

# Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



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## Drug Tariff - Article Correction

Please find the attached letter for your attention regarding a correction to the Drug Tariff article included in the Community Pharmacy Update on 30<sup>th</sup> July, which was also circulated via email.

## Pharmacy First

We have received a small number of reports whereby pharmacies are recommending patients go to the GP for prescriptions of paracetamol, following a refusal to supply on pharmacy first.

If the patient has active symptoms treatable under Pharmacy First then of course you are empowered to supply; if the patient does not have active symptoms / isn't eligible then Pharmacies shouldn't be supplying or referring to the GP to get a paracetamol prescription.

We realise that it is sometimes challenging to shift public expectations about Pharmacy First. We also realise that it is not unknown for a patient to say 'the pharmacy wouldn't supply me this and told me to come to the GP' when in fact the pharmacy has said nothing of the sort. We really do value your help and support in trying to reset the Pharmacy First offer to what was intended originally.

## Save the Date: Training Events

<b>NES Prescribing (DPP) Webinar</b>	<b>Designated Practitioner</b>	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> August 2024, 19:00 - 20:15.	<i>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></i>
<b>NES Supporting Student Pharmacist Learning in 2024-25 Webinar</b>	<b>Experiential</b>	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024, 19:00 – 20:30.	<i>Are you passionate about empowering student pharmacists and setting them up for success during their EL placements?</i>  <b>Register now:</b> <a href="#">Register here for the 2024-25 EL Webinar</a>
<b>Grampian Managed Clinical Network (MCN) Conference 2024</b>	<b>Diabetes</b>	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September 2024, Aberdeen Altens Hotel	Please find the attached programme for more details, including the registration link via Eventbrite.

<b>NES Pharmacy Together Migraine Management</b>	<b>Community Learning Webinar:</b>	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2024, 19:00 - 20:00.	<p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>To book onto the workshop visit the <a href="#">Community Pharmacy Learning Together: Migraine Management</a> on Turas Learn.</i></p>
<b>Pharmacy Professionals Incubator: Focus Groups</b>		Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2024, 19:00 - 20:00.	<i>Please find the attached flyer for more details and to register your expression of interest.</i>

## Smoking Cessation Update

### Smoking and Vaping Pathways

Please be reminded of the attached PDF to print for easy reference.

## 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).



## Community Pharmacy Scotland Round-Up



### The Right to Healthcare

In Scotland, every person, including non-UK citizens, is entitled to access NHS services. This includes individuals with the NRP condition. To help reduce health inequalities and improve health outcomes, pharmacy teams can take practical steps to support these patients when they visit community pharmacies...

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### Newly Qualified Community Pharmacy Independent Prescribers

Congratulations to everyone who has recently passed their IP Courses. Well done! Once you have had the chance to celebrate, here are some details for next steps...

[Read More](#)

## The Happy Place 😊

### Excellence in Service Award Winners – Will Chemist

We are delighted to share the team at Wills Chemist won the Excellence in Service Award at Pride of Inverurie 2024! This award recognises a business or individual that always delivers great customer service, delivers an excellent customer experience and makes their customers feel special. Congratulations! 😊



***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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