

Community Pharmacy Communication Update

Tuesday 15th April 2025



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION	Electronic Claiming Workbook (ECW)
	<p>Thank you to those contractors who have submitted their monthly claims for local services using the updated version of the ECW (V3.1).</p> <p>From feedback received we would ask you to note the following: MCA: - We are aware that the rates appearing on the ECW are different from the current rates for Venalink and Omnicell products – Please do not change these rates on the spreadsheet – the rates that appear on the spreadsheet are the agreed rates for this service. These cannot be changed without negotiation between NHSGGC and CPGGC.</p> <p>Drop Down Lists: We have been made aware that a few contractors are unable to see the drop down lists on the spreadsheet. While drop down lists have been a feature in Excel since Version 2 if you cannot see these you may need to consider upgrading your Microsoft package.</p>

Cover Sheet: It is imperative that all fields coloured grey on the cover sheet are completed. The CPD Team will return claims unprocessed where a claim is submitted with key information missing i.e. date of submission, name of person submitting workbook. This information is a requirement under the Board's Standing Financial Instructions.

The CPD Team are grateful for the network's co-operation with this major change to the claiming process for some services. Please get in touch if you have any questions.

Janine Glen
04/03/2025

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Smoking Cessation Training - Tuesday 20th May 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. Fees will be paid to the pharmacy contractor to cover the costs of staff attending, (as pre-reg students are paid through NES, no need to claim).

We presently have some places available for the event on Tuesday 20th May 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 20th May 2025	9:00 – 16:00	Beresford Suite Leverndale Hospital

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.

	Future Dates:		
	<u>Date</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Venue</u>
	Wednesday 4th June 2025	9:00 – 16:00	Easterhouse Health Centre

Places will be allocated on a first-come basis and will be confirmed in writing. Please contact us ASAP by phone on 0141 201 4945, or by e-mail ggc.pharmacyhit@nhs.scot to confirm a place.

Anette Robb
Public Health Pharmacy
08/04/2025

ACTION	Community Pharmacy Joiner/Leaver Form
 Joiner & Leavers Form.pdf Attached	<p>You will be aware that some time ago, the Community Pharmacy Development Team (CPDT) developed a resource for community pharmacists which sets out actions that should be taken when a pharmacist begins employment within GGC, moves between pharmacies in GGC, or leaves employment in GGC.</p> <p>The aim of the resource is to reduce risk in areas such as information, financial and clinical governance.</p> <p>The resource serves as an aide memoire for managers setting out tasks that should be undertaken for an effective on-boarding/off-boarding process and can be found here.</p> <p><i>We have recently undertaken our annual review and now attach Version 6.</i></p> <p>If you have any questions about the Joiner/Leaver form in general please contact: ggc.cpdevteam@nhs.scot.</p> <p>Janine Glen 15/04/2025</p>

ACTION	Compliance Aid/Mds – Freight/Carriage Costs:
	<p>I am pleased to let the community pharmacy network know that NHS GGC will reimburse freight costs associated with the purchase of MDS trays from 1st April 2025.</p> <p>There is no need to make a formal claim for this. The CPD Team will make payment automatically where this charge appears on the supporting invoice.</p>

	<p>A payment of £9.95 will be available for contractors ordering from Omnicell and £10.00 for contractors ordering from Venalink, when a charge appears on the supporting invoice.</p> <p>N.B. Please do not amend the rates appearing in the ECW – these are the prevailing rates agreed for the MDS service and they cannot be changed without negotiation and agreement. Amending rates will not result in further reimbursement.</p> <p>Janine Glen 15/04/2025</p>
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ACTION	Electronic Claiming Workbook (ECW) Update
	<p>We have been informed of some minor errors related to the drop downs boxes within the updated ECW 3.0. These issues have now been resolved, and Version 3.1 has been uploaded to the website. Please ensure you are using version 3.1 when submitting your claim.</p> <p>Lianne Hatch 15/04/2025</p>

ACTION	Controlled Drug Governance Team, NHSGGC
	<p>Controlled Drug Destruction – Requesting Attendance of an Authorised Witness Schedule 2 Controlled Drug stock that has expired or is no longer required must only be destroyed in the presence of an Authorised Witness. Community Pharmacists requiring witnessed destruction of Schedule 2 Controlled Drug stock can now request a visit from an Authorised Witness using an electronic form. The new electronic form can be accessed via the link below:</p> <p>https://forms.office.com/e/tQLVSLnifL</p>  <p>In advance of the visit, Community Pharmacists should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that all items are recorded in an appropriate CD register • Check that balances are correct




	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure 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 • To save time during the visit, please complete the Controlled Drugs Destruction Form which will be required during the visit for signing off by the Authorised Witness <p>Note – There is no legal requirement for pharmacy stock of Schedule 3, 4 and 5 CDs or for patient-returned CDs to be destroyed in the presence of an Authorised Witness; the destruction of these must be recorded and signed for in the back of the private prescription book (agreed by the GPhC Inspector). The CD Governance Team will accept requests on the old Excel version of the form until mid-May, after which we would ask community pharmacy colleagues to only use the electronic form to request visits. If you have any questions, then please contact the Controlled Drug Governance Team via e-mail: ggc.cdgovernance@nhs.scot or telephone: 0141-201-6032/6034</p> <p>Mantej Chahal 15/04/2025</p>
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ACTION	NHS Circular: PCA(P)(2024) 32 - Additional Pharmaceutical Services Nhs Pharmacy First Scotland – New Module for Pharmacy First Plus
	<p>Please find link below for NHS Circular PCA(P)(2024) 32</p> <p>Originally in Communication 5/11/2024</p> <p>www.publications.scot.nhs.uk/files/pca2024-p-32.pdf</p> <p>15/04/2025</p>




ACTION	NHS Circular: PCA(P)(2025) 04 – MSAN Apraclonidine (Lopidine®) 5mg/ml (0.5%) Eye Drops
	<p>Please find link below for NHS Circular PCA(P)(2025) 04</p> <p>www.publications.scot.nhs.uk/files/msan-2025-13.pdf</p> <p>15/04/2025</p>

ACTION	NHS Circular: PCA(P)(2025) 05 - Serious Shortage Protocol: Estradot® (Estradiol) 25 Micrograms / 24 Hours Transdermal Patch
	Please find link below for NHS Circular PCA(P)(2025) 05

	www.publications.scot.nhs.uk/files/pca-2025-p-05.pdf 15/04/2025
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ACTION	NHS Circular: PCA(P)(2025) 06 - Additional Pharmaceutical Services Public Health Service Smoking Cessation – Updated Patient Group Direction (PGD) for Varenicline
 PGD Varenicline tablets Version 1.0 /  NHS Circular PCA(P)(2025) 06 - 10  Assessment Form - Version 1.0 April 2025 Attached	<p>The new national PGD for Varenicline is now available <attached>.</p> <p>Please read the PGD, complete the NES Pharmacy e-learning module in TURAS Learn (NHS Scotland Smoking Cessation) and sign the PGD.</p> <p>Once the PGD is signed please complete the electronic submission form: PGDs - Greater Glasgow and Clyde.</p> <p>Once the PGD submission is complete it can be used to provide Varenicline to clients as part of the PHS Pharmacy Smoking Cessation Service. Please sign the PGD and complete the electronic submission by <u>7th July 2025</u>.</p> <p>A CP PHS smoking cessation Varenicline assessment form should be completed by the pharmacist with all clients <attached>. A copy should be sent to the client's GP as detailed and a copy retained in the pharmacy.</p> <p>Please put all quit attempts on PCR and record weekly to ensure payment for the service is received.</p> <p>Also attached is the NHS Chief Pharmaceutical officer's circular detailing the use of the new PGD in the pharmacy smoking cessation service.</p> <p>If you have any queries please contact the Pharmacy Health Improvement Team at ggc.pharmacyhit@nhs.scot or telephone 0141 201 4945</p> <p>Hilary Millar 15/04/2025</p>

ACTION	Medicine Supply Alert Notice - Various Products - MSAN(2025)14, MSAN(2025)15 and MSAN(2025)16 - 11 April 2025
	Please find attached three level 2 MSANs advising of supply issues with several strengths of estradiol (Estradot®) patches; diltiazem (Angitil® SR) 90 mg modified-release capsules; and the discontinuation of triamcinolone

 Triamcinolone Acetonide.pdf  Estradoil 25 micrograms.pdf  Diltiazem 90mg.pdf Attached	<p>acetonide 10mg/ml (Adcortyl® ampoules) and 40mg/ml (Kenalog® vials) suspension for injection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MSAN(2025)14 - Estradiol (Estradot®) 25 micrograms/24 hours, 37.5 micrograms/24 hours, 50 micrograms/24 hours, 75 micrograms/24 hours, and 100 micrograms/24 hours transdermal patches – Update • MSAN(2025)15 - Diltiazem (Angitil® SR) 90 mg modified-release capsules • MSAN(2025)16 - Triamcinolone acetate 10mg/ml (Adcortyl® ampoules) and 40mg/ml (Kenalog® vials) suspension for injection <p>Andreas Tzineris 15/04/2025</p>
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