undesirable effects remain the same (please refer to the SmPC for further details)

	Please be advised that we anticipate no impact to our supply chain whilst we undergo the transition from branded stock to debranded stock. Please note that the new packs will have a new Stock Keeping Unit (SKU) and Global Trade Item Number (GTIN), which must be used when placing orders. Product Name: Emtricitabine/Tenofovir Alafenamide Gilead® 200mg/10 mg film-coated tablets (previously known as Descovy® 200 mg/10 mg) New SKU Code UK Pack: 11000234 NEW GTIN Code UK: 05391507148896 Product Name: Emtricitabine/Tenofovir Alafenamide Gilead® 200mg/25 mg film-coated tablets (previously known as Descovy® 200 mg/25 mg) New SKU Code UK Pack: 11000235 NEW GTIN Code UK: 05391507148902 If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Customer Services Team via email UKcustomerservices@gilead.com or via 020 3681 4681. Mick Garstang 19/05/2026
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION	Prof to Prof Line/OOH
	This continues to be a very successful communication channel between CPs and OOH. This is just a reminder that this line and the direct referral pathway are only open to patients who are registered with a GP practice within the GGC Health Board area. Please do not refer patients who are outwith the GGC Health Board area. Rachel Bruce 19/05/2026

IMPORTANT INFORMATION	Palliative Care Strategy
	We are seeking your support with the next phase of palliative care strategy engagement work; to get feedback on the draft 5 strategic priorities for palliative care and care around dying.

	We would be grateful if you could share this link to the engagement survey widely across the areas you represent. All resources for this engagement phase are hosted Palliative Care Strategy Engagement - NHSGGC This includes the engagement survey link, a simple presentation with and without voice over, and some information on the background to the development of the strategy priorities. The deadline for submission is the 5th June. Elayne Harris 19/05/2026
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION	Quit Your Way Training - Monday 22nd June - Leverndale Hospital
	Smoking Cessation Training <u>Monday 22nd June 2026</u> <u>Leverndale Hospital</u> <u>Beresford Suite, 510 Crookston Road, Glasgow. G53 7TU</u> 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 – 9am- 4:00pm (approx). We presently have some places available for the event on the 22nd June, 2026. 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. Please contact us ASAP by phone on <u>0141 201 4945</u>, or by e-mail ggcpharmacyhit@nhs.scot Places will be allocated on a first-come basis and will be confirmed in writing. Lunch will be provided. Please inform us if you do not require lunch Parking is available on a first come basis. Annette Robb 12/05/2026

IMPORTANT INFORMATION	Scottish Vaccination and Immunisation Programme (SVIP) National Conference
	We invite you to join us for the second Scottish Vaccination and Immunisation Programme (SVIP) National Conference on Thurs 11th June 09:30-15:45. The event will bring together colleagues from across the programme, workforce and partners in Scotland to build on current achievements, hear the latest developments, and to focus on priorities within Scotland's 5-year Vaccination and Immunisation framework. Professor Aisha Holloway, Chief Nursing Officer for Scotland, will deliver the keynote address, followed by a Q&A. Dr Claire Cameron, Consultant in Health Protection at Public Health Scotland will chair a panel discussion, bringing together voices from primary care, secondary care, pharmacy and a representative on behalf of the Directors of Public Health to discuss how we can turn everyday interactions into opportunities to build confidence, share best practice and make vaccination truly everyone's business. Register here: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/scottish-vaccination-and-immunisation-programme-svip-national-conference-tickets-1985380654984?aff=oddtcreator Rachel Bruce 28/04/2026

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 3rd June 15:00

Thursday 25th 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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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: ggc.newpharmacy.applications@nhs.scot



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- Mobile Van Locations Week Beginning 08/06/2026
- UK Burns Survey
- PCA(P)(2026)08- Pharmaceutical Services Amendments to the Drug Tariff Part 11 Discount Clawback Scale

ACTION	Authorisation of Specials and Unlicensed Medicines (ULMs)
	We are advising of a change to the standard turnaround time for NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde authorisation of Specials and Unlicensed Medicines (ULMs). From Wednesday 17th June 2026, the standard turnaround time for authorisation requests will be within 24 hours. In practice, many requests will continue to be responded to quickly; however, this change provides clarity that, on occasion, responses may take up to 24 hours. This approach aligns with national guidance and with the arrangements in place across most other NHS Boards in Scotland, while supporting a consistent and sustainable service. Thank you for your continued cooperation. The Central Prescribing Team 09/06/2026

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Van 2

9.45-12.30 Aspire (Paisley Road West)

13.00-16.00 Copland Road (Ibrox) & Kingston Halls (Kinning Park)

Thursday 11th June 2026

Van 1

11.00-16.00 - Trongate Pharmacy (City Centre)

Van 2

9.45-12.30 – Queens Park Hotel

13.00-16.00 – Wallace of Campsie (East Campbell Street)

Friday 12th June 2026

Van 1

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09/06/2026

ACTION

UK Burns Survey

Community pharmacists are invited to participate in a new UK research study exploring confidence, experience and referral practice when managing burn injuries in children.

Community pharmacies are often a first point of contact for families when a child has a burn injury, yet there is limited evidence describing current pharmacy practice in paediatric burn care. This study aims to help address this gap and inform future education and support.

- ◆ **10-minute online survey**
- ◆ **Anonymous and ethically reviewed**
- ◆ **Open to all UK community pharmacists**

The research is led by the University of Manchester in collaboration with NHS burns specialists and pharmacy partners. Findings will help shape future training resources and improve care pathways for children with burn injuries.

Further information can be found in the [Participant Information Sheet \(PIS\)](#).

Please support this project by completing the survey and sharing it with your pharmacy colleagues via e-mail and social media. ([social media content](#))

Survey QR code:



Survey Link:

https://www.qualtrics.manchester.ac.uk/jfe/form/SV_7376fVxC1BFR7gi?Q_CHL=qr

Thank you for supporting this important piece of work

Professor Mamta Shah
Consultant Burns and Plastic Surgeon
Royal Manchester Childrens Hospital and University of Manchester

09/06/2026

ACTION	PCA(P)(2026)08- Pharmaceutical Services Amendments to the Drug Tariff Part 11 Discount Clawback Scale
	Please see link below NHS Circular PCA(P)(2026)08 - Pharmaceutical Services Amendments To The Drug Tariff Part 11 Discount Clawback Scale www.publications.scot.nhs.uk/files/pca-p-2026-08.pdf 09/06/2026

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Lorna Brown
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In 2024, we introduced the **NHS GGC ADRS Community Pharmacy BBV Testing Programme**. We currently have 14 participating Community Pharmacies. We are pleased to advise that we plan to expand provision of this service, by increasing the number of participating pharmacies, by a small amount.

We would now like to invite Community Pharmacies who are not already part of the programme to register their interest in providing the service.

Programme

Participating pharmacies would be expected to offer BBV testing to individuals who may be at risk of contracting a BBV (opportunistic testing), as well as testing individuals referred to the pharmacy by local ADRS teams (targeted testing). On a quarterly basis, specific patient lists will also be provided by the ADRS Central Pharmacy Team, of individuals already attending the pharmacy for OST who are due a BBV test, to facilitate service uptake and encourage discussion of BBV testing.

Individuals will be offered a Dry Blood Spot Test (DBST) for Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and HIV. This minimally invasive procedure involves pricking a finger with a lancet and collecting a small sample of blood on a testing card. A DBST takes around 5 minutes to complete. The card is then packaged and sent to the testing lab. Results will be available via Clinical Portal and provided to the individual by pharmacy staff. The individual can then be referred to acute services, if appropriate, for treatment. The BBV Testing Module on NEO is used to facilitate all steps of the process.

We believe that this service increases accessibility to BBV testing for individuals at risk, and offers an alternative route into BBV treatment for those who are not open to ADRS, or for those who struggle to engage with ADRS or GP appointments.

Staff Roles

DBSTs can be performed by any member of staff who has been trained, including dispensers and healthcare assistants. We would ask that contractors identify at least one or two staff members, in addition to the pharmacist, to undertake training, to allow continuity of service provision during periods of planned and unplanned leave. All training will be facilitated onsite in the pharmacy, by the ADRS Central Pharmacy Team. Additional training can also be provided for new staff if required.

Training & Support

A comprehensive support package will be available for participating pharmacies:

- Local Service Level Agreement
- Programme Guidance
- NEO Support Manual
- ADRS Central Pharmacy Team on site support
- Support materials including leaflets and posters to display in the pharmacy

Remuneration

An initial fee of £200 will be paid to each new participating site, to cover staff training and set-up. This is paid on the basis that at least 15 tests will be completed during the course of the SLA (two years). Contractors who do not complete at least 15 tests will be required to repay the £200 fee.

A fee of £35 will be paid for each DBST undertaken within the pharmacy, recorded on NEO and sent to the laboratory for testing. Claims will be submitted via NEO as per other ADRS services.

All required consumables, such as freepost envelopes, lancet devices, spot plasters, alcohol swabs and gloves will be provided by the ADRS Central Pharmacy Team.

If you would be interested in taking part in this programme, we would be grateful if you could complete the form below, to allow us to identify potential new participating sites. Notes of interest must be received by 5th June 2026, to allow implementation over the following months.

[Community Pharmacy BBV Testing Service: Note of Interest \(ADRS PT 26.0\) – Fill in form](#)

This service is not automatically open for all contractors to opt in. Provision is based on service need and existing level of provision in the local area. The ADRS Central Pharmacy Team

will undertake an assessment of all notes of interest received, to determine the most suitable contractor(s) to participate in the service. Identified pharmacies will then be contacted. Onsite visits will be undertaken to assess suitability to provide the service.

If you would like any further information, this can be requested using the form and a member of the ADRS Central Pharmacy Team will be in touch.

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ADRS Central Pharmacy Team
26/05/2026

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Programme

The service involves the administration of monthly Buvidal injections, as well as managing appointments, stock and monitoring patient attendance. Patients will be assessed by ADRS for suitability of Community Pharmacy Buvidal Administration prior to their transfer. The service covers administration only, and prescriptions will be generated by ADRS prescribers. Prescriptions will be sent to the pharmacy at least one week prior to administration dates, to allow sufficient time for the pharmacy to order Buvidal stock. Individuals will continue to be supported, reviewed and monitored by ADRS.

Staff Roles

Buvidal can be administered by trained Pharmacists and / or Pharmacy Technicians. There must be at least two staff members trained, to meet the requirement that the service is available for at least 20 days per month, and to ensure continuity of service provision during planned and unplanned leave of trained staff members. Full

training will be provided by both ADRS and Camurus (Buvidal manufacturer). Ongoing support will also be available from the ADRS Central Pharmacy Team.

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- ADRS specific training provided by ADRS Central Pharmacy Team
- Programme Guidance
- NEO Support Manual and training
- ADRS Central Pharmacy Team on site support

Remuneration

A one off set up fee of £200 will be paid to each new site that is identified, to cover training and set-up.

A fee of £40 will be paid for each Buvidal administration within the pharmacy. Claims will be submitted via NEO as per other ADRS services.

Stock Ordering

Clinical equipment (sharps disposal container, alcohol swabs, cotton balls, spot plasters) will be provided by the ADRS Central Pharmacy Team, and will be resupplied when required.

Participating pharmacies will be required to order the necessary Buvidal stock, upon receipt of prescriptions from ADRS.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

National PGD for Urgent Provision of Medicines, Appliances and ACBS Products - updated Medicines A-Z Look-up List

As you know, the life-cycle of the UC PGD was extended last year to 2 ½ years and therefore is not due for review until April 2027.

As promised, we have updated the Medicines A-Z Look-up List (April 2026) for use alongside PGD v32 and is now attached. The main change is the decision to allow the supply of Morphine Sulfate 10mg/5ml Oral Solution (POM CD Sch 5) under PGD v32, with all other morphine preparations still prohibited.

I will now look to upload the updated list to the NHS Scotland Community Pharmacy website.

Many Thanks for your support

John McAnaw
26/05/2026

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Pharmacy First Plus - IP service - Positive Solution Users Only

If you are an independent prescriber and you use Positive Solutions, then please see the advice below.

In an old version of analyst, the following UCF claim Pharmacy First Plus - IP service allowed medication to be added to the claim. This is a bug and if that claim form is submitted to PSD for reimbursement it will not be paid.

The correct process is to send the UCF claim, Pharmacy First Plus - IP service prescribe, electronically. Then write the prescription on your prescription pad and then submit that to PSD for reimbursement.

I have copied the bullet points below. If you have any concerns, please log a call through service now and I will be happy to help you.

- When advice only is provided during the consultation, the claim selected should be Pharmacy First Plus – Advice.
- When there has been a prescribing event and a prescription is required, the claim selected should be Pharmacy First Plus – Prescribing.
- A prescription pad must still be used by the PIP to record the medicine/s being prescribed to meet current legal requirements as UCF is a claiming system and not a prescribing system.
- Reimbursement for the items prescribed will still be from the GP10P prescription form which must still be submitted to NHS Practitioner and Counter Fraud Services (P&CFS).
- Each prescribing event is recorded as one activity; the number of items prescribed are not recorded individually in the UCF. The prescribing option is just notification that a prescribing event has taken place, not that items were prescribed. Therefore, there is no keying of items into the PMR systems.
- Where the outcome of a consultation is that the patient needs to be referred to another healthcare provider the claim selected should be Pharmacy First Plus – Referral

Catherine Scoular
26/05/2026

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

NHS Pharmacy First Hayfever PGDs

Updated NHS Pharmacy First Scotland PGDs for hayfever have recently been circulated to the community pharmacy network for review and authorisation. Pharmacists should note that use of fexofenadine in breastfeeding has been reclassified from an exclusion criterion to a caution within the PGD. This change introduces additional supporting text to guide clinical decision-making:

“Use while breastfeeding: Limited data exists on the content of human milk after administering fexofenadine hydrochloride. It is not expected to carry any adverse effects in the infant but may have the potential to cause a negative effect on lactation. The use of fexofenadine in mothers breast feeding their babies requires that the therapeutic

benefits of the drug be weighed against the potential hazards to the mother and baby”.

This means that supply is not contraindicated, but pharmacists must apply clinical judgement, ensuring use is limited to situations where benefit clearly outweighs potential risk.

Pharmacists should also be aware that these national PGDs do not contain an explicit drug interaction section. While inclusion of drug interactions is not a legal requirement within PGD legislation, assessment of clinically relevant interactions remains a fundamental component of the consultation and supply process, and must continue to be undertaken routinely.

Elaine Paton
26/05/2026

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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12/05/2026

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Esther Pullen
10/03/2026

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Community Pharmacy Communication Update

Tuesday 16th June 2026

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QR codes Website



Mobile App



Beth Crozier
16/06/2026

ACTION

Mobile Van Locations Week Beginning 15/06/2026

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 17th June 2026

Van 1

09.45 -16.00 - Trongate Pharmacy (City Centre)

Van 2

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13.00-16.00 Portman Street

Thursday 18th June 2026

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13.00-16.00 – Shawlands

Friday 19th June 2026

Van 1

11.00-15.30 – Trongate Pharmacy

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:

mhrsinfo@turningpointscotland.com

Turning Point Scotland

16/06/2026

Items from previous editions –

IMPORTANT INFORMATION	Authorisation of Specials and Unlicensed Medicines (ULMs)
	We are advising of a change to the standard turnaround time for NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde authorisation of Specials and Unlicensed Medicines (ULMs). From Wednesday 17th June 2026, the standard turnaround time for authorisation requests will be within 24 hours. In practice, many requests will continue to be responded to quickly; however, this change provides clarity that, on occasion, responses may take up to 24 hours. This approach aligns with national guidance and with the arrangements in place across most other NHS Boards in Scotland, while supporting a consistent and sustainable service. Thank you for your continued cooperation. The Central Prescribing Team

**IMPORTANT
INFORMATION****UK Burns Survey**

Community pharmacists are invited to participate in a new UK research study exploring confidence, experience and referral practice when managing burn injuries in children.

Community pharmacies are often a first point of contact for families when a child has a burn injury, yet there is limited evidence describing current pharmacy practice in paediatric burn care. This study aims to help address this gap and inform future education and support.

- ◆ **10-minute online survey**
- ◆ **Anonymous and ethically reviewed**
- ◆ **Open to all UK community pharmacists**

The research is led by the University of Manchester in collaboration with NHS burns specialists and pharmacy partners. Findings will help shape future training resources and improve care pathways for children with burn injuries.

Further information can be found in the [Participant Information Sheet \(PIS\)](#).

Please support this project by completing the survey and sharing it with your pharmacy colleagues via e-mail and social media. ([social media content](#))

Survey QR code:



Survey Link:

https://www.qualtrics.manchester.ac.uk/jfe/form/SV_7376fVxC1BFR7gi?Q_CHL=qr

Thank you for supporting this important piece of work

Professor Mamta Shah
Consultant Burns and Plastic Surgeon
Royal Manchester Childrens Hospital and University of Manchester

09/06/2026

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PCA(P)(2026)08- Pharmaceutical Services Amendments to the Drug Tariff Part 11 Discount Clawback Scale

Please see link below NHS Circular PCA(P)(2026)08 - Pharmaceutical Services Amendments To The Drug Tariff Part 11 Discount Clawback Scale

www.publications.scot.nhs.uk/files/pca-p-2026-08.pdf

09/06/2026

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Important Update Concerning Linc-Flo Drainage Bags being Discontinued and the New Product

Background

LINC-Flo non-sterile non-drainable night drainage bag - LM2LNS - 2litre, 100cm tube (LINC Medical Systems Ltd) dm+d ID: 7430711000001101 was discontinued from 01 April 2026 and became immediately not reimbursable. The reason for the discontinuation is that the products had been authored as an *undrainable* night drainage bag.

The product has been re-authored as LINC-Flo non-sterile drainable night drainage bag - LM2LNS - 2litre, 100cm tube (LINC Medical Systems Ltd) dm+d ID: 45762111000001101 and this product is reimbursable.

Current situation

The outdated description and code in the prescription supply chain, specifically within GP and PMR systems, take time to be updated to reflect the current situation. This delay is causing confusion and concern about whether prescriptions will be reimbursed, especially concerning ongoing supplies for patients.

Claims submitted using the old code will fail validation and be rejected for payment under the current rules. Given the volume of claims, this situation presents significant operational pressure and poses a risk of non-payment for contractors.

Interim approach (time-limited)

To support the transition while the systems update, PSD Scotland have implemented a temporary interim measure i.e. a daily worklist search to identify such items and to swap the rejected item to the allowable product enabling payment.

This will operate on a “best endeavours” basis as this is a resource intensive activity and may not capture all claims therefore Pharmacists/Dispensers should continue to check their eSchedule and Rejected Items report.

This approach will be time-limited for items dispensed from 1st April 2026 to 30th June 2026.

Pharmacist/Dispenser actions

- Ensure the correct replacement Linc Flo drainage bag is selected and dispensed
- Avoid submitting claims for the discontinued product
- Endorse claims for the old drainage bags with PC/PMR endorsements
- Check that repeat prescriptions are updated
- Contractors should continue to check payment eSchedules

Prescribing/Endorsing enquiries

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Turning Point Scotland
23/06/2026

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National Wellbeing Week 22nd – 28th June 2026



NWW Promotional
Poster.pdf

Attached

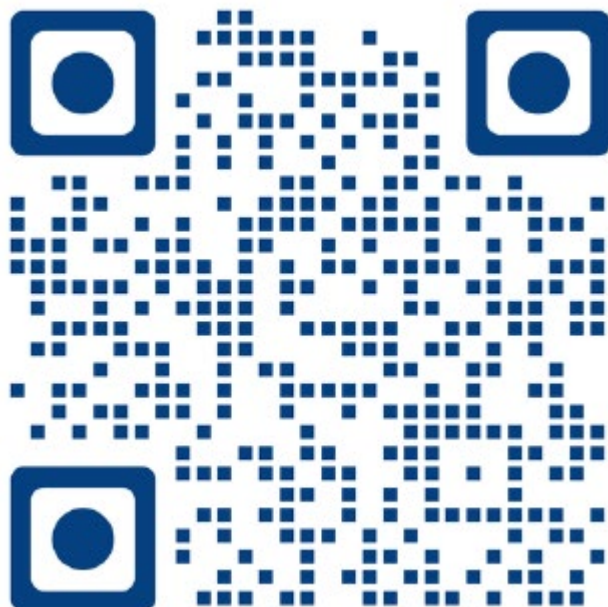
The National Wellbeing Week on the 22nd – 28th June 2026 is a week-long programme of free online sessions designed for professionals across health, social care, social work, local government and the third sector.

This year's theme, 'Compassionate Leadership', invites individuals and teams to come together to explore, discuss and learn about building positive work environments. With nearly 50 diverse sessions led by inspiring speakers from across Scotland, there's something for everyone, whether you're looking to gain new insights or share your own experiences.

We encourage you to sign up now and attend as many sessions as you wish.

Also, please share this opportunity with your colleagues and networks.

Scan the QR code below to find details of the sessions and how to register.



Tom Quinn
23/06/2026

Items from previous editions –

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QR codes Website



Mobile App



Beth Crozier
16/06/2026

IMPORTANT INFORMATION	Authorisation of Specials and Unlicensed Medicines (ULMs)
	We are advising of a change to the standard turnaround time for NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde authorisation of Specials and Unlicensed Medicines (ULMs). From Wednesday 17th June 2026, the standard turnaround time for authorisation requests will be within 24 hours. In practice, many requests will continue to be responded to quickly; however, this change provides clarity that, on occasion, responses may take up to 24 hours. This approach aligns with national guidance and with the arrangements in place across most other NHS Boards in Scotland, while supporting a consistent and sustainable service. Thank you for your continued cooperation. The Central Prescribing Team 09/06/2026

IMPORTANT INFORMATION	UK Burns Survey
	Community pharmacists are invited to participate in a new UK research study exploring confidence, experience and referral practice when managing burn injuries in children. Community pharmacies are often a first point of contact for families when a child has a burn injury, yet there is limited evidence describing current pharmacy practice in paediatric burn care. This study aims to help address this gap and inform future education and support. ◆ 10-minute online survey ◆ Anonymous and ethically reviewed ◆ Open to all UK community pharmacists The research is led by the University of Manchester in collaboration with NHS burns specialists and pharmacy partners. Findings will help shape future training resources and improve care pathways for children with burn injuries.

Further information can be found in the [Participant Information Sheet \(PIS\)](#).

Please support this project by completing the survey and sharing it with your pharmacy colleagues via e-mail and social media. ([social media content](#))

Survey QR code:



Survey Link:

https://www.qualtrics.manchester.ac.uk/jfe/form/SV_7376fVxC1BFR7gi?Q_CHL=qr

Thank you for supporting this important piece of work

Professor Mamta Shah
Consultant Burns and Plastic Surgeon
Royal Manchester Childrens Hospital and University of Manchester
09/06/2026

**IMPORTANT
INFORMATION**

PCA(P)(2026)08- Pharmaceutical Services Amendments to the Drug Tariff Part 11 Discount Clawback Scale

Please see link below NHS Circular PCA(P)(2026)08 - Pharmaceutical Services Amendments To The Drug Tariff Part 11 Discount Clawback Scale

www.publications.scot.nhs.uk/files/pca-p-2026-08.pdf

09/06/2026

**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
Thursday 25th 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 30th June 2026

New Items in this edition –

- GGC Medicines Update
- Mobile Van Locations Week Beginning 29/06/2026
- Let's Chat Vac - Newsletter - Edition 6
- FAST Education – New Dates

ACTION	GGC Medicines Update
	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. New blogs Click on the following links to access the recently published Medicines Update blogs. • Coronary Heart Disease and Stroke – Primary and Secondary Prevention (Cholesterol) Guideline • NHSGGC Supply of Medicines (in Primary Care) Following Specialist Service Review or Clinic Appointments • West of Scotland Regional Formulary - Progress Update June 2026 Updated blogs Click on the following links to access the recently updated Medicines Update blogs. • Apremilast - Changes to prescribing and dispensing arrangements within NHSGGC ◦ Please note, this blog has been updated since its original publication in April 2026. • Yellow Card Reporting Updates • MHRA Safety Roundup May 2026 • Guideline News May 2026 • Formulary Update June 2026

Medicines Safety SharePoint site [NHSGGC network access required]

A [SharePoint site on medicines safety](#) is available for NHSGGC staff. The site includes the [Acute Division Safer Use of Medicines Bulletins](#) in addition to learning summaries, memos and the safe and secure handling of medicines policy.

Please see the latest bulletin:

- [Acute Division - Safer Use of Medicines Bulletin - Edition 7 \(Apr 26\)](#)

Topics covered in this edition include: New medicines stock locator dashboard; Paracetamol error from using out of date weight on HEPMA; Clinical deterioration due to missed doses of long-term steroids; and new LearnPro: Numeracy for medicines administration.

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.

Medicines Update blogs are hosted on the [GGC Medicines website](#) and app. The search function on the website can be used to find specific blogs.

Anyone can join our mailing list by contacting us at ggc.medicines.update@nhs.scot

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Van 2

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13.00-16.00 - Bob McTaggart (Cowcaddens)

Thursday 2nd July 2026

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Van 2

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ACTION

Let's Chat Vac - Newsletter - Edition 6



Let's Chat Vac
Newsletter - FINAL 2

Attached

Please find enclosed the summer edition of 'Let's Chat Vac' Newsletter. This is our 6th Edition of the newsletter under the Vaccination Communication Framework Approach.

It is now approaching 1 ½ years since the inception of the Vaccination Communication Framework; we would be most grateful of your feedback by completing the enclosed survey : [Vaccination - Let's Chat Vac Survey](#)

Pauline Atkinson

30/06/2026

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