




## Community Pharmacy Communication Update

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025**

### New Items in this edition –

- Circular PCA(P)(2025) 11 - Extension to Serious Shortage Protocols (SSPs) for Estradot (estradiol) patches and Creon gastro-resistant capsules - 29 May 2025
- QYW Training – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2025

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 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<sup>®</sup> (estradiol) patches and Creon<sup>®</sup> gastro-resistant capsules.</p> <p>The circular can also be found on the NHS Scotland Publications website <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>Andreas Tzineris Pharmacy &amp; Medicines Division 02/06/2025</p>

ACTION	QYW Training – Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> August 2025						
	<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.</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>We presently have some places available for the event on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2025. Places will be allocated on a first-come basis and will be confirmed in writing.</p> <table><tr><th><u>Date</u></th><th><u>Duration</u></th><th><u>Venue</u></th></tr><tr><td>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2025</td><td>9:00 – 16:00</td><td>Beresford Suite Levendale Hospital 510 Crookston Road Glasgow G53 7TU</td></tr></table>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Venue</u>	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	9:00 – 16:00	Beresford Suite Levendale Hospital 510 Crookston Road Glasgow G53 7TU
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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

### Items from previous editions –

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"><li>• <b>Oxypro® tablets for modified release (12 hourly preparation)</b></li><li>• <b>Shortec® capsules for immediate release (as required use)</b></li></ul> <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><a href="http://www.publications.scot.nhs.uk/files/pca2025-p-10.pdf">www.publications.scot.nhs.uk/files/pca2025-p-10.pdf</a></p> <p>27/05/2025</p>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION	Memo for CPs to Request a CD Destruction Visit	
	<p><b><u>Destruction of Controlled Drugs - Schedule 2 CD stock</u></b></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 <a href="#">complete the new electronic form here</a> 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"> <li>• Ensure that all items are recorded in an appropriate CD register;</li> <li>• Check that balances are correct;</li> <li>• Ensure that there are no unresolved discrepancies;</li> <li>• Ensure that there are sufficient kits for the volume of CDs requiring destruction;</li> <li>• Have a member of staff available for the duration of the appointment; and</li> <li>• Print off and complete the <a href="#">Controlled Drugs Destruction Form</a> listing all Schedule 2 CDs requiring destruction – this will be needed to sign off each CD during the visit</li> </ul> <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 <a href="mailto:ggc.cdgovernance@nhs.scot">ggc.cdgovernance@nhs.scot</a> or 0141 201 6032</p>	
	<p><b>To report a CD incident or concern</b>, please use the form <a href="#">HERE</a> or use the QR code below:</p> 	<p><b>To request a CD destruction visit</b>, please click <a href="#">HERE</a> 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><b>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.</b></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: <a href="mailto:ggc.cpdevteam@nhs.scot">ggc.cpdevteam@nhs.scot</a> by end June 2025.</p>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION	Community Pharmacy Cancer Awareness Workshop
 Community Pharmacy Cancer Aw  Attached	<p>Cancer Research UK is hosting an online webinar for NHS GGC community pharmacy staff on raising cancer awareness in the community. Attached is the event poster with more details.</p> <p>The workshop will cover:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How to reduce the risk of cancer</li><li>• The importance of spotting cancer early</li><li>• National cancer screening programmes</li></ul> <p>This evening webinar is online – <b>Thursday 19th June 2025 - 7-9pm</b></p> <p><b>Places are limited.</b> To book please contact the Pharmacy Health Improvement Team on: - Email <a href="mailto:ggc.pharmacyhit@nhs.scot">ggc.pharmacyhit@nhs.scot</a> or Telephone 0141 201 4945</p> <p>Annette Robb 27/05/2025</p>
IMPORTANT INFORMATION	Anti-viral Treatment of COVID-19
	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>NB</b> 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.</p> <p>Pamela Macintyre 27/05/2025</p>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION	Increase in Measles – Community Pharmacy Awareness
	<p>NHS GGC Public Health Protection Unit (PHPU) are currently investigating a number of cases of measles within the Board area.</p> <p>Community pharmacy teams should be aware of any patient presenting with potential measles symptoms (including rising fever, conjunctivitis, cough, not eating, generally unwell with rash spreading from ears, to face to trunk) must be advised to contact their GP as soon as possible for further investigation as measles is classed as a notifiable disease.</p> <p>Specific clinics for MMR vaccinations are being arranged as part of the public health response for at risk patients and is being communicated separately to encourage uptake.</p> <p>More information on signs and symptoms of measles can be found on <a href="#">NHS Inform website</a>.</p> <p>Elaine Paton 20/05/2025</p>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION	New Shortage Alternative Medicines eForm – Supporting Smoother Communication with GP Practices
	<p>We're pleased to share that a new electronic form has been developed to help streamline communication between community pharmacies and GP practices when managing medicine shortages.</p> <p>This <b>Shortage Alternative Medicines eForm</b> is designed to make the process more efficient and collaborative. It enables community pharmacies to propose suitable alternatives that are either in stock or readily available, supporting faster decision-making and ensuring continuity of patient care.</p> <p>To ensure a smooth and consistent rollout, HSCP teams will be reaching out to each pharmacy individually in the coming weeks to walk you through the form and provide guidance on its use. We're aiming for a planned and supportive implementation, with the goal of making this tool a helpful part of everyday practice.</p> <p>We're confident this new process will enhance communication, reduce administrative burden, and ultimately improve the patient experience.</p> <p>Thank you in advance for your engagement and continued collaboration.</p> <p>Kathryn Chisholm</p>



IMPORTANT INFORMATION	Primary Care Workforce Strategy- Staff & Contractor Engagement Workshop on 4th June 2025
	<p>We are starting to develop the first <b>Primary Care Workforce Strategy</b> to take us to 2029. We held a series of sessions in March &amp; April to ask staff and contractors working in and providing services within a Primary Care setting about their views of where they would like us to be by then. We would like to share what you said and hear more from those who couldn't make it to the spring sessions.</p> <p>Do you have ideas to shape the future of our primary care workforce? Would you like your say on what is important to you and how you and your service works in primary care? If yes, then you may be interested in attending the next primary care engagement session.</p> <p><b>How can you attend?</b> To join this MS Teams session, please <a href="#">click here</a>. You do not need to register. You will be advised to add this date and link to you online diary.</p> <p><b>What if you can't make it or want to find out more?</b> Delivering on optimising our workforce is a key priority of our Primary Care Strategy 2024-2029. You can see more details of what's in the <a href="#">Primary Care Strategy</a> here. If you have any questions regarding the workforce strategy, please reach out to the primary care support team at <a href="mailto:ggc.primarycaresupport@nhs.scot">ggc.primarycaresupport@nhs.scot</a></p> <p>Ann Forsyth 20/05/2025</p>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION	Let's Chat Vac - SVIP1615 Changes Routine Childhood Vaccination Schedule and The Selective Neonatal Hepatitis B
	<p><u>Sent on behalf PHS.</u></p> <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 '<b>Protect your child against serious diseases</b>' 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</p>

updated version of this leaflet again later in the year so would encourage you to manage stock accordingly.

This resource will be available to order online once stock is available.

The front cover of the updated leaflet is displayed below for your convenience. This leaflet should be used from **1 July 2025**:



**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.

To order this leaflet in other formats (such as Easy Read and large print) or languages, please email [phs.otherformats@phs.scot](mailto:phs.otherformats@phs.scot)

If you would like to provide feedback, please email [phs.svipconfidenceandequity@phs.scot](mailto:phs.svipconfidenceandequity@phs.scot)

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:



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	FAST Education Offer
<div data-bbox="183 226 240 293" data-label="Image"></div> <div data-bbox="130 297 282 349" data-label="Text">FAST Training Session.pdf</div> <div data-bbox="76 405 233 441" data-label="Text">Attached</div>	<p data-bbox="373 185 1500 271">Please see attached offer of training run by Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland on the FAST tool for identifying a stroke.</p> <p data-bbox="373 315 1500 400">The dates and information are noted below and a poster is attached which can be displayed in staff areas.</p> <p data-bbox="373 445 1525 656">This training is funded by the Scottish Government, and it is strongly recommended that clinical and non-clinical staff working with patients in <b>Emergency Departments, Primary Care (including community pharmacies), and the Scottish Ambulance Service</b> attend one of the sessions.</p> <p data-bbox="373 701 1509 956">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 <b>patient-facing</b> clinical and non-clinical staff working in <b>only Emergency Departments, Primary Care, and the Scottish Ambulance Service</b> (i.e. reception staff included), throughout Scotland.</p> <p data-bbox="373 1001 1476 1086">A CPD certificate will be available for staff upon completion. Dates and times are as follows:</p> <p data-bbox="373 1131 887 1386"> <b><u>FAST Education Dates</u></b>  <b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 13:00</b>  <b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 10:00</b>  <b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 15:00</b>  <b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August 19:00</b>  <b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August 13:00</b> </p> <p data-bbox="373 1431 1509 1556">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.</p> <p data-bbox="373 1601 1003 1686"> <b>SIGN UP:</b>  <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/YiFrAbRwtv">https://forms.office.com/e/YiFrAbRwtv</a> </p> <p data-bbox="373 1731 1509 1856"><b>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.</b></p> <p data-bbox="373 1901 821 1986">           Esther Pullen  <a href="mailto:esther.pullen@chss.org.uk">esther.pullen@chss.org.uk</a> </p> <p data-bbox="373 2031 563 2067">09/05/2025</p>

<b>IMPORTANT INFORMATION</b>	<b>Let's Chat Vac - GGC Mobile Vaccination Unit Dates (COVID-19) APRIL - JUNE</b>
<div data-bbox="183 181 239 248"></div> <div data-bbox="105 257 312 309"> <b>Mobile Service</b>  West Dunbartonshi </div> <div data-bbox="183 358 239 425"></div> <div data-bbox="105 434 312 486"> <b>Mobile Service East</b>  Renfrewshire.pdf </div> <div data-bbox="183 535 239 602"></div> <div data-bbox="105 611 312 663"> <b>Mobile Service</b>  Renfrewshire.pdf </div> <div data-bbox="183 712 239 779"></div> <div data-bbox="105 788 312 840"> <b>Mobile Services</b>  Glasgow.pdf </div> <div data-bbox="183 889 239 956"></div> <div data-bbox="105 965 312 1016"> <b>Mobile Services</b>  Inverdyde.pdf </div> <div data-bbox="183 1023 239 1090"></div> <div data-bbox="105 1099 312 1151"> <b>Mobile Service East</b>  Dunbartonshire.pdf </div>	<p data-bbox="376 147 1394 185"><b>On behalf of the GGC Vaccination Communication Group</b></p> <p data-bbox="376 232 1516 398">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 data-bbox="376 445 1536 528">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 data-bbox="376 575 1536 741">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 data-bbox="376 788 1059 826">The Mobile Units are offering – Covid -19</p> <p data-bbox="376 873 1532 1001">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 data-bbox="376 1048 1433 1176">Please also note that Translated resources can be accessed as follows <a href="#">Campaign assets   Public Health Scotland News</a>. Translated videos are hosted on <a href="#">YouTube</a>.</p> <p data-bbox="376 1223 655 1294">Pauline Atkinson 29/04/2025</p>

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