



## Community Pharmacy Communication Update

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026

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**On behalf of the GGC Vaccination Communication Group**

**LET'S CHAT VAC**

Hi all, please find enclosed

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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>

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<b>IMPORTANT INFORMATION</b>	<b>Change of Name for Pro Health Vitamin D Drops and Tablets</b>
	<p><b>The free Vitamin D drops and tablets supplied to breastfeeding women and children up to 3 years in GGC Vitamin D scheme are changing brand name. The brand name is transitioning from Pro Health to Ivvion.</b></p>

See manufactures statement below.  
 “As part of our branding strategy, please note that we are currently transitioning the brand name of our vitamin supplement products from **Pro Health** to **IVVION**. This will take effect as soon as the current stock is shipped to the NHS, which is expected in the next 1-2 weeks.

The change is strictly a **brand name change only**. There are **no changes whatsoever** to the product formulation, composition, manufacturing process, specifications, packaging format, labelling content (other than the brand name), supplier, or regulatory status.

This transition will be implemented in a controlled and phased manner to ensure continuity of supply and full compliance with all NHS contractual and regulatory requirements”

**Please continue to supply Vitamin D and use the Ivvion products when the Pro Health stock is exhausted.**

**Please prescribe as Vitamin D3 10mcg per drop or Vitamin D3 tablets 10mcg**



Product	Strength	Pack size	Alliance Code
Vitamin D3 Oral Drops	10mcg per drop	2.4ml	8033185
Vitamin D3 Tablets	10mcg	120	8033193

N.B. If you have difficulty obtaining Ivvion Vitamin D stock via online ordering with Alliance, please **telephone** Alliance and place the order using the PIP codes above.

Annette Robb  
 21/04/2026

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**Hydrocortisone PGD V1**



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Please find attached the **updated Hydrocortisone Patient Group Direction (PGD)**.

As part of this update, we would like to draw your attention to the following important requirements:

- The updated Hydrocortisone 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.

Thank you for your cooperation in maintaining clinical governance and compliance with PGD requirements.

Lianne Hatch  
21/04/2026

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### 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 these recently published Medicines Update blogs.

- [West of Scotland Regional Formulary - Launch of First Chapters](#)
- [Advice for Prescribers - Paracetamol to prevent and treat fever after Meningitis B \(MenB\) vaccination in babies aged 2-4 months](#)

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#### Updated blogs

Click on the following link to access this recently updated Medicines Update blog.

- [Safe Use of Lithium](#)

#### Updates

- [MHRA Safety Roundup March 2026](#)
- [Guideline News March 2026](#)
- [Formulary Update March 2026](#)

Did you know that April 11<sup>th</sup> was [World Parkinson's Day](#)? Why not check out our three recently updated Parkinson's disease blogs:

- [Parkinson's Disease in Acute Care](#)
- [Parkinson's Disease and Palliative Care](#)
- [Parkinson's Disease and Elective Surgery](#)

21/04/2026

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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**FAST Education Dates**  
**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 15:00**  
**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 9:00**  
**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 15:00**  
**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:ggc.newpharmacy.applications@nhs.scot)






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### Previously published blogs

Did you know that 11th-17th May is [Mental Health Awareness Week](#)?

- Why not check out our previously published blogs on relevant topics such as [clozapine](#) (a blog Series), [lithium](#), [SSRIs/SNRIs](#), and undertaking [medicines reconciliation](#) of mental health medicines.

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**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.**

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**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 9:00**  
**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 15:00**  
**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> May 2026

### New Items in this edition –

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- **UK Name Change Notification for Descovy ®**
- **Prof to Prof Line/OOH**
- **Palliative Care Strategy**
- **Mobile Van Locations Week Beginning 18/05/2026**

<p><b>ACTION</b></p>	<p><b>Important: Please Read – Locally Negotiated Service Fees (ADRS) – from April 2025</b></p>
<p> Service Grid and Fees - Final.xlsx <b>Attached</b></p>	<p><b><i>This increase will be applied to services delivered from April 2025.</i></b> The attached list now provides details for fees relating to all local community pharmacy services currently operating in NHSGGC.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Rachel Bruce Mary Clare Madden 19/05/2026</p>

**ACTION****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](mailto:UKcustomerservices@gilead.com) or via 020 3681 4681.

Mick Garstang  
 19/05/2026

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>Prof to Prof Line/OOH</b>
	<p>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.</p> <p>Rachel Bruce          19/05/2026</p>

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>Palliative Care Strategy</b>
	<p>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.</p> <p>We would be grateful if you could share this link to the engagement survey widely across the areas you represent.</p> <p>All resources for this engagement phase are hosted <a href="#">Palliative Care Strategy Engagement - NHSGGC</a></p> <p>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.</p> <p>The deadline for submission is the 5<sup>th</sup> June.</p> <p>Elayne Harris          19/05/2026</p>

**ACTION****Mobile Van Locations Week Beginning 18/05/2026**

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 20<sup>th</sup> May****Van 1**

09.30 -16.00 - Trongate Pharmacy (City Centre)

**Van 2**

09.30 -12.30 – Knightswood Shopping Centre

**Van 3**

09.30-12.30 – Cardonald & Aspire (Paisley Road West)

13.00-16.00 – Penilee

**Thursday 21st May 2026****Van 1**

09.30 to 16.00 - Trongate Pharmacy (City Centre)

**Van 2**

09.30 – 12.30 Queens Park Hotel (Shawlands)

13.00-16.00 – Queen Mary & Belleisle (Govanhill)

**Van 3**

09.30-12.30 – Parkhead

13.00-16.00 – Tartan Lodge/East End

**Friday 22nd May****Van 1**

11.00 to 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](mailto:mhrsinfo@turningpointscotland.com)

Turning Point Scotland

19/05/2026

**Items from previous editions –**

<p><b>IMPORTANT INFORMATION</b></p>	<p><b>Quit Your Way Training - Monday 22nd June - Leverndale Hospital</b></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Smoking Cessation Training</b>  <b><u>Monday 22nd June 2026</u></b>  <b><u>Leverndale Hospital</u></b>  <b><u>Beresford Suite, 510 Crookston Road, Glasgow. G53 7TU</u></b></p> <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 – 9am- 4:00pm (approx). We presently have some places available for the event on the 22nd June, 2026.</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>Please contact us ASAP by phone on <u>0141 201 4945</u>, or by e-mail <a href="mailto:ggcpharmacyhit@nhs.scot">ggcpharmacyhit@nhs.scot</a> Places will be allocated on a first-come basis and will be confirmed in writing.</p> <p>Lunch will be provided. Please inform us if you do not require lunch  Parking is available on a first come basis.</p> <p>Annette Robb  12/05/2026</p>

<p><b>IMPORTANT INFORMATION</b></p>	<p><b>Lets Chat Vac- MVU Posters</b></p>
<p>  Barrhead Foundry_27052026.c</p> <p>  Gourock Swimming Pool_26052026.docx</p> <p>  Tesco Car Park-Shettleston_250520:</p> <p><b>Attached</b></p>	<p><b>On behalf of the GGC Vaccination Communication Group</b></p> <p><b><u>LET’S CHAT VAC</u></b></p> <p>Please find attached:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MVU Posters for upcoming dates.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>What can you do to support?</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If relevant to your area, please could you share these resources with your networks, HSCP/Council communication colleagues and workforce this would be appreciated</li> </ul>

Nicola Coe  
12/05/2026

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Medicines Update Bulletin

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.

- [NHSGGC Direct Oral Anticoagulant \(DOAC\) Patient Information Booklet and Alert Card for Adult Patients – Update](#)
- [Introducing Proxor® MDI as first line ICS+LABA metered dose inhaler option within NHSGGC](#)
- [Apremilast - Changes to prescribing and dispensing arrangements within NHSGGC](#)
- [GGC Guideline Update: Heparin dose adjustment in the presence of renal impairment](#)

#### Updated blogs

Click on the following links to access the recently updated Medicines Update blogs.

- [Managing adult patients' Hepatitis C medicines in NHSGGC acute care](#)

#### Updates

- [Formulary Update April 2026](#)
- [MHRA Safety Roundup April 2026](#)
- [Guideline News April 2026](#)
- [Formulary Update - West of Scotland Formulary](#)

#### Previously published blogs

Did you know that 11th-17th May is [Mental Health Awareness Week](#)?

- Why not check out our previously published blogs on relevant topics such as [clozapine](#) (a blog Series), [lithium](#), [SSRIs/SNRIs](#), and undertaking [medicines reconciliation](#) of mental health medicines.

**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](mailto:ggc.medicines.update@nhs.scot)**

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

12/05/2026

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### **Important: Please Read – Locally Negotiated Service Fees – From April 2024**



Service Grid and Fees - Final.xlsx



ECW V3.6.xlsx

Attached

Further to discussions with Community Pharmacy GG&C, I am writing to inform you that the Board has been successful in negotiating an uplift of 6% in fees associated with the following service provisions within NHSGGC:

- Advice to Care Homes
- HIV
- Palliative Care
- Rota Services (including Christmas and New Year provision)
- Out of Hours Call Out
- Exacerbation of COPD

This increase will be applied to services delivered from April 2024. The attached list provides details for fees relating to local community pharmacy services currently operating in NHSGGC (with the exception of those relating to pilot schemes).

In May 2026 a back payment will be made through the Regional Services payment via PSD, to adjust the claims already made for services provided since April 2024.

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.

**Contractors should note that the above agreement applies only to the services listed and does not cover all locally negotiated services, including those associated with ADRS.**

CPGGC and the CPDT are currently working with ADRS colleagues to agree the arrangements for these services. Once an agreement has been reached, the outcome will be communicated to the network.

Please see attached an updated Electronic Claiming Workbook (ECW) reflecting the new rates. This will also be updated on our website.

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

Rachel Bruce  
05/05/2026

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**Clinical Mail Box**

All pharmacies are asked to ensure that, at all times, there is a member of staff on duty with access to the clinical mailbox.

This requirement applies during periods where temporary staff are in place, as all official communications are issued via this channel.

Carolanne Coll  
05/05/2026

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**Realistic Medicine - Training by End of May 2026**



Internal Comms\_It's OK to Ask series\_Art

Attached

NHSGGC wants everyone using its services to feel confident asking questions about their health and care, and that starts with creating an environment for open conversations.

Whether someone is seeing a GP, nurse, pharmacist, physiotherapist, dentist, screening nurse or another healthcare professional, creating opportunities for questions helps people feel

	<p>informed, heard and involved in decisions about their care. The message NHSGGC wants patients to hear is simple: It's OK to Ask."</p> <p>Please find attached resources to support conversations around Realistic Medicine.</p> <p>Rachel Bruce 05/05/2026</p>
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<p><b>IMPORTANT INFORMATION</b></p>	<p><b>Share Your Opinions About The Public Health Role of The Community Pharmacy Workforce in the UK</b></p>
	<p>I am undertaking a full-time PhD to explore the public health role of the community pharmacy workforce in the UK. This includes understanding the true educational needs of the community pharmacy workforce, to enable them to confidently and competently deliver public health services.</p> <p>In the next stage of my research, I am conducting an online anonymous survey and would be delighted if you agreed to participate. Please click on the following link if you are interested.</p> <p><a href="https://hud.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_a9kl6E5106i2whE">https://hud.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_a9kl6E5106i2whE</a></p> <p>This will take you to the start of the survey. There is a participant information sheet for you to read, and a consent form, all built into the beginning of the survey. If you give your consent to participate, you will be taken to the survey questions.</p> <p>Alison Hemsworth 05/05/2026</p>

<p><b>IMPORTANT INFORMATION</b></p>	<p><b>Dietetics Update Webinar</b></p>
	<p><b>The Common Clinical Conditions (CCC) Advisory Group</b> would like to invite you to a <b>Dietetics Update webinar</b>, presented by Wendy McGaughie, Advanced Dietitian.</p> <p>This session will take place on <b>Wednesday 20 May 2026</b>, from <b>7:00 pm to 8:00 pm</b>.</p> <p><b>Join: <a href="#">Microsoft Teams</a></b></p> <p>We hope to see you all there.</p>

28/04/2026

**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:

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Esther Pullen  
10/03/2026

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## Community Pharmacy Communication Update

Tuesday 26th May 2026

### New Items in this edition –

- **NHS GGC ADRS Community Pharmacy BBV Testing Programme**
- **NHS GGC ADRS Community Pharmacy Buvidal Administration Programme**
- **National PGD for Urgent Provision of Medicines, Appliances and ACBS Products - updated Medicines A-Z Look-up List**
- **Pharmacy First Plus - IP service - Positive Solution Users Only**
- **NHS Pharmacy First Hayfever PGDs**
- **Mobile Van Locations Week Beginning 25/05/2026**

ACTION	NHS GGC ADRS Community Pharmacy BBV Testing Programme
	<p>In 2024, we introduced the <b>NHS GGC ADRS Community Pharmacy BBV Testing Programme</b>. 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.</p> <p>We would now like to invite Community Pharmacies who are not already part of the programme to register their interest in providing the service.</p> <p><b><u>Programme</u></b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>

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

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>NHS GGC ADRS Community Pharmacy Buvidal Administration Programme</b>
	<p>We currently have 11 Community Pharmacies participating in the <b>NHS GGC ADRS Community Pharmacy Buvidal Administration Programme</b>. 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b><u>Programme</u></b> 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.</p>

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.**

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

**ACTION**

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



Medicines A-Z  
Look-up List v2.2 Ap

**Attached**

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

**ACTION**

**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

**ACTION**

**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

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>Mobile Van Locations Week Beginning 25/05/2026</b>
	<p>Hello and welcome to the weekly roundup from the Mobile Harm Reduction Service.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Van 1</b> 09.30 -16.00 - Trongate Pharmacy (City Centre) <b>Van 2</b> 07.00-15.00 – Fordneuk service (Bridgeton)</p>

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**Van 1**

09.30 to 16.00 - Trongate Pharmacy (City Centre)

**Van 2**

09.30 – 12.30 – Chara & Rodney Street (Possilpark)

13.00-16.00 – Chez Nous (Westend)

**Van 3**

09.30-12.30 – Eastend

13.00-16.00 – Eastend (Pharmacies)

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May**

**Van 1**

11.00 to 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](mailto:mhrsinfo@turningpointscotland.com)

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**Items from previous editions –**

<b>IMPORTANT INFORMATION</b>	<b>Important: Please Read – Locally Negotiated Service Fees (ADRS) – from April 2025</b>
 Service Grid and Fees - Final.xlsx  <b>Attached</b>	<p><b><i>This increase will be applied to services delivered from April 2025.</i></b> The attached list now provides details for fees relating to all local community pharmacy services currently operating in NHSGGC.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Rachel Bruce Mary Clare Madden</p>

**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](mailto:UKcustomerservices@gilead.com) or via 020 3681 4681.

Mick Garstang  
19/05/2026

**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 5<sup>th</sup> June.

Elayne Harris  
19/05/2026

<b>IMPORTANT INFORMATION</b>	<b>Quit Your Way Training - Monday 22nd June - Leverndale Hospital</b>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Smoking Cessation Training</b>  <b><u>Monday 22nd June 2026</u></b>  <b><u>Leverndale Hospital</u></b>  <b><u>Beresford Suite, 510 Crookston Road, Glasgow. G53 7TU</u></b></p> <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 – 9am- 4:00pm (approx). We presently have some places available for the event on the 22nd June, 2026.</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>Please contact us ASAP by phone on <u>0141 201 4945</u>, or by e-mail <a href="mailto:ggcpharmacyhit@nhs.scot">ggcpharmacyhit@nhs.scot</a> Places will be allocated on a first-come basis and will be confirmed in writing.</p> <p>Lunch will be provided. Please inform us if you do not require lunch  Parking is available on a first come basis.</p> <p>Annette Robb  12/05/2026</p>

<b>IMPORTANT INFORMATION</b>	<b>Lets Chat Vac- MVU Posters</b>
 <p>Barrhead Foundry_27052026.c</p>  <p>Gourock Swimming Pool_26052026.docx</p>  <p>Tesco Car Park-Shettleston_250520:</p> <p><b>Attached</b></p>	<p><b>On behalf of the GGC Vaccination Communication Group</b></p> <p><b><u>LET'S CHAT VAC</u></b></p> <p>Please find attached:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MVU Posters for upcoming dates.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>What can you do to support?</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If relevant to your area, please could you share these resources with your networks, HSCP/Council communication colleagues and workforce this would be appreciated</li> </ul>

**IMPORTANT  
INFORMATION**

**Medicines Update Bulletin**

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.

- [NHSGGC Direct Oral Anticoagulant \(DOAC\) Patient Information Booklet and Alert Card for Adult Patients – Update](#)
- [Introducing Proxor® MDI as first line ICS+LABA metered dose inhaler option within NHSGGC](#)
- [Apremilast - Changes to prescribing and dispensing arrangements within NHSGGC](#)
- [GGC Guideline Update: Heparin dose adjustment in the presence of renal impairment](#)

**Updated blogs**

Click on the following links to access the recently updated Medicines Update blogs.

- [Managing adult patients' Hepatitis C medicines in NHSGGC acute care](#)

**Updates**

- [Formulary Update April 2026](#)
- [MHRA Safety Roundup April 2026](#)
- [Guideline News April 2026](#)
- [Formulary Update - West of Scotland Formulary](#)

**Previously published blogs**

Did you know that 11th-17th May is [Mental Health Awareness Week](#)?

- Why not check out our previously published blogs on relevant topics such as [clozapine](#) (a blog Series), [lithium](#), [SSRIs/SNRIs](#), and undertaking [medicines reconciliation](#) of mental health medicines.

**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](mailto:ggc.medicines.update@nhs.scot)**

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

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**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 3<sup>rd</sup> June 15:00**  
**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> 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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Any queries should be directed to the contact provided – where no specific contact is shown, queries should be directed to [ggc.cpdevteam@nhs.scot](mailto: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](mailto:ggc.newpharmacy.applications@nhs.scot)