




Community Pharmacy Communication Update

Tuesday 10th June 2025

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ACTION	Paracetamol for Prophylactic Pyrexia Following Meningococcal Group B Vaccine
 Paracetamol Dosi Advice for Very Pr Attached	<p>Scottish Government has now released an updated PCA and service specification for the supply of paracetamol to infants following meningococcal group B vaccination (PCA(P)(2025)10). The updated specification allows for the off license supply of paracetamol for prophylaxis of pyrexia following vaccination of Bexsero® and is available from babies born >32 weeks gestation and who weight ≥ 4kg who present for routine vaccination from 8 weeks of age. Please note that some babies may be appointed at 7 weeks and 6 days and this is within scope of the updated service specification.</p> <p>These parameters are in line with the inclusion criteria of our local PGD. Therefore, there is no requirement for the community pharmacy network to have a PGD for paracetamol and it will be retired.</p> <p>If the infant falls outwith these criteria, they should be referred to their GP for review and prescribing of paracetamol. Gestational age and weight may necessitate a dose adjustment by the prescriber. See attached guidance which has been produced locally to help with doses for these babies.</p> <p>Community pharmacies are reminded to process supplies of paracetamol for prophylactic post vaccination pyrexia using “Men B supply” on universal claim framework. Do not use Pharmacy First for these supplies.</p> <p>Elaine Paton 10/06/2025</p>


ACTION	NHS Circular PCA(P)(2025) 12 - Additional Pharmaceutical Services Naloxone Emergency Supply Service Update
	<p>Please see link below for NHS Circular PCA(P)(2025) 12</p> <p>www.publications.scot.nhs.uk/files/pca2025-p-12.pdf</p> <p>10/06/2025</p>

ACTION	NHS Circular PCA(P)(2025) 13 - Pharmaceutical Services Amendments to The Drug Tariff Part 11 Discount Clawback Scale
	<p>Please see link below for NHS Circular PCA(P)(2025) 13</p> <p>www.publications.scot.nhs.uk/files/pca2025-p-13.pdf</p> <p>10/06/2025</p>

ACTION	NHS Circular 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>



ACTION	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 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>

Items from previous editions –

IMPORTANT INFORMATION	Circular PCA(P)(2025) 11 - Extension to Serious Shortage Protocols (SSPs) for Estradot (estradiol) patches and Creon
 PCA(P)(2025) 11 - Extension to Serious Attached	<p>Please find attached NHS circular PCA(P)(2025) 11 - Extension to Serious Shortage Protocols (SSPs) for Estradot® (estradiol) patches and Creon® gastro-resistant capsules.</p> <p>The circular can also be found on the NHS Scotland Publications website here.</p> <p>Andreas Tzineris Pharmacy & Medicines Division 02/06/2025</p>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION	Reminder of NHSGGC Preferred List options for Oxycodone Hydrochloride (Oral Formulations)
	<p>Please find below a reminder of NHSGGC's preferred list options for Oxycodone Hydrochloride (oral formulations)</p> <p>Oxycodone tablets and capsules should be prescribed by brand name. The current brands of choice are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oxypro® tablets for modified release (12 hourly preparation)• Shortec® capsules for immediate release (as required use) <p>NB Oxycodone hydrochloride tablets are also available in an immediate release formulation under the brand name Oxyact® tablets. These are not currently included in NHSGGC formulary.</p> <p>When completing a clinical check ensure that the dose and frequency are appropriate for the prescribed formulation.</p> <p>Julia Heydon 27/05/2025</p>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION	NHS Circular PCA (P) (2025) 10 - Additional Pharmaceutical Services Public Health Service – Updated Service Specification for Community Pharmacy Provision of Prophylactic Antipyretic
	<p>Please find link below for NHS Circular PCA(P)(2025) 10:</p> <p>www.publications.scot.nhs.uk/files/pca2025-p-10.pdf</p> <p>27/05/2025</p>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION	Memo for CPs to Request a CD Destruction Visit	
	<p><u>Destruction of Controlled Drugs - Schedule 2 CD stock</u></p> <p>Schedule 2 Controlled Drug stock that has expired or is no longer required must only be destroyed in the presence of an Authorised Witness.</p> <p>Community Pharmacists requiring destruction of Schedule 2 Controlled Drug stock should complete the new electronic form here or use the QR code below to request a visit. The new form takes on average only 2-3 minutes to complete as you do not need to list the CDs when requesting an appointment.</p> <p>In advance of the visit, please:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that all items are recorded in an appropriate CD register; • Check that balances are correct; • Ensure that there are no unresolved discrepancies; • Ensure that there are sufficient kits for the volume of CDs requiring destruction; • Have a member of staff available for the duration of the appointment; and • Print off and complete the Controlled Drugs Destruction Form listing all Schedule 2 CDs requiring destruction – this will be needed to sign off each CD during the visit <p>The CD Officer will have a number of pharmacies and hospital sites to visit each day, so please complete the steps above in advance of the visit to avoid delays at your pharmacy which can have a knock-on effect on the visit schedule for the rest of the day.</p> <p>If you have any questions, then please get in touch with the CD Governance Team via ggc.cdgovernance@nhs.scot or 0141 201 6032</p>	
	<p>To report a CD incident or concern, please use the form HERE or use the QR code below:</p> 	<p>To request a CD destruction visit, please click HERE or use the QR code below:</p> 
	<p>Mantej Chahal 27/05/2025</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>

ADRS Pharmacy Team
27/05/2025

**IMPORTANT
INFORMATION**

Community Pharmacy Cancer Awareness Workshop



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Pharmacy Cancer Aw

Attached

Cancer Research UK is hosting an online webinar for NHSGGC community pharmacy staff on raising cancer awareness in the community. Attached is the event poster with more details.

The workshop will cover:-

- How to reduce the risk of cancer
- The importance of spotting cancer early
- National cancer screening programmes

This evening webinar is online – **Thursday 19th June 2025 - 7-9pm**

Places are limited. To book please contact the Pharmacy Health Improvement Team on: - Email ggc.pharmacyhit@nhs.scot or Telephone 0141 201 4945

Annette Robb
27/05/2025

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Anti-viral Treatment of COVID-19

There are 2 licensed treatments for COVID-19 available in the UK, Lagevrio® (molnupiravir) and Paxlovid® (nirmatrelvir and ritonavir). Both are now commercially available from Alliance.

Within GGC the assessment of patients requiring treatment for COVID-19 is being undertaken by pharmacist independent prescribers (PIP) within Primary Care. If treatment is indicated the PIP should contact the patient's chosen pharmacy with the details. Please treat this as an emergency supply at the request of a health professional. A prescription should follow in the post within 72 hours.

NB it is important that these treatments are started as soon as possible, therefore please do not delay ordering of the product until the prescription arrives. As these patients often have significant co-morbidities these medicines should not be prescribed as part of the PF+ service.

Pamela Macintyre
27/05/2025

IMPORTANT INFORMATION	Let's Chat Vac - SVIP1615 Changes Routine Childhood Vaccination Schedule and The Selective Neonatal Hepatitis B <i>Sent on behalf PHS.</i>
	<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 updated version of this leaflet again later in the year so would encourage you to manage stock accordingly.</p> <p>This resource will be available to order online once stock is available.</p> <p>The front cover of the updated leaflet is displayed below for your convenience. This leaflet should be used from 1 July 2025:</p>  <p>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.</p> <p>To order this leaflet in other formats (such as Easy Read and large print) or languages, please email phs.otherformats@phs.scot</p> <p>If you would like to provide feedback, please email phs.svipconfidenceandequity@phs.scot</p> <p>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:</p>



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
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09/05/2025

IMPORTANT INFORMATION	Let's Chat Vac - GGC Mobile Vaccination Unit Dates (COVID-19) APRIL - JUNE
<div data-bbox="183 226 240 297"></div> <div data-bbox="105 302 312 353"><p>Mobile Service West Dunbartonshire.pdf</p></div> <div data-bbox="183 405 240 477"></div> <div data-bbox="105 481 312 533"><p>Mobile Service East Renfrewshire.pdf</p></div> <div data-bbox="183 584 240 656"></div> <div data-bbox="105 660 312 712"><p>Mobile Service Renfrewshire.pdf</p></div> <div data-bbox="183 763 240 835"></div> <div data-bbox="105 840 312 891"><p>Mobile Services Glasgow.pdf</p></div> <div data-bbox="183 943 240 1014"></div> <div data-bbox="105 1019 312 1070"><p>Mobile Services Inverclyde.pdf</p></div> <div data-bbox="183 1077 240 1149"></div> <div data-bbox="105 1153 312 1205"><p>Mobile Service East Dunbartonshire.pdf</p></div>	<p>On behalf of the GGC Vaccination Communication Group</p> <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> <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> <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> <p>The Mobile Units are offering – Covid -19</p> <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> <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> <p>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

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