

# Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



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## Grampian Travel Health Service Launch

The new Grampian Travel Health Service is launching soon. Information about how to use the new service is available on the [Travel Vaccination | Vax Grampian](#) website now for those who need assessments and vaccinations from NHS Grampian Travel Health Service.

Risk assessment forms will be available here [Travel Vaccination | Vax Grampian](#) from Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025 and the full service will launch on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025.

Patients who are part way through a vaccination course (eg. Hepatitis A) can email to arrange to receive their second dose: [gram.travelhealth@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.travelhealth@nhs.scot).

**Please note general practice do not offer a travel health service.**

## Private GLP1 Prescribing

Please find the attached letter for community pharmacies regarding private GLP1 Prescribing, which has also been sent via email from Primary Care Contracts.

## Flu Referral Form: Drugs and Alcohol Service for Distribution

Please find attached the Drugs & Alcohol Flu Referral form, the purpose of this form will allow keyworkers to identify the name of the individual and then sign off to confirm they can walk into any Vaccination Centre to be vaccinated. Staff will be notified that upon receipt of this form, they will be aware that they are being referred due to drugs and alcohol - without the person having to state this when they arrive.

This provides eligibility for Flu, the vaccinator can then check their eligibility for COVID as required.

## Save the Date: Training Events

Medication Assisted Treatment Standards Webinar Session 10: Data Sharing to Prevent Harm	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2025, 10am – 11.30am.	This session is open to all professionals and those with an interest in the field. <a href="#">Click here</a> to register.
Navigating Webinar	Migraine Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2025, 7pm – 8.30pm.	This session aims to provide knowledge on migraine understanding, treatment and support. <a href="#">Click here</a> to register, leaflet also attached.

MAT Standards Webinar	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2025, 7pm – 8.30pm.	Booking link: <a href="https://learn.nes.nhs.scot/79418/pharmacy-courses-and-events/medication-assisted-treatment-mat-standards-in-community-pharmacy">https://learn.nes.nhs.scot/79418/pharmacy-courses-and-events/medication-assisted-treatment-mat-standards-in-community-pharmacy</a>
Improving Migraine Management Workshop	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2025, 7pm – 8.30pm.	Aims to fill knowledge gaps staff have around migraine management. <a href="#">Click here</a> to register, leaflet also attached.
Pharmacist Independent Prescribing – Getting Started in Community Pharmacy	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2025, 7pm - 8.30pm.	This webinar is designed to support community pharmacist independent prescribers in the early stages of their prescribing journey, from service set up to expanding scope of practice and ongoing peer support. It will provide practical information to attendees on the process for registering with the GPhC as an IP and setting up the Pharmacy First Plus service in practice. <a href="#">Book your IP webinar place.</a>

### Migraine Project: Health Care Staff Survey

Calling all Health care staff! We would greatly appreciate your participation in this survey to help us evaluate the effectiveness of the eLearning and workshops provided over the past year as part of the Partnering with pharmacy teams to improve migraine management project.

Your feedback is crucial in understanding how these training sessions have impacted your skills and practice. By sharing your experiences, you will help us identify areas for improvement and ensure that future training programs are even more beneficial for staff and the patients they serve.

[Click here](#) to complete the survey by Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025, or scan the QR code in the image.

Thank you for your time.

### Smoking Cessation Update

#### Shared Care Button on PCR for Smoking Services

It has been brought to our attention that many pharmacies have been putting “YES” in the “shared care” box which comes up in the initial capture section of the PCR. This box should ONLY be marked YES if care is being shared with another service, for example Healthpoint or GP. Moving forward, please **INSERT “NO” IN THE SHARED CARE BOX UNLESS CARE IS CURRENTLY BEING SHARED WITH ANOTHER SERVICE.** This will be unlikely at the pharmacy point of contact.

As mentioned previously, Healthpoint will be picking up patients who have had 4 or more attempts within pharmacies in a year. They will provide EXTRA behavioural support and you need not do anything different. Please be reminded of the new patient information leaflet attached which should be provided digitally or in print to all new smoking sign-ups. Many thanks for your cooperation with this!

## Public Health Update

### Poster Campaign

We have had confirmation from the Scottish Government that there is no planned poster campaign in the pipeline at present. Please utilise January to highlight your smoking cessation services using posters you already have or you can order from Resources here: [Browse Search](#)

## Community Pharmacy Scotland Round-Up



08/01/2025 • Sarah Scott

### Flu Vaccine Availability on BBC Drivetime

Our Policy and PR Pharmacist spoke to Fiona Stalker on BBC Drivetime about the demands being seen on private flu vaccination services in community pharmacy due to the 2024 changes in NHS flu vaccination eligibility criteria, and why it is still important to get your flu vaccination for this year.



09/01/2025 • Adam Osney

### Independent Prescribers Meeting – Thursday, 23rd January 2025

We are pleased to confirm that the next Independent Prescribers (IP) meeting will take place on Thursday, 23rd January 2025.



09/01/2025 • Sarah Scott

### Flu Vaccine Challenges in Community Pharmacy

On Tuesday, 7 January, our Policy and PR Pharmacist, Sarah Scott, was interviewed for a BBC Reporting Scotland broadcast about the winter pressures faced by community pharmacies across Scotland. She also commented on the impact of rising flu cases and the availability of flu vaccines.



07/01/2025 • Emma Ramage

### Deletions from Part 7 as of 1st January 2025

The new updated version of Part 7 is now available for January 2025.

## The Happy Place ☺

### Clear Pharmacy, Alford Place

This week we wish to provide a shout out to Alek, foundation pharmacist at Clear Pharmacy Alford Place, who is doing a fantastic job with his health promotion table. He has completed many, just as informative as his smoking cessation one including antibiotics awareness, winter health, blood pressure and migraine. We hope you will join us to celebrate Alek's initiative and hard work!



***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](mailto:gram.pharmaceuticalcareservices@nhs.scot).***

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