



## Community Pharmacy Communication Update

Tuesday 17th March 2026

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<b>ACTION</b>	<b>Communication from NSS – Immediate Action Required: Do not send CP4 paper forms to NSS for Scanning</b>
<a href="#"><u>Community Pharmacist CP4 Form Briefing 2026</u></a>	Please see attached communication from NSS.  Catherine Scoular 17/03/2026

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

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

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>Invite: Sleepio Evening Learning Event 30.04.26</b>
<a href="#"><u>Sleepio Evening Learning Event</u></a>	<p>Please see attached invite to Evening Learning Event.</p> <p>17/03/2026</p>

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

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

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

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

	<p>These modules are expected to become available on the <b>NES platform</b> in the near future. Further updates will be shared once access details are confirmed.</p> <p>Michelle Cooper 17/03/2026</p>
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<b>ACTION</b>	<p><b>PCA (P) 2026 – 04- Additional Pharmaceutical Services Nhs Pharmacy First Scotland – New Common Clinical Condition (Skin Inflammation)</b></p>
	<p>Please see link below for PCA(P) 2026 04 - Additional Pharmaceutical Services Nhs Pharmacy First Scotland – New Common Clinical Condition (Skin Inflammation)</p> <p><a href="http://www.publications.scot.nhs.uk/files/pca-p-2026-04.pdf">www.publications.scot.nhs.uk/files/pca-p-2026-04.pdf</a></p> <p>17/03/2026</p>

**Items from previous editions –**

<b>IMPORTANT INFORMATION</b>	<b>Nystatin PGD</b>
	<p>As you are aware a new national PGD for Nystatin is imminent and will supersede our local NHS GGC PGD. Although the option (OTG) has been added to the national drop downs, please continue to select '<b>local HB services</b>' at present.</p> <p>Until the national PGD has been signed, sent to us as a HB and you have completed local sign the local version remains. Thereafter you will move to the national process and drop down.</p> <p>Please ensure all staff processing supplies are aware as some use of new national drop down has been flagged up to the CPDT.</p> <p>Thanks in advance and we hope the national PGD will be actioned imminently.</p> <p>Lorna Brown 10/03/2026</p>

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### GGC 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 the recently published Medicines Update blogs.

- [Covert Medication Pathway for Adults in NHSGGC Acute Care](#)

#### Updated blogs

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

- [Hospital Medicines Added to GP Practice Prescription Record](#)
- [Delirium: Medication Review in Acute](#)

#### Updates

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

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

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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 [gqc.medicines.update@nhs.scot](mailto:gqc.medicines.update@nhs.scot)  
If you find these blogs useful, please share them with your colleagues.

10/03/2026

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> March 13:00**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 10:00**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 15:00**

**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

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**Behavioural Change in Healthcare Webinar**

This webinar will explore how behaviour-change approaches can strengthen pharmacy practice across Scotland. With the growing emphasis on person-centred care, pharmacy teams are increasingly supporting patients to make meaningful lifestyle changes that improve health and wellbeing. This session introduces the NES MAP of Behaviour Change model and key Behaviour Change Techniques (BCTs), helping pharmacy professionals recognise opportunities for behaviour-change conversations and embed practical, evidence-based strategies into everyday consultations.

Join us for an engaging and practical webinar on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March from 7pm to 8.30pm** and book your place using the following link: [Behavioural Change in Healthcare Webinar](#)

Rachel Bruce  
03/03/2026

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**Community Pharmacy Workforce Report**

Please see link below for Annual Community Workforce Survey.

<https://turasdata.nes.nhs.scot/data-and-reports/other-workforce-statistics/dental-and-pharmacy-workforce-reports/all-other-publications/community-pharmacy-survey-2025/report>

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**NHSGGC GLP1 Statement**

To coincide with World Obesity day on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March, NHSGGC have released the attached statement regarding injectable weight loss medicines and to launch the newly updated weight



NHSGGC GLP1  
Statement.docx

Attached

management pages on the website. This includes a new page relating to patient safety when using these injections and was in response to feedback from GP Practices and recent MHRA publications.

The attached statement provides some further information and links to the updated web pages for information.

Elaine Paton  
03/03/2026

**IMPORTANT  
INFORMATION**

**Smoking Cessation Training - Monday 23rd March 2026 -  
Beresford Suite, Leverndale Hospital**

**Smoking Cessation Training**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026**

**Leverndale Hospital**

**Beresford Suite, 510 Crookston Road, Glasgow G53 7TU**

In order for a Community Pharmacy to become an accredited Quit Your Way Pharmacy it is mandatory for a one day training programme to be completed by pharmacists, locums and support staff – 9am- 4:00pm (approx)

We presently have some places available for the event on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2026.

The training will include key elements from the NES Smoking Cessation training pack, together with brief intervention techniques and NRT products. This session is open to all pharmacy staff.

Please contact us ASAP by phone on 0141 201 4945, or by e-mail [ggcpharmacyhit@nhs.scot](mailto:ggcpharmacyhit@nhs.scot)

Places will be allocated on a first-come basis and will be confirmed in writing.

Lunch will be provided. Please inform us if you do not require lunch

Parking is available on a first come basis.

Annette Robb  
24/02/2026

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