






## Community Pharmacy Communication Update

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2026

### New Items in this edition –

- Quit Your Way Training - Monday 22nd June - Leverndale Hospital
- Lets Chat Vac- MVU Posters
- Medicines Update Bulletin
- Mobile Van Locations Week Beginning 11/05/2026

<b>ACTION</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>

<p><b>ACTION</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> <p>Nicola Coe 12/05/2026</p>

<p><b>ACTION</b></p>	<p><b>Medicines Update Bulletin</b></p>
	<p>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.</p> <p><b>New blogs</b> Click on the following links to access the recently published Medicines Update blogs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">NHSGGC Direct Oral Anticoagulant (DOAC) Patient Information Booklet and Alert Card for Adult Patients – Update</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Introducing Proxor® MDI as first line ICS+LABA metered dose inhaler option within NHSGGC</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Apremilast - Changes to prescribing and dispensing arrangements within NHSGGC</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">GGC Guideline Update: Heparin dose adjustment in the presence of renal impairment</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Updated blogs</b> Click on the following links to access the recently updated Medicines Update blogs.</p>

- [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.

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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.**

**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

### ACTION

### Mobile Van Locations Week Beginning 11/05/2026

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 13<sup>th</sup> May**

**Van 1**

09.30 -16.00 - Trongate Pharmacy (City Centre)

**Van 2**

09.30 -12.30 – Easterhouse (Pharmacies)

13.00-16.00 Fordneuk (Dalmarnock)

**Van 3**

09.30-12.30 – Scotstoun/Whiteinch

13.00-16.00 – Knightswood Area

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 – Gorbals A.D.R.S.

**Friday 8<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)

Turning Point Scotland

05/05/2026

**Items from previous editions –**

<b>IMPORTANT INFORMATION</b>	<b>Important: Please Read – Locally Negotiated Service Fees – From April 2024</b>
 Service Grid and Fees - Final.xlsx  ECW V3.6.xlsx  Attached	<p>Further to discussions with Community Pharmacy GG&amp;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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advice to Care Homes</li><li>• HIV</li><li>• Palliative Care</li><li>• Rota Services (including Christmas and New Year provision)</li><li>• Out of Hours Call Out</li><li>• Exacerbation of COPD</li></ul> <p>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).</p> <p>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.</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><b>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.</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Please see attached an updated Electronic Claiming Workbook (ECW) reflecting the new rates. This will also be updated on our website.</p> <p>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.</p>

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 informed, heard and involved in decisions about their care. The message NHSGGC wants patients to hear is simple: It's OK to Ask."

Please find attached resources to support conversations around Realistic Medicine.

Rachel Bruce  
05/05/2026

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**Share Your Opinions About The Public Health Role of The Community Pharmacy Workforce in the UK**

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.

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.

[https://hud.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_a9kl6E5106i2whE](https://hud.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_a9kl6E5106i2whE)

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.

Alison Hemsworth  
05/05/2026

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**PCA(P)(2026)07 - Serious Shortage Protocol: Ramipril 1.25mg Capsules**

Please see link below for NHS Circular PCA(P)(2026)07 - Serious Shortage Protocol: Ramipril 1.25mg Capsules

[www.publications.scot.nhs.uk/files/pca2026-p-07.pdf](http://www.publications.scot.nhs.uk/files/pca2026-p-07.pdf)

28/04/2026

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**Dietetics Update Webinar**

**The Common Clinical Conditions (CCC) Advisory Group** would like to invite you to a **Dietetics Update webinar**, presented by Wendy McGaughie, Advanced Dietitian.

This session will take place on **Wednesday 20 May 2026**, from **7:00 pm to 8:00 pm**.

**Join: [Microsoft Teams](#)**

We hope to see you all there.

28/04/2026

<b>IMPORTANT INFORMATION</b>	<b>Scottish Vaccination and Immunisation Programme (SVIP) National Conference</b>
	<p>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.</p> <p>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 <a href="#">Scotland's 5-year Vaccination and Immunisation framework</a>.</p> <p>Professor Aisha Holloway, Chief Nursing Officer for Scotland, will deliver the keynote address, followed by a Q&amp;A.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Register here:</p> <p><a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/scottish-vaccination-and-immunisation-programme-svip-national-conference-tickets-1985380654984?aff=oddtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/scottish-vaccination-and-immunisation-programme-svip-national-conference-tickets-1985380654984?aff=oddtcreator</a></p> <p>Rachel Bruce 28/04/2026</p>


<b>IMPORTANT INFORMATION</b>	<b>Altraplen Compact Daily and Altraplen Energy are Medical Nutrition Products Provided by Nualtra</b>
	<p>All Nualtra products can be ordered by pharmacies exclusively via Alliance Healthcare. There are no minimum order quantities, and all ordering pharmacy, ordering systems can place orders.</p> <p>There are no supply chain or stock issues with any Nualtra brands. Should a pharmacy ordering system suggest that a product is out of stock, it is most likely an error.</p>

If this happens, please attempt to order the products directly from Alliance Healthcare over the phone before raising an issue with the prescription.

Gaile Weston  
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**  
**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.**

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