



## Community Pharmacy Communication Update

Tuesday 22nd 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:  <b><u>MCA:</u></b> - We are aware that the rates appearing on the ECW are different from the current rates for Venalink and Omnicell products – <b>Please do not change these rates on the spreadsheet</b> – 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><b><u>Drop Down Lists:</u></b> 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> <p><b><u>Cover Sheet:</u></b> 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Janine Glen 04/03/2025</p>

**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>
<b><u>Tuesday 20th May 2025</u></b>	<b><u>9:00 – 16:00</u></b>	<b><u>Beresford Suite Leverndale Hospital</u></b>

Please contact us ASAP by phone on 0141 201 4945, or by e-mail [ggcpharmacyhit@nhs.scot](mailto: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>
<b><u>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2025</u></b>	<b><u>9:00 – 16:00</u></b>	<b><u>Easterhouse Health Centre</u></b>

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 [ggcpharmacyhit@nhs.scot](mailto:ggcpharmacyhit@nhs.scot) to confirm a place.

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08/04/2025

IMPORTANT INFORMATION	NHS Circular: PCA(P)(2025) 06 - Additional Pharmaceutical Services Public Health Service Smoking Cessation – Updated
<div data-bbox="181 183 239 250"></div> <div data-bbox="102 255 312 309">PGD Varenidine tablets Version 1.0 /</div> <div data-bbox="181 358 239 425"></div> <div data-bbox="102 430 312 483">NHS Circular PCA(P)(2025) 06 - 10</div> <div data-bbox="181 533 239 600"></div> <div data-bbox="102 604 312 658">Assessment Form - Version 1.0 April 202</div> <div data-bbox="134 712 280 757">Attached</div>	<p>The new national <a href="#">PGD</a> for Varenicline is now available &lt;attached&gt;.</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 7th July 2025.</p> <p>A CP PHS smoking cessation Varenicline assessment form should be completed by the pharmacist with all clients &lt;attached&gt;. 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	Claiming for the Provision of OST &/or Disulfiram Therapy Services – Good Practice and Housekeeping
<div data-bbox="169 1648 226 1715"></div> <div data-bbox="102 1720 312 1774">ADRS CP Claims Prep Guidance.docx</div> <div data-bbox="134 1778 280 1823">Attached</div>	<p>Please find attached ADRS CP Claims Prep Guidance</p> <p>Amanda Laird 17/04/2025</p>

ACTION	Asthma Management Guidelines
	<p>NHS GG&amp;C have recently updated their Asthma Management Guidelines for Adults. The major change is the shift to using combination inhalers, either as a reliever alone (AIR Anti-Inflammatory Reliever), or as both a reliever and preventer (MART Maintenance</p>

and Reliever Therapy) and no longer starting patients on a separate reliever device.

Over the coming months community pharmacies will start seeing more prescriptions for budesonide / formoterol combination inhalers with Fobumix® Easyhaler®, Symbicort® Turbohaler® and DuoResp® Spiromax® being the preferred NHS GG&C brands. This will initially be with newly diagnosed asthma patients or existing asthma patients who are poorly controlled or presenting with symptoms. Existing asthma patients who are well controlled will likely stay on their current therapy.

The new Asthma Management Guideline is available here: [033-asthma-pc-for-adults-v4-pdf.pdf](#).

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17/04/2025

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