

Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



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GMED Prescription Emails

This is a reminder GMED will send you an **Agency Referral Email** prior to a paper prescription arriving at the Pharmacy. Please find an attached example PDF as also inserted below. The email will include all patient details, medication prescribed details and clinician details.

Grampian Medical Emergency Department (GMED)

Date: Wednesday	3-Aug-22	Agency Phone No.	01346 531956
Patient Name: Mickey Mouse	Sex: M	Date of Birth: 01-Jan-2001	Age: 21 years
Address: 26 Never Ever Land		Own Doctor:	
		Surgery:	Provider Group
Anywhere		CHI Number	1111111111
Home Tel:			
Case Origin: Hospital Nurse (Not WALK IN)		Case Number:	31186
Caller Name:	Tel: 01343 955955		
Prescription			
Trimethoprim 200mg tablets 1 tab twice daily 6.00			
Consulting DR	Doctor, Doctor		
Agency Comments			
test only			
paper script would usually follow this request			

If you receive one of these emails, then a printed prescription will follow in the usual way. Please process/dispense as you normally would a scanned prescription from GMED.

If GMED have been able to validate the patients CHI then a barcoded prescription will arrive. We have asked the clinicians to type in the barcode into the notes of the referral in the hopes that you can just type the barcode into your PMR and dispense as you would any barcodes prescription. If no barcode is available then dispense manually. It may be that the CHI could not be validated.

For any queries regarding prescriptions/medication, pharmacies should continue to contact GMED Professional to Professional Advice Line: **01224 558802** as per the current process. The line is **operational Mon - Fri 1800-0800 and all weekend**.

If you have any issues with downloading the barcoded message, please contact your ePharmacy facilitators: gram.cpfacilitators@nhs.scot.

Selected List Scheme (SLS) Update

Please be reminded of the attached circular which introduced revised directions as to the drugs, medicines and other substances to be ordered by contractors in the provision of primary medical services under a general medical services contract.

Save the Date: Training Events

Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Standards Webinar Session 10: Data Sharing to Prevent Harm	Thursday 23 rd January 2025, 10am – 11.30am.	This session is open to all professionals and those with an interest in the field. Click here to register.
Navigating Migraine Webinar	Wednesday 29 th January 2025, 7pm – 8.30pm.	This session aims to provide knowledge on migraine understanding, treatment and support. Click here to register, leaflet also attached.
Improving Migraine Management Workshop	Wednesday 5 th February 2025, 7pm – 8.30pm.	Aims to fill knowledge gaps staff have around migraine management. Click here to register, leaflet also attached.

Smoking Cessation Update

As always in January, please continue to promote your smoking cessation services. We're waiting to hear if there's a new Government campaign toolkit to use and will keep you updated. In the meantime, use the posters and materials you have.

If you have a [Facebook](#) page, it would be great if you can share our smoking cessation posts over the coming month.

Public Health Update

Public Health Practitioner Visits.

This quarter, between now and the end of March, your pharmacy will receive a visit from your Public Health Practitioner. These visits are primarily to discuss your smoking cessation services, highlight any data issues and answer any questions you may have around training, pathways, vaping etc. These visits will be unscheduled but if you'd prefer a scheduled appointment, please contact your relevant Practitioner:

Aberdeen City and South Aberdeenshire – suzanne.cowie@nhs.scot

Moray and Aberdeenshire North – denise.stirling@nhs.scot

NES Pharmacy Update: January 2025

Please [click here](#) to view the NES Pharmacy January newsletter. This edition includes preparing for the changes to foundation training year 2025-26 – January update, CSO NHS Researcher Development Fellowships – open for applications, upcoming webinars, events and resources.

Community Pharmacy Scotland Round-Up



06/01/2025 • Graham Le Tissier

MCR Ready Reckoner: 6th January 2025

This week's MCR Ready Reckoner has been updated and is now available to download or you can view it via the App.



06/01/2025 • Adam Osprey

Community Pharmacy Seeks Involvement in National Flu Vaccine Strategy Planning

Adam Osprey, our Head of Policy and Development, has been filming with STV in Broughton Pharmacy in response to reports that pharmacies were running short of flu vaccines for their private services in some areas. You can watch the full interview below:



31/12/2024 • Emma Ramage

January 2025 Part 7 Publishing Dates

We'd like to thank contractors for continuing to use our shortage reporter, we know it is a very busy time of year for pharmacy teams and we want to reassure you our discussions on shortages and adjusted prices for the month of December 2024 will continue until the January Scottish Drug Tariff Part 7 is agreed and published.



27/12/2024 • Miro Mendez

Prescription Collection Courier Service: 7th January 2025

Your next courier collection will take place on **Tuesday, January 7th, 2025**. This is a particular busy period of time for community pharmacy, and we thought it might be useful to remind you of some information around your prescription bag submissions.

The Happy Place 😊

Aberdeen Health and Wellbeing Festival – 11th January 2025

The Aberdeen Health and Wellbeing Festival is taking place this Saturday, 11th January 2025 at the Beach Ballroom, Aberdeen, from 9am – 5pm. The event will be packed with inspiring talks, interactive activities and exhibitors. From insightful panel sessions to hands-on activities, there's something for everyone.

Don't miss this chance to kick start your 2025 wellness journey! Free tickets are available [here](#).

Please remember 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.

All weekly updates are uploaded to the [CP Grampian website](#).

Remember to like our Facebook page for regular updates: [Community Pharmacy Grampian – NHSG](#)