




Community Pharmacy Communication Update

Tuesday 3rd June 2025

New Items in this edition –

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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>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.</p> <p>We presently have some places available for the event on Tuesday 19th August 2025. Places will be allocated on a first-come basis and will be confirmed in writing.</p> <table><tr><th><u>Date</u></th><th><u>Duration</u></th><th><u>Venue</u></th></tr><tr><td>Tuesday 19th August 2025</td><td>9:00 – 16:00</td><td>Beresford Suite Levendale Hospital 510 Crookston Road Glasgow G53 7TU</td></tr></table>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Venue</u>	Tuesday 19 th August 2025	9:00 – 16:00	Beresford Suite Levendale Hospital 510 Crookston Road Glasgow G53 7TU
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Please contact us ASAP by phone on 0141 201 4945, or by e-mail ggcpharmacyhit@nhs.scot



Parking is available on a first come basis.

Lunch will be provided. Please inform us if you do not require lunch or you have special dietary requirements.


Annette Robb
20/05/2025

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION	Increase in Measles – Community Pharmacy Awareness
	<p>NHS GGC Public Health Protection Unit (PHPU) are currently investigating a number of cases of measles within the Board area.</p> <p>Community pharmacy teams should be aware of any patient presenting with potential measles symptoms (including rising fever, conjunctivitis, cough, not eating, generally unwell with rash spreading from ears, to face to trunk) must be advised to contact their GP as soon as possible for further investigation as measles is classed as a notifiable disease.</p> <p>Specific clinics for MMR vaccinations are being arranged as part of the public health response for at risk patients and is being communicated separately to encourage uptake.</p> <p>More information on signs and symptoms of measles can be found on NHS Inform website.</p> <p>Elaine Paton 20/05/2025</p>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION	New Shortage Alternative Medicines eForm – Supporting Smoother Communication with GP Practices
	<p>We're pleased to share that a new electronic form has been developed to help streamline communication between community pharmacies and GP practices when managing medicine shortages.</p> <p>This Shortage Alternative Medicines eForm is designed to make the process more efficient and collaborative. It enables community pharmacies to propose suitable alternatives that are either in stock or readily available, supporting faster decision-making and ensuring continuity of patient care.</p> <p>To ensure a smooth and consistent rollout, HSCP teams will be reaching out to each pharmacy individually in the coming weeks to walk you through the form and provide guidance on its use. We're aiming for a planned and supportive implementation, with the goal of making this tool a helpful part of everyday practice.</p> <p>We're confident this new process will enhance communication, reduce administrative burden, and ultimately improve the patient experience.</p> <p>Thank you in advance for your engagement and continued collaboration.</p> <p>Kathryn Chisholm</p>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION	Primary Care Workforce Strategy- Staff & Contractor Engagement Workshop on 4th June 2025
	<p>We are starting to develop the first Primary Care Workforce Strategy to take us to 2029. We held a series of sessions in March & April to ask staff and contractors working in and providing services within a Primary Care setting about their views of where they would like us to be by then. We would like to share what you said and hear more from those who couldn't make it to the spring sessions.</p> <p>Do you have ideas to shape the future of our primary care workforce? Would you like your say on what is important to you and how you and your service works in primary care? If yes, then you may be interested in attending the next primary care engagement session.</p> <p>How can you attend? To join this MS Teams session, please click here. You do not need to register. You will be advised to add this date and link to you online diary.</p> <p>What if you can't make it or want to find out more? Delivering on optimising our workforce is a key priority of our Primary Care Strategy 2024-2029. You can see more details of what's in the Primary Care Strategy here. If you have any questions regarding the workforce strategy, please reach out to the primary care support team at ggc.primarycaresupport@nhs.scot</p> <p>Ann Forsyth 20/05/2025</p>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION	Let's Chat Vac - SVIP1615 Changes Routine Childhood Vaccination Schedule and The Selective Neonatal Hepatitis B
	<p><u>Sent on behalf PHS.</u></p> <p>Following advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) on the upcoming changes to the childhood schedule, Public Health Scotland (PHS) has revised the 'Protect your child against serious diseases' leaflet. This is to ensure that parents and carers have access to up-to-date information about the routine childhood vaccination programme.</p> <p>The changes will take place across 2 phases. Changes in Phase 1 will begin from 1 July 2025 with Phase 2 coming into effect from January 2026. PHS would be grateful for your support in replacing your existing stock of this leaflet to ensure health professionals access the correct version to support informed consent, prior to vaccination. Due to the phased approach, PHS will provide an</p>

updated version of this leaflet again later in the year so would encourage you to manage stock accordingly.

This resource will be available to order online once stock is available.

The front cover of the updated leaflet is displayed below for your convenience. This leaflet should be used from **1 July 2025**:



Please only order the stock you will require until the end of December 2025. An updated final version of this resource will be available to order before December 2025.

To order this leaflet in other formats (such as Easy Read and large print) or languages, please email phs.otherformats@phs.scot

If you would like to provide feedback, please email phs.svipconfidenceandequity@phs.scot

With effect from **9 June 2025** can you please recycle any existing stock you have of the following leaflet as it will not contain the correct information:



In addition, PHS has also revised the '**What to expect after vaccination: Babies and children up to 5 years**' information resource.

You can also order this resource online once stock is available.

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Pauline Atkinson
20/05/2025

IMPORTANT INFORMATION	FAST Education Offer
<div data-bbox="183 226 240 293"></div> <div data-bbox="132 297 280 349">FAST Training Session.pdf</div> <div data-bbox="78 405 231 441">Attached</div>	<p data-bbox="375 188 1500 271">Please see attached offer of training run by Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland on the FAST tool for identifying a stroke.</p> <p data-bbox="375 315 1500 398">The dates and information are noted below and a poster is attached which can be displayed in staff areas.</p> <p data-bbox="375 443 1525 651">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.</p> <p data-bbox="375 696 1509 954">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.</p> <p data-bbox="375 999 1476 1081">A CPD certificate will be available for staff upon completion. Dates and times are as follows:</p> <p data-bbox="375 1126 887 1384"> <u>FAST Education Dates</u> Monday 9th June 13:00 Wednesday 25th June 10:00 Tuesday 22nd July 15:00 Wednesday 6th August 19:00 Monday 25th August 13:00 </p> <p data-bbox="375 1429 1509 1552">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.</p> <p data-bbox="375 1597 1003 1680"> SIGN UP: https://forms.office.com/e/YiFrAbRwtv </p> <p data-bbox="375 1724 1509 1854">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.</p> <p data-bbox="375 1899 821 1982"> Esther Pullen esther.pullen@chss.org.uk </p> <p data-bbox="375 2027 563 2063">09/05/2025</p>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION	Let's Chat Vac - GGC Mobile Vaccination Unit Dates (COVID-19) APRIL - JUNE
<div data-bbox="183 181 240 248"></div> <div data-bbox="105 257 312 309" data-label="Text"> <p>Mobile Service West Dunbartonshire</p> </div> <div data-bbox="183 360 240 427"></div> <div data-bbox="105 436 312 488" data-label="Text"> <p>Mobile Service East Renfrewshire.pdf</p> </div> <div data-bbox="183 539 240 607"></div> <div data-bbox="105 616 312 667" data-label="Text"> <p>Mobile Service Renfrewshire.pdf</p> </div> <div data-bbox="183 719 240 786"></div> <div data-bbox="105 795 312 846" data-label="Text"> <p>Mobile Services Glasgow.pdf</p> </div> <div data-bbox="183 898 240 965"></div> <div data-bbox="105 974 312 1025" data-label="Text"> <p>Mobile Services Inverdyde.pdf</p> </div> <div data-bbox="183 1032 240 1099"></div> <div data-bbox="105 1108 312 1160" data-label="Text"> <p>Mobile Service East Dunbartonshire.pdf</p> </div>	<div data-bbox="376 141 1394 185" data-label="Section-Header"> <p>On behalf of the GGC Vaccination Communication Group</p> </div> <div data-bbox="376 230 1516 398" data-label="Text"> <p>Our partners at the Scottish Ambulance Service are 'touring' Greater Glasgow and Clyde in the mobile vaccination units. This service increases the number of access points for patients in our communities to access their winter vaccinations.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="376 443 1538 528" data-label="Text"> <p>It is with thanks to our partners across Greater Glasgow and Clyde in securing suitable car parks across a wide range of locations.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="376 573 1538 741" data-label="Text"> <p>Sites in addition to NHS premises include Councils, Leisure Facilities, Third Sector Partners, Retail establishments and more! This vital partnership working, enables our continued delivery of the mobile vaccination service.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="376 786 1062 831" data-label="Text"> <p>The Mobile Units are offering – Covid -19</p> </div> <div data-bbox="376 875 1538 999" data-label="Text"> <p>Please find enclosed Mobile Vaccination Unit dates for April, May and June across GGC, please cascade/display posters relevant to your geographical area.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="376 1043 1436 1167" data-label="Text"> <p>Please also note that Translated resources can be accessed as follows Campaign assets Public Health Scotland News. Translated videos are hosted on YouTube.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="376 1211 657 1294" data-label="Text"> <p>Pauline Atkinson 29/04/2025</p> </div>

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	<p>From time to time a situation arises where a medicine is available but is only available at a higher cost than the pharmacy will currently be reimbursed. Whilst this is an unfortunate situation, the NHS expects that where the medicine is available that it will be supplied in a timely manner to the patient.</p> <p>There is a process outlined in the Shortage Guidance document on the Community Pharmacy Scotland website that should be followed in these cases.</p> <p>Medicines Shortage Guidance (scenario 1)</p> <p>CPS Members Area Shortages</p> <p>By following this process, the supply of the medication to the patient can be maintained and CPS can then raise this with SG to allow discussions around potentially amending the tariff.</p> <p>I would be grateful if this guidance could be followed to minimise disruption to the patient.</p> <p>Pamela Macintyre 10/06/2025</p>

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Annette Robb
20/05/2025

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Esther Pullen
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09/05/2025

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09/05/2025

**IMPORTANT
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APRIL - JUNE**

On behalf of the GGC Vaccination Communication Group



Mobile Service
West Dunbartonshire



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Jane Hall
24/06/2025


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IMPORTANT INFORMATION	NHS Circulare PCA(P)(2025) 14 - Extension to Serious Shortage Protocols for Estradot® (Estradiol) Patches
	<p>Please see link below for NHS Circular PCA(P)(2025) 14</p> <p>www.publications.scot.nhs.uk/files/pca2025-p-14.pdf</p> <p>10/06/2025</p>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION	Medicines Above Tariff Price
	<p>From time to time a situation arises where a medicine is available but is only available at a higher cost than the pharmacy will currently be reimbursed. Whilst this this is an unfortunate situation, the NHS expects that where the medicine is available that it will be supplied in a timely manner to the patient.</p> <p>There is a process outlined in the Shortage Guidance document on the Community Pharmacy Scotland website that should be followed in these cases.</p> <p>Medicines Shortage Guidance (scenario 1)</p> <p>CPS Members Area Shortages</p> <p>By following this process, the supply of the medication to the patient can be maintained and CPS can then raise this with SG to allow discussions around potentially amending the tariff. I would be grateful if this guidance could be followed to minimise disruption to the patient.</p> <p>Pamela Macintyre 10/06/2025</p>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION	Community Pharmacy Disulfiram Service
	<p>As participants in the Community Pharmacy Disulfiram Service will be aware, during the COVID 19 pandemic breathalysing patients who received supervised disulfiram within a community pharmacy setting was not permitted.</p> <p>To date, breathalysing has not be recommenced in full across the NHS GGC Community Pharmacy Disulfiram Service.</p> <p>Breathalysing indicates alcohol consumption at that present time - with consideration to the pharmacology of disulfiram we are aware that a disulfiram-alcohol reaction can occur up to 14 days after discontinuation of the drug. Therefore, 'breathalysing prior to disulfiram supervision' does not ensure patient safety and the complete avoidance of a disulfiram-alcohol reaction.</p> <p>We have considered that there are no recommendations around 'breathalysing prior to disulfiram supervision' in the summary of product characteristics for disulfiram, relevant NICE guidelines or other guidance documents utilised in the treatment of alcohol use disorder.</p> <p>The Service Level Agreement (SLA) underpinning the service has now been updated to remove the use of breathalysers as part of the community pharmacy disulfiram service.</p> <p>If you have had any arrangements in place with local ADRS teams around breathalysing, please be aware that these will now conclude. Breathalysers will be uplifted from community pharmacies in the upcoming months. There may be an interim period during where 'breathalysing' remains on the prescription direction however local ADRS teams have been informed of this change on 24/04/2025 and are aware breathalysing is not part of this service.</p> <p>Please find attached in the email a copy of the updated Community Pharmacy Disulfiram Service guideline noting in particular the updated sections around patient information and patient assessment. The updated SLA and NEO 360 Disulfiram Module Guidance is also attached in the email.</p> <p>As the amendments made do not materially change the clinical aspects of the service, there is no need for pharmacy contractors to formally re-commit to the service (by signing up to the SLA again). The assumption will be that all current participants will continue. If however you feel that the changes prevent your continued participation in the service, please indicate your withdrawal from the service to: ggc.cpdevteam@nhs.scot by end June 2025.</p>

**IMPORTANT
INFORMATION**

**Let's Chat Vac - SVIP1615 Changes Routine Childhood
Vaccination Schedule and The Selective Neonatal Hepatitis B**
Sent on behalf PHS.

Following advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) on the upcoming changes to the childhood schedule, Public Health Scotland (PHS) has revised the '**Protect your child against serious diseases**' leaflet. This is to ensure that parents and carers have access to up-to-date information about the routine childhood vaccination programme.

The changes will take place across 2 phases. Changes in Phase 1 will begin from 1 July 2025 with Phase 2 coming into effect from January 2026. PHS would be grateful for your support in replacing your existing stock of this leaflet to ensure health professionals access the correct version to support informed consent, prior to vaccination. Due to the phased approach, PHS will provide an updated version of this leaflet again later in the year so would encourage you to manage stock accordingly.

This resource will be available to order online once stock is available.

The front cover of the updated leaflet is displayed below for your convenience. This leaflet should be used from **1 July 2025**:



Please only order the stock you will require until the end of December 2025. An updated final version of this resource will be available to order before December 2025.

To order this leaflet in other formats (such as Easy Read and large print) or languages, please email phs.otherformats@phs.scot

If you would like to provide feedback, please email phs.svipconfidenceandequity@phs.scot

With effect from **9 June 2025** can you please recycle any existing stock you have of the following leaflet as it will not contain the correct information:



In addition, PHS has also revised the '**What to expect after vaccination: Babies and children up to 5 years**' information resource.

You can also order this resource online once stock is available.

With effect from **9 June 2025** can you please recycle any existing stock you have of the previous version as it will not contain the correct information.

Pauline Atkinson
20/05/2025

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

QYW Training – Tuesday 19th August 2025

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.

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.

We presently have some places available for the event on Tuesday 19th August 2025. Places will be allocated on a first-come basis and will be confirmed in writing.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Tuesday 19th August 2025	9:00 – 16:00	Beresford Suite Levensdale Hospital 510 Crookston Road Glasgow G53 7TU

Please contact us ASAP by phone on 0141 201 4945, or by e-mail ggcpharmacyhit@nhs.scot

Parking is available on a first come basis.

Lunch will be provided. Please inform us if you do not require lunch or you have special dietary requirements.

Annette Robb
20/05/2025

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



FAST Training
Session.pdf

Attached

FAST Education Offer

Please see attached offer of training 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 25th June 10:00

Tuesday 22nd July 15:00

Wednesday 6th August 19:00

Monday 25th August 13:00

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
esther.pullen@chss.org.uk

09/05/2025

IMPORTANT INFORMATION	Let's Chat Vac - GGC Mobile Vaccination Unit Dates (COVID-19) APRIL - JUNE
<div data-bbox="183 226 237 295"></div> <div data-bbox="108 302 308 353" data-label="Text"> <p>Mobile Service East Renfrewshire.pdf</p> </div> <div data-bbox="183 405 237 474"></div> <div data-bbox="129 481 288 533" data-label="Text"> <p>Mobile Services Inverdyde.pdf</p> </div> <div data-bbox="183 539 237 609"></div> <div data-bbox="108 616 308 667" data-label="Text"> <p>Mobile Service East Dunbartonshire.pdf</p> </div>	<p data-bbox="376 185 1394 230">On behalf of the GGC Vaccination Communication Group</p> <p data-bbox="376 275 1517 443">Our partners at the Scottish Ambulance Service are ‘touring’ Greater Glasgow and Clyde in the mobile vaccination units. This service increases the number of access points for patients in our communities to access their winter vaccinations.</p> <p data-bbox="376 488 1538 577">It is with thanks to our partners across Greater Glasgow and Clyde in securing suitable car parks across a wide range of locations.</p> <p data-bbox="376 622 1538 790">Sites in addition to NHS premises include Councils, Leisure Facilities, Third Sector Partners, Retail establishments and more! This vital partnership working, enables our continued delivery of the mobile vaccination service.</p> <p data-bbox="376 835 1059 880">The Mobile Units are offering – Covid -19</p> <p data-bbox="376 925 1533 1048">Please find enclosed Mobile Vaccination Unit dates for April, May and June across GGC, please cascade/display posters relevant to your geographical area.</p> <p data-bbox="376 1093 1433 1216">Please also note that Translated resources can be accessed as follows Campaign assets Public Health Scotland News. Translated videos are hosted on YouTube.</p> <p data-bbox="376 1261 655 1339">Pauline Atkinson 29/04/2025</p>

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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