



Community Pharmacy Communication Update

Tuesday 6th May 2025

New Items in this edition -

- NHS Circular PCA (P) (2025) 07 Pharmaceutical Services: Amendments to The Drug Tariff In Respect of Reimbursement Arrangements From 1 April 2025
- NHS Circular PCA (P) (2025) 08 Paxlovid Endorsing Guidance
- Early Warning System (EWS) Cascade
- Topical

ACTION	NHS Circular PCA (P) (2025) 07 - Pharmaceutical Services: Amendments to The Drug Tariff In Respect of Reimbursement Arrangements From 1 April 2025
	Please find link below for NHS Circular PCA(P)(2025) 07
	www.publications.scot.nhs.uk/files/pca2025-p-07.pdf
	06/05/2025

ACTION	NHS Circular PCA (P) (2025) 08 - Paxlovid Endorsing Guidance
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ACTION	Early Warning System (EWS) Cascade		
	The Board initiated a test of the Early Warning System (EWS) on the 29 th April 2025.		
EWS - All HSCPS - May 2025.pdf	Of the 28 cascade systems, 17 were successful. This represents a 61% success rate. Please note, this is a 14% decrease in the EWS which took place in May 2024. I would like to thank those contractors who contributed to successfully completing the 17 cascades.		
	On further scrutiny, we identified the following reasons for failure:-		
	 Staff members were unaware of the cascade process; The last pharmacy in cascade failed to pass the message to the Master Station; 		

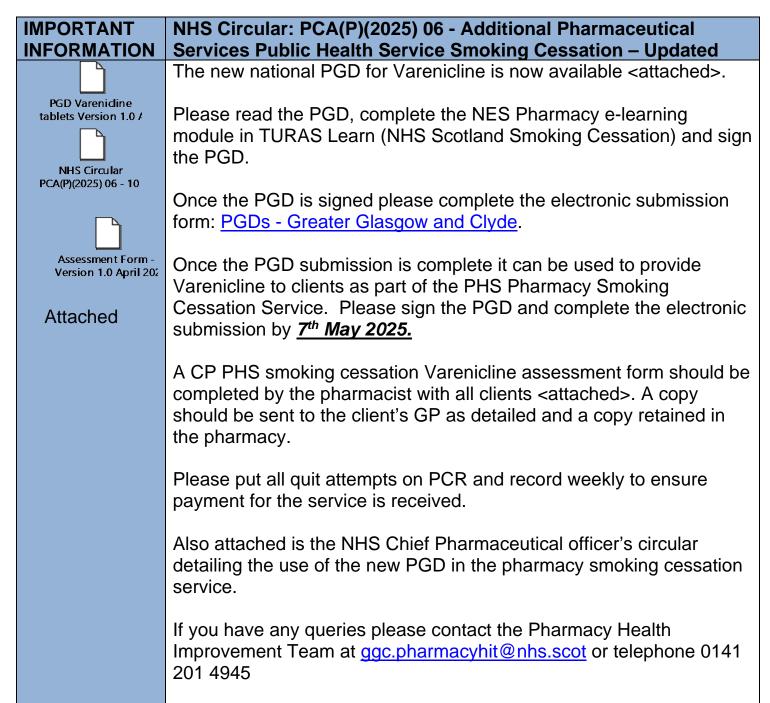
 The message not being passed on to the next pharmacy; and The pharmacy advising they did not receive the message.
We appreciate that there are often competing priorities within the Pharmacy and that time is precious; however, the Early Warning System is specifically used in emergent situations and the transfer of information is imperative.
I have attached a further copy of each of the Board's HSCP's systems. Please identify your pharmacy within that document and print off the relevant cascade. I would like to reiterate the importance of all pharmacy staff, including locums, knowing and understanding the cascade process and what they will need to do in response to a message. It might therefore be helpful to site this document close to your main telephone.
If there is anything in this cascade process which is unclear, or you would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0141 201 6041.
Michelle Cooper 06/05/2025

ACTION	Topical
	May is Skin Cancer Awareness Month.
	Are you looking for a refresher?
	Our Skin Cancer Awareness and the role of the community pharmacist webinar with local dermatology consultant Dr Donna Torely, as well as our Summer Sufferings webinar with Dr Craig Masson, GP Clarkston, are great resources you can access on our webpage.
	Lorna Brown 06/05/2025

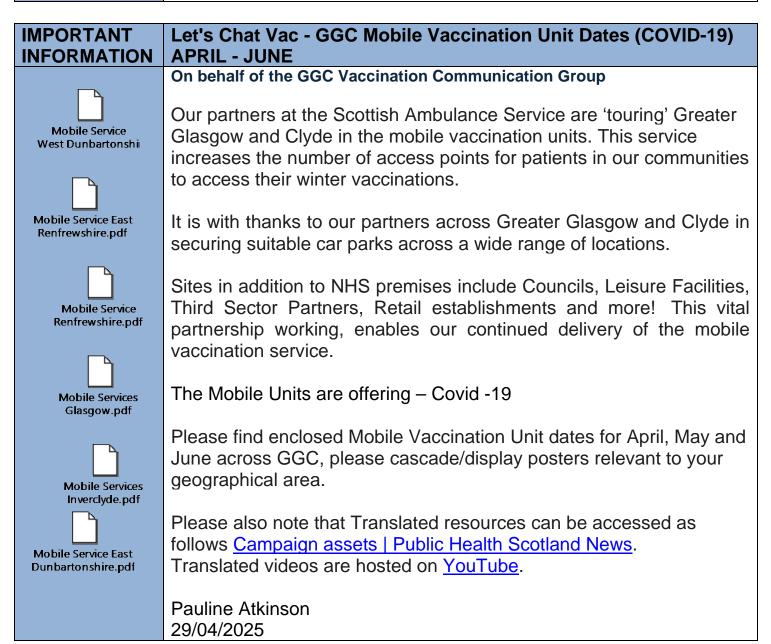
Items from previous editions -

IMPORTANT INFORMATION	Error in Launch Date in Varenicline Briefing		
	New Varenicline PGD – Error with proposed date for signing.		
	Correction - In the launch information for the new PGD for varenicline, in this newsletter last week, the date for signing the PGD and the electronic submission was incorrect. It should have been the 7th May 2025 (not 7 th July). Apologies!		

Please aim to have the new PGD signed and submitted to enable prescribing of varenicline within the PHS Pharmacy smoking cessation service by 7th May.
The new national varenicline PGD, client assessment form and NHS circular are in the article below (15/4/25) and on the GGC pages on the community pharmacy website <u>www.communitypharmacy.scot.nhs.uk/nhs-ggc</u> under Patient Group Directions.
If you have any queries please contact the Pharmacy Health Improvement Team at ggc.pharmacyhit@nhs.scot or telephone 0141 201 4945
Hilary Millar 24/04/2025



Hilary Millar 15/04/2025



IMPORTANT INFORMATION	Care Home eMARS
	We have been made aware of a care home within NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde that has recently adopted an eMARS system. Prior to the system going live, they requested new prescriptions for all medicines out with the usual ordering cycle. They were under the impression they should return all residents' medication to the pharmacy and then reorder the same medication before moving to eMARS.
	The eMARS supplier confirmed that they do not advise to send any medications which are still in use by the resident back to the pharmacy, as the system has the capability to add stock.
	They advised that as part of the implementation process, they provide a list of tasks that the home can complete, and one task mentioned is

to audit their medication not in use. The aim of this is to prompt a medication review on unnecessary medications and reduce the need
to order medicines not being used, causing less waste in the long run. We would recommend that if any similar requests are made to order
prescriptions or receive returns, care homes are directed to the eMARS provider for further support and guidance.
Jennifer Allardyce 29/04/2025

IMPORTANT INFORMATION	Utilisation of GP10a
	We have been made aware of inappropriate use of Stock Order Forms (GP10a) within Community Pharmacies. We are currently unsure of how big the problem may be, however wanted to flag this to everyone as early as possible to ensure that Pharmacy teams were not inadvertently supplying in an inappropriate manner.
	Only items that are actually supplied to the GP Practice should be annotated on a GP10a form. If any non-listed items are supplied but recorded as an allowed product, to ensure that a payment is realised, then this would be considered fraudulent activity and, as such could be investigated by Counter Fraud Services (CFS). Items should only be added to a GP10a form by a member of the GP practice team.
	Pamela Macintyre 29/04/2025

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.			
	Date	Duration	Venue	
	Tuesday 20th	<u>9:00 – 16:00</u>	Beresford Suite	
	<u>May 2025</u>		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:		
Date	Duration	Venue
Wednesday 4 th June 2025	<u>9:00 – 16:00</u>	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		

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We are keen for any feedback you have about this Update. Please submit your comments/suggestions to:<u>cpdt@ggc.scot.nhs.uk</u>