



Community Pharmacy Communication Update

Tuesday 3rd March 2026

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| IMPORTANT INFORMATION | SVIP2483 Publication of Inclusive Vaccination Practice Resource – for Awareness and Dissemination |
| | <p>I am pleased to inform you that the “Inclusive Vaccination Practice: Addressing Health Inequalities in Scotland” learning resource has now been published and is live on Turas. This resource is designed to support vaccinators and the wider healthcare workforce in delivering equitable, accessible and person-centred vaccination services and forms part of our ongoing commitment to quality, safety, and reducing health inequalities within vaccination delivery. It provides practical guidance, examples and evidence-aligned approaches that can be used to strengthen practice across services.</p> <p>We would welcome your support in sharing this resource across your networks. Ensuring wide access will help embed consistent, high-quality practice across teams. If you have any reflections or feedback on the MS Sway format - particularly around accessibility and usability - this would be helpful as we continue to refine and strengthen our educational materials.</p> <p>Thank you for your continued support and oversight. Please feel free to get in touch if you have any questions or feedback.</p> <p>Public Health 17/02/2026</p> |

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| IMPORTANT INFORMATION | Important Reminder – CPNSS Prescription Accuracy and Required Actions |
| | <p>It has been brought to our attention by our Dietetic colleagues that a number of issues have recently occurred with CPNSS prescriptions. As there has been a recent formulary change and an updated communication has already been shared, we would like to provide a brief reminder to support safe and accurate prescribing. Below are examples of issues identified:</p> |

Incorrect ONS Products Supplied

Several patients have received the wrong product, resulting in inappropriate nutritional intake:

- **Altraplen Compact Daily (250ml) x2/day** supplied instead of **Altraplen Energy (200ml) x2/day**
→ This resulted in the patient receiving **double the intended calories and protein**, causing tolerance issues.
- **Altraplen Compact (125ml) x1/day** supplied instead of **Altraplen Compact Daily (250ml) x1/day**
→ This provided only **half of the prescribed volume**, preventing the patient from meeting the nutritional goals agreed with the Dietitian.
→ Please also note: **Altraplen Compact (125ml)** is **non-formulary** within NHSGGC.

GP10 Issued When CPNSS Was Active

If a patient is known to be on CPNSS and a GP10 request is received, please **do not issue** the GP10 without first contacting the Dietetic Team who originally submitted the CPNSS paperwork. This prevents duplication, incorrect product supply, and confusion for the patient.

Mailbox Monitoring

Please ensure clinical mailboxes are **checked daily** for CPNSS ONS request forms. Once received, these requests should be **actioned as soon as possible** so that patients receive the correct product in a timely manner.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support in ensuring safe and effective patient care. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Prescribing Support Dietetic Team on 0141-201-6012 or email ggc.prescribingsupportdieticians@nhs.scot

Wendy McGaughie
17/02/2026

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06/01/2026

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Turning Point Scotland

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| ACTION | Communication from NSS – Immediate Action Required: Do not send CP4 paper forms to NSS for Scanning |
| Community Pharmacist CP4 Form Briefing 2026 | Please see attached communication from NSS. Catherine Scoular 17/03/2026 |

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| ACTION | PHS Health Protection Alert Measles Situational Update 2026 |
| PHS HPA - Measles Situational Update 2026 | PHS Alert: Measles Public Health Scotland published the attached update on the emerging increase in measles reported recently in England. At time of issue, there has been no increased outbreak in Scotland but healthcare professionals are being asked to be more vigilant with anyone presenting with a rash. Community pharmacists and their teams are asked to be aware of this should anyone present with a rash for NHS Pharmacy First Scotland if there is any doubt or worry that it may be measles, please refer the patient to their GP for further advice. Elaine Paton 17/03/2026 |

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| ACTION | Spanish Prescription for Diazepam Tablets 5mg |
| | <p>The CD Governance Team have had a report from pharmacies who have received a private Spanish prescription for Diazepam Tablets 5mg. This has been reported to the police by one of the pharmacies. The prescription was for 63 tablets. A few date ranges have been supplied, so there appears to be a number of different prescription forms in circulation.</p> <p>As with all private prescriptions (or any prescription for that matter) we would ask that due diligence is given to ensuring the prescriber details and the authenticity of any prescription are checked.</p> <p>Mantej Chahal 17/03/2026</p> |

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| ACTION | Invite: Sleepio Evening Learning Event 30.04.26 |
| <u>Sleepio Evening Learning Event</u> | <p>Please see attached invite to Evening Learning Event.</p> <p>17/03/2026</p> |

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| ACTION | Lets Chat Vac- MVU Posters |
| <u>The Forge Shopping Centre</u> <u>Barrhead Foundry</u> <u>Neilston Leisure Centre</u> <u>Asda Govan</u> | <p>On behalf of the GGC Vaccination Communication Group, please find attached MVU Posters for upcoming dates.</p> <p>17/03/2026 Nicola Cole</p> |

| ACTION | Apremilast (Otezla®) |
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| | <p>Apremilast (Otezla) came off patent in January 2026, resulting in a significant reduction in the cost of generic products. To ensure cost efficiencies, strengthen medicines governance, and improve oversight of patient care, NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde (NHSGGC) will repatriate prescribing from GP practices and dispensing from community pharmacies to secondary care via NHSGGC Homecare Services.</p> <p>Key Points for Community Pharmacy Teams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Please continue to dispense existing Apremilast prescriptions where these are presented by patients. · Ensure careful management of any remaining stock, noting this remains a high-cost medicine. · Patients who are repatriated to the new pathway will receive their medication via home delivery. Secondary care pharmacy teams will support this transition and provide further information to patients as required. · If a patient currently receives Apremilast within a compliance aid, please consider whether the patient would be able to manage this medicine outside of the compliance aid. If this is not appropriate, please contact the Community Pharmacy Development Team for advice, providing the patient's CHI number so the specialist service can review and advise on the most appropriate arrangement. <p>Specialist pharmacists will continue to work with clinical services to ensure robust processes are in place for both new initiations and ongoing repeat prescribing.</p> <p>If you have any questions, please contact CPDT.</p> <p>Thank you for your cooperation and support during this transition.</p> <p>Lesley-Anne Tait 17/03/2026</p> |

| ACTION | Nutrition & Hydration Week 2026 16-20th March |
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| | <p>Nutrition & Hydration week 2026 - Making a difference every day. @NHWeek</p> <p>Good nutritional care is key to better health and recovery from illness. Nutrition & Hydration week 2026 helps us highlight and focus our minds on the value of food and drink in helping improve the health and wellbeing across all of the population and our NHS staff.</p> |

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| | <p>For those who are struggling to eat and drink, it can be a real worry. NHSGGC have numerous resources to help signpost patients to first line and more specialist help. For those with a poor appetite and weight loss click here for further information. At NHSGGC, we are committed to promoting health and wellbeing in ways that respect and celebrate the rich cultural diversity of our communities. Providing nutritional guidance that is culturally appropriate helps improve health outcomes while honouring individual identities and traditions. These are also available in the top 6 languages spoken in our health board area and can be accessed here.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · For those of us who find the day goes by and forget to drink fluids, this British Dietetic factsheet helps remind us of how to reach your daily recommendations for good hydration. · We all love an afternoon tea so why not arrange a virtual meet up as part of the Global Tea Party with your colleagues on the 18th March and enjoy a refreshing cup of tea and a healthy treat! <p>Dietitians are qualified health professionals who assess, diagnose and treat dietary and nutritional problems on an individual basis. The Community Pharmacy Nutrition Support Service will continue during 2026-27. This service offers improved quality nutritional care pathways to adult patients who have, or who are at risk of, malnutrition. Care is delivered collaboratively by dietitians and community pharmacy staff who keep GPs informed of their patient's nutritional treatment progress. If Oral Nutritional Supplements are required these are initiated by the dietitian and dispensed directly via community pharmacy with monitoring plans in place.</p> <p>For more information about this service please click here or contact the prescribing support dietitians.</p> <p>ggc.prescribingsupportdietitians@nhs.scot</p> <p>Wendy McGaugie 17/03/2026</p> |
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| ACTION | LearnPro Community – Access Changes |
| | <p>Please note that from 31 March 2026, Community Pharmacies will no longer have access to all LearnPro Community modules.</p> <p>This includes, but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cold Chain Audit • Naloxone module |

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| | <p>These modules are expected to become available on the NES platform in the near future. Further updates will be shared once access details are confirmed.</p> <p>Michelle Cooper 17/03/2026</p> |
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Leverndale Hospital

Beresford Suite, 510 Crookston Road, Glasgow G53 7TU

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 23rd March, 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 0141 201 4945, 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
24/02/2026




Community Pharmacy Communication Update

Tuesday 24th March 2026

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Elaine Paton
17/03/2026

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Did you know that March 11th 2026 is [World Delirium Awareness Day](#)? This annual event shines a light on delirium and its impact on patients, families, and healthcare teams. Please see our relevant [covert medication](#) and [delirium](#) blogs above.

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

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

10/03/2026

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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.

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

FAST Education Dates

Friday 3rd April 10:00

Tuesday 14th April 15:00

Wednesday 6th May 15:00

Tuesday 19th May 9:00

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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Tuesday 31st March 2026

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| ACTION | Nystatin PGD V1 - Important Information: Change Of Process – Electronic Form Recording of PGDs |
| | <p>Since April 2024, pharmacists have confirmed their acceptance of professional responsibilities for each Patient Group Direction (PGD) by completing our Microsoft electronic form.</p> <p>Following a recent review, the Community Pharmacy Development Team (CPDT) recommended to the Area Pharmaceutical Committee (APC) and Community Pharmacy GGC that this additional confirmation step was no longer required. This recommendation was supported by both bodies and has now been approved by the NHS GGC PGD Group.</p> <p>From 1 April 2026, the Microsoft form will be removed from the CPDT website, and pharmacists will no longer be required to complete it.</p> <p>Pharmacists are covered under a PGD once they have accepted the professional obligations by signing the relevant authorisation sheet. There is no regulatory or legal requirement for copies of signed</p> |

authorisation sheets to be submitted to NHS GGC or for confirmation of signing to be provided.



Contractors and pharmacists must continue to ensure that:

- Every pharmacist signs an individual copy of each PGD before undertaking the associated service; and
- Signed PGDs are retained within the pharmacy for 8 years from the effective date of the PGD for audit and governance purposes.

This change will not affect payment for any services provided under PGDs.

If you have any queries, please contact the Community Pharmacy Development Team at ggc.cpdevteam@nhs.scot

Rachel Bruce
31/03/2026

| ACTION | Nystatin PGD V1 |
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|  <p>PGD Nystatin Assessment.pdf</p>  <p>PGD Nystatin.pdf</p> <p>Attached</p> | <p>Please find attached the updated Nystatin Patient Group Direction (PGD).</p> <p>As part of this update, we would like to draw your attention to the following important requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The updated Nystatin PGD must still be individually signed by the pharmacist before it can be used, however please note, it is no longer a requirement to complete our Microsoft Form. • A signed copy of the PGD must be kept within the pharmacy at all times for audit and governance purposes. • It remains the responsibility of each pharmacist to ensure they have reviewed, signed, and retained their own copy of the PGD. <p>Thank you for your cooperation in maintaining clinical governance and compliance with PGD requirements.</p> <p>Lianne Hatch 31/03/2026</p> |

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| ACTION | Advanced Notification – Q4 Customer Complaints / Whistleblowing & Annual Survey |
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| | <p>Reflecting on and learning with contraception users' experiences of care'</p> <p>Follow the link to reserve a place.</p> <p>Wednesday 29th April, 6-7.30pm, at the Advanced Research Centre (University of Glasgow)</p> <p>Sign up: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/reflecting-on-and-learning-with-contraceptive-users-experiences-of-care-tickets-1985302762004?aff=oddtcreator</p> <p>Overview Dissemination and discussion event on contraceptive care aimed at stakeholders This event aims to disseminate research findings and launch the report from a recent research project exploring histories and imagined futures of contraceptive care from voices usually marginalized in sexual and reproductive health research. The event is aimed at practitioners from within health and social care, the third sector and policy. It offers a space to discuss and reflect on the research findings and to collectively think through ways of moving forward based on recommendations from the participants.</p> |

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| | <p>The event runs from 18:00-19:30 in Room 237C of the Advanced Research Centre, University of Glasgow and is free to book. You do not have to be university staff or a student to attend.</p> <p>A copy of the report and agenda will be sent to attendees one week before the event.</p> <p>Please return your ticket if you can no longer attend to allow for accurate attendance recording.</p> <p>Louise Carroll 31/03/2026</p> |
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| ACTION | <p>National Learning Event Designed To Support Scotland's Vaccination Workforce</p> |
| | <p>We are pleased to share details of a national learning event designed to support Scotland's vaccination workforce. The event is delivered jointly by NES and PHS, with spotlight sessions from local NHS Boards to share innovation and creativity.</p> <p>Vaccination Learning Event – World Immunisation Week – Monday 27 April 2026 - 10am to 12.30pm</p> <p>A practical and inspiring national learning session exploring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 5-Year Vaccination and Immunisation Framework • Scotland's vaccination data and trends • Responding to false vaccine information • Launch of the Development Framework for Vaccinators • Inclusive vaccination practice • Good practice spotlight sessions showcasing innovation and excellence from vaccination teams across Scotland <p>Full event information and registration link is now available on our NEW Learning Events page on Turas.</p> <p>We would be grateful if you could distribute this information widely through your local networks to help ensure that all those involved in vaccination delivery are aware of this opportunity and encouraged to register.</p> <p>Rachel Bruce 31/03/2026</p> |

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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**
- Friday 3rd April 10:00**
- Tuesday 14th April 15:00**
- Wednesday 6th May 15:00**
- Tuesday 19th May 9:00**
- 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.

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