



Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Monthly Round-Up

Welcome to the first edition of the Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Monthly Round-Up. We will be distributing a brief monthly round up at the end of each month to highlight important information shared, and we hope you find this helpful as a reminder for important communications.

Please be reminded that all weekly updates are uploaded to the Community Pharmacy website alongside all supporting documentation: [PCS Weekly Updates – NHS Grampian](#)

- **PCA(P)(2025)20 CIRCULAR - NHS PHARMACY FIRST SCOTLAND UPDATED PGD'S**
An important circular regarding NHS Pharmacy First Scotland Updated PGD's was shared on 2nd September 2025.
- **SPECIALS LETTER FOR COMMUNITY PHARMACY**
An important letter regarding the supply of special formulation/unlicensed products was shared on 2nd September 2025.
- **CONCERNS AROUND SUPPLY OF MEDICINES: FOCUS ON MOUNJARO, WEGOVY AND OTHER WEIGHT-MANAGEMENT MEDICINES**
[Click here](#) to view GPhC concerns around supply of medicines: focus on Mounjaro®, Wegovy® and other weight-management medicines.
- **FLU VACCINATION CLINICS**
There is no offer of COVID vaccination to NHS/social care staff this year. Upcoming staff clinics were shared on 2nd September 2025.
- **REMINDER: ANTIVIRALS FOR PATIENTS AT HIGH RISK OF COMPLICATION FROM COVID-19**
An important letter regarding Antivirals for Patients at High Risk of Complication from Covid-19 was shared as a reminder on 23rd September 2025.
- **SHARPS WASTE**
Please be reminded community pharmacies should only accept pharmaceutical waste that directly relates to medicines prescribed by NHS Grampian. We appreciate that it is not always possible to identify the source of the returned waste. We ask community pharmacies to query the source of any sharps before accepting them.
- **NATIONAL PATIENT SAFETY ALERT (NPSA): TB MEDICINES**
Where patients are unable to source medicines to continue treatment, contact should be made with the patients GP practice to advise of patient and when treatment is due to run out. Patients prescribed oral tablets should not be switched to liquid medication – these supplies must be conserved for paediatric populations only.
Treatment prioritisation was shared on 23rd September for information.
- **EMERGENCY SUPPLY AT THE REQUEST OF A PATIENT**
A section of the Medicines, Ethics and Practice latest guidance was shared on 9th September 2025, to remind the community pharmacy teams the do's and don'ts of an emergency supply at the request of a patient.
- **PRIMARY CARE CONTRACTS UPDATE: PGD EMAILS AND MONTHLY CLAIM SUBMISSIONS**
All PGDs should be sent to the PCS team at: gram.pharmaceuticalcareservices@nhs.scot. *Under no circumstances should they be sent to PCCT or any other NHSG department.* Failure to send these to the correct email address may result in the PGD's not being processed by PCS.
Please also be reminded that all monthly claims must now be submitted on the recently distributed Rev 6 workbook which was provided by the Primary Care Contracts team on 4th July 2025 and a reminder

about this was also issued on 25th July 2025. This is due to the agreed uplift of fees, so incorrect submissions will not be processed.

- **CO MONITORS**

If you have read, signed and returned the declaration form, your CO monitor will be ready for pick up or delivery (whichever you requested) now. Please ensure you have an account set up with Resources for re ordering consumables. [HPAC](#)

- **PCR ERRORS FOR SMOKING CESSATION**

Common errors are using the pharmacy phone number as the patient telephone number and opening 2 files for the same patient within a week. **Both are incompatible with the National Database and you will not be paid.**

- **GOVERNMENT POSTER CAMPAIGN**

Lyme disease is being replaced with “Be the Early Bird”. Ensure you swap your poster over as soon as it arrives.

- **PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES SUPPORT**

Contact your Public Health Practitioner for help and support.

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