





Community Pharmacy Communication Update

Tuesday 8th July 2025

New Items in this edition –

- **Narcotics Anonymous**
- **PCA (P)(2025) 17 - Extension to Serious Shortage Protocols for Estradot® (Estradiol) Patches**
- **Let's Chat Vac - RSV**
- **Medicines Update for Dissemination**

ACTION	Narcotics Anonymous
 1961 UKP DL 8pp Survey 2024.pdf  June 2025 WTF Doc.pdf Attached	<p>Please find attached the information pertaining to Narcotics Anonymous meetings.</p> <p>The details provided are dated for June; however, it has been confirmed that the days and times are recurring, therefore this information remains accurate going forward.</p> <p>Mary Clare Madden 08/07/2025</p>
ACTION	PCA (P)(2025) 17 - Extension to Serious Shortage Protocols for Estradot® (Estradiol) Patches
	<p>Please find link below for NHS Circular PCA(P)(2025) 17 - Extension to Serious Shortage Protocols for Estradot® (Estradiol) Patches</p> <p>www.publications.scot.nhs.uk/files/pca2025-p-17.pdf</p> <p>08/07/2025</p>
ACTION	Let's Chat Vac - RSV
	<p>The Vaccination Communication Planning Group would appreciate your support in promotion of the Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) vaccination campaign. The RSV vaccination programme is being offered to eligible older adults across health boards from June - September. The vaccine is also offered to pregnant women from 28 weeks of pregnancy, all year round.</p> <p>The vaccine is being offered to:</p>

- people turning 75 years old on and between 1 August 2025 and 31 July 2026*
- pregnant women (from 28 weeks of pregnancy).

* Those aged 76-79 who have previously not received the RSV vaccine may still be eligible for vaccination. Individuals should contact their local NHS immunisation team for more information.

What can you do to support?

Using the enclosed toolkit to promote as follows:

- Use hashtag **#RSVvaccineScot** in any communication cascades/display
- Display Social Media Captions on twitter [Campaign assets | Public Health Scotland News](#)
- Display Video Assets on twitter, digital screens, websites/pages, [Social Media Assets](#)
- Display static assets on digital billboards, facebook or any of social media platforms.


Sharing Patient Information, which is available in a range of formats [accessible here](#).

**On behalf of the
NHSGGC Vaccination Communication Planning Group**
08/07/2025

ACTION	Medicines Update for Dissemination
	<p>GGC Medicines Update is a series of blogs with important medicines related messages relevant to all healthcare professionals across GGC.</p> <p>Please see below for relevant updates.</p> <p>Updated blogs Click on the following links to access the recently updated Medicines Update blogs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formulary Update - Emollients • Drug Safety Update – Laxatives and the use of starch-based thickeners <p>Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guideline News May 2025 • Formulary Update May/June 2025 • MHRA Safety Roundup June 2025 <p>08/07/2025</p>

Items from previous editions –

IMPORTANT INFORMATION	Getting started with PF+ (CCC) in NHSGGC
	<p>The Community Pharmacy Development Team would like to invite all CPIPs who have registered in the last 12 months to offer Pharmacy First Plus within GGC to attend an introductory webinar.</p> <p>The webinar will introduce the team and describe the supports and governance processes we have in place to support CPIP prescribing. There will be an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the session.</p> <p>The Introductory Session with the Community Pharmacy Development Team webinar will be held on:</p> <p>Date: Wednesday 2nd July 2025 Time: 7:00pm Link to Teams: Join the meeting now</p> <p>Lorna Brown 24/06/2025</p>
IMPORTANT INFORMATION	Advanced Notification – Q1 Customer Complaints / Whistleblowing
	<p>Q1 Customer Complaints / Whistleblowing, for the collection of information relating to the Patient Rights (Scotland) Act 2011 will be sent week commencing Monday 7th July 2025.</p> <p>You should note that submission of this information is a contractual requirement and as such you should complete the Webropol survey within the timescale which will appear in the covering message.</p> <p>Thank you for your continued co-operation. Michelle Cooper – Contracts Supervisor 30/06/25</p>
IMPORTANT INFORMATION	PCA(P)(2025) 16 - Additional Pharmaceutical Services – Pharmacy First Service Requirements
	<p>Please find link to PCA(P)(2025) 16- Additional pharmaceutical services – pharmacy first service requirements: pca2025-p-16.pdf</p> <p>27/06/2025</p>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION	Ceptava® (Mycophenolic Acid) 360mg Tablets Shortage
<div data-bbox="183 197 239 264"></div> <div data-bbox="145 271 272 293">Ceptava.pdf</div> <div data-bbox="134 376 284 409">Attached</div>	<p>Please be aware that Myfortic® (mycophenolic acid) 360mg gastro-resistant tablets is the advised temporary alternative to Ceptava® (mycophenolic acid), based on clinical advice from Renal Services.</p> <p>If a prescription for Ceptava® is received and supply is unavailable, please contact the relevant GP practice via your usual communication channels to request that the prescription be updated to Myfortic® . This will enable appropriate dispensing and endorsement of Myfortic®, which is currently the only available brand.</p> <p>This approach will help prevent delays in patient treatment during the current shortage.</p> <p>To allow clinical teams to prioritise patient care, please do not direct supply-related queries to Renal Services, as they are currently experiencing high demand.</p> <p>For further details, please refer to the attached memo.</p> <p>Kathryn Chishom 01/07/2025</p>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION	Reminder for all Foundation Year Trainees - PCR Username and Passwords
	<p>Please remind all Foundation Year trainees that they should apply for a user name and password for the Patient Care Record (PCR) from their Health Board once they have successfully qualified and have been allocated their registration number by the GPhC.</p> <p>Application forms can be accessed by following the undernoted link:</p> <p>pcr-user-creation-iform-pharmacists.pdf (scot.nhs.uk)</p> <p>Janine Glen 01/07/2025</p>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION	Alan Harrison Retirement
	<p>I wanted to let you know that Alan Harrison has now officially retired from his Lead Pharmacist for Community Care post. I am sure you will all join me in wishing him all the best in his retirement.</p> <p>I wanted to take the opportunity to update you on our plans to support the network over the next few months.</p>

	<p>We have completed a robust recruitment and selection process, and Rachel Bruce is the preferred candidate to replace Alan. Rachel worked in NHS GGC previously and will bring a wealth of experience back (remove) to the team. We are aiming for a 1st September start date to get Rachel inducted and settled into the team.</p> <p>In the interim Pamela Macintyre has agreed to step in to cover the main groups and committees that Alan was involved in. Pamela and I will be your main contacts if you require any support in the meantime.</p> <p>Jane Hall 24/06/2025</p>
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION	CPD Learning Opportunities for Community Pharmacy Staff
	<p>Do you phone care homes regarding patient on Oral Nutritional Supplements?</p> <p>Do they talk about MUST and MUST step 5. Do you want to understand more of what this means?</p> <p>Below are links to the next round of Food Fluid and Nutrition webinars to promote in care homes. We also welcome any staff looking for a refresher on these topics. These webinars are going to be running regularly so we will continue to promote as dates come out.</p> <p>Project milkshake and food fortification (14.7.7.25 at 2pm-3.15pm) link to book a place https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/61ba423f-3baf-48f5-8394-c0b8947913fd@10efe0bd-a030-4bca-809c-b5e6745e499a</p> <p>Gillian Mackay Advanced Practice Care Home Dietitian 17/06/2025</p>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION	QYW Training – Tuesday 19th 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>

We presently have some places available for the event on Tuesday 19th August 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 19th August 2025	9:00 – 16:00	Beresford Suite Levensdale Hospital 510 Crookston Road Glasgow G53 7TU

Please contact us ASAP by phone on 0141 201 4945, or by e-mail ggc.pharmacyhit@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.

Annette Robb
20/05/2025

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



FAST Training
Session.pdf

Attached

FAST Education Offer

Please see attached offer of training 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
Tuesday 22nd July 15:00
Wednesday 6th August 19:00

Monday 25th August 13:00

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

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Any queries should be directed to the contact provided – where no specific contact is shown, queries should be directed to ggc.cpdevteam@nhs.scot

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