

# Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



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## Medication Shortages: Ramipril 2.5mg Tablets and Cefalexin 400mg Tablets

Please find the attached SSP and information regarding Ramipril 2.5mg tablets and Cefalexin 400mg tablets, which were also shared via email on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August.

## Pharmacy First: Frequently Asked Questions

**Question:** If a patient comes into the pharmacy and asks to buy 2 tubes of a product that is available on the Pharmacy First formulary - should I offer to supply one on Pharmacy First to save them money?

**Answer:** No. This enquiry should be dealt with as per previous guidance - if appropriate, undertake a consultation and find out if the patient is presenting with a new, acute symptom. If this is an ongoing chronic complaint, the patient should be referred to their GP or optician if further guidance is required. However, they may have already been assessed and have decided to pay for their treatment long term- therefore this should be sold over the counter and the products paid for.

## Zero Tolerance of Abuse in Pharmacies Posters

In 2021, as part of a long-running campaign to end violence in pharmacies, the Pharmacists' Defence Association (PDA) released posters emphasising zero tolerance of abuse in pharmacies which members were encouraged to print and display in their pharmacy. The awareness of this policy is key if patient behaviour is to be influenced.

Please [click here](#) to view the posters. Updates on this campaign can also be found [here](#).

## NHS Grampian Locum Pack 2024-25

The NHS Grampian Locum Pack 2024-25 is now available on the community pharmacy website [here](#), which you will also find attached. Please encourage all locum pharmacists working in your pharmacies to register with NHS Grampian to receive communications directly.

Please be reminded if you wish to be added or removed from the locum distribution list, please contact [gram.pharmaceuticalcareservices@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.pharmaceuticalcareservices@nhs.scot). A copy of the NHS Grampian Locum List can be provided on request from a contractor, but must not be shared. Each contractor that would like a copy must contact PCS directly.

## Save the Date: Training Events

<b>NES Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP) Webinar</b>	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> August 2024, 19:00 - 20:15.	If you want to find out more on the expectations, experiences and support available to take on the role of supporting trainee pharmacist independent prescribers as a DPP, click the attached link to book a place: <a href="#">Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP) webinar</a>
<b>NES Supporting Student Pharmacist Experiential Learning in 2024-25 Webinar</b>	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024, 19:00 – 20:30.	Are you passionate about empowering student pharmacists and setting them up for success during their EL placements?  <b>Register now:</b> <a href="#">Register here for the 2024-25 EL Webinar</a>
<b>NES Community Pharmacy Learning Together Webinar: Migraine Management</b>	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2024, 19:00 - 20:00.	This webinar will introduce the “partnering with pharmacy teams to improve migraine management” project and provide guidance to pharmacy staff as to the assessment, support and management of people living with migraine in line with the Scottish National Headache Pathway.  To book onto the workshop visit the <a href="#">Community Pharmacy Learning Together: Migraine Management</a> on Turas Learn.

## Public Health Update

### Mandatory Government Public Health Campaign

By now you should all have received the double sided poster for the new campaign “Be the Early Bird”. Please face the Eagles to the outside and the Robin to the inside of the pharmacy window.

If you have not received the poster or need a new mount, please email: [stockorders.DPPAS@theapsgroup.com](mailto:stockorders.DPPAS@theapsgroup.com)



## Smoking Cessation Update

### Smoking and Vaping Pathways

Please find the attached PDF to print for easy reference.

## Community Pharmacy Scotland Round-Up



### August Approved List - Update to Section 2.2

Cough to remove Simple linctus paediatric sugar free and Simple Linctus sugar free, all pack sizes. This removal is following advice from Area Drugs and Therapeutics Committees Collaborative (ADTCC)...

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### NHS Pharmacy First Scotland (NHS PFS) Service Guidance and Flow Chart

guidance for the NHS Pharmacy First Scotland (NHS PFS) service, which is in response to previous questions and outcomes from live events held with the community pharmacy network...

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## **The Happy Place 😊**

### **Bonnie Baskets 2024 Winner**

This week we are delighted to share that Charles Michie's Banchory won the Bonnie Baskets competition for 2024! Be sure to take a peek if you are passing by.

*"Thank you to Heather Michie for creating them, and Andy our Pharmacy Manager for looking after them so well! What a green fingered team we have at Michies!" 🌸*



***We would like to continue this section as an opportunity for reward, recognition and good news stories of the teams who read this! Please submit any items for inclusion to:***  
***[gram.pharmaceuticalcareservices@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.pharmaceuticalcareservices@nhs.scot)***

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