

# Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



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## New Universal Claim Framework (UCF) Module for Pharmacy First Plus

On 1<sup>st</sup> February 2025, a new UCF module launched specifically for Pharmacy First Plus which will provide more accurate reporting on service activity. When a Pharmacy First Plus consultation has been undertaken, this module should be used instead of the standard Pharmacy First module.

More information is available here: [New Universal Claim Framework \(UCF\) Module For Pharmacy First Plus | Community Pharmacy Scotland](#). Please also find attached the PCA(P)(2024)32 circular and flowchart.

## Creon Supply Issues

We continue to experience intermittent supplies of Creon, which is anticipated to continue into early 2026. Following a further NPSA in December there have been minor updates to the NHS Grampian PERT Shortage Management Information which is available via Grampian Guidance. Community pharmacy teams are asked to familiarise themselves with the content of PERT shortage guidance, in particular the requirement to restrict quantity of supplies as per Serious Shortage Protocols.

## Patient Request for GLP-1 Prescribing

Please find attached a patient information leaflet which is intended to support Primary Care conversations with patients requesting prescribing of GLP-1 medications for weight loss/obesity.

## Updated Guidance for Online Pharmacy Services

Please review the attached updated guidance and make sure you are following it if you are involved in providing any pharmacy services at a distance, including from an online pharmacy. Superintendent Pharmacists are now jointly responsible with pharmacy owners for meeting the guidance and all members of the team are expected to follow the guidance at all times.

## Patient Group Directions (PGDs): Hepatitis A, Meningococcal Group A, C, W, and Y (MenACWY) and Low Dose Diphtheria, Tetanus and Inactivated Poliomyelitis (Td/IPV)

Please find attached the below recently amended and re-authorised NoS PGDs; which supersedes all previous versions:

- Patient Group Direction For The Administration Of Hepatitis A Vaccine For Travel Indications By Approved Healthcare Professionals Working Within NHS Grampian, Highland, Orkney, Shetland, Tayside And Western Isles, Version 2.1
- Patient Group Direction For The Administration Of Meningococcal Group A, C, W And Y (MenACWY) Conjugate Vaccine For Travel Indications By Approved Healthcare Professionals Working Within NHS Grampian, Highland, Orkney, Shetland, Tayside And Western Isles, Version 2.1
- Patient Group Direction For The Administration Of Low Dose Diphtheria, Tetanus And Inactivated Poliomyelitis Vaccine (Td/IPV) (Revaxis®) For Travel By Approved Healthcare Professionals Working Within NHS Grampian, Highland, Orkney, Shetland, Tayside And Western Isles, Version 2.1

### Save the Date: Training Events

<b>MAT Standards Webinar</b>	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2025, 7pm – 8.30pm.	This webinar will explore how optimising Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) can ensure individuals have immediate access to a variety of treatment options while supporting them to make informed choices and access the support they feel they need for their recovery journey. <a href="#">Click here</a> to register.
<b>Improving Migraine Management Workshop</b>	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.
<b>Pharmacist Independent Prescribing – Getting Started in Community Pharmacy</b>	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>
<b>Pharmacy in Practice 2025 Conference</b>	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2025, Novotel Edinburgh Park	<a href="#">Click here</a> for more details and registration.
<b>Physical Assessment Skills Training Opportunity</b>	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2025. Forrest Grove House, Aberdeen	<a href="#">Click here</a> for more details and registration.
<b>NES Annual Virtual Conference</b>	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Building on the growing success of previous events, this year's theme is Learning for Change: Tackling Health Inequity through Education and Workplace Learning. For more information visit the <a href="#">NES Annual Conference 2025 website</a> .  NES are currently inviting submissions for posters for a broad range of topics that will appeal to a multi-professional audience, as well as those specifically targeted towards Pharmacy Education. Information and the submission

		information can be found on the above link. The closing dates for poster abstracts is <b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025</b> .
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## Public Health Update

### Gold Awards

Huge congratulations to lead pharmacist Lewis, trainee pharmacist and public health champion, Lucy and the rest of the staff at Gardner Drive Pharmacy who have successfully completed their GOLD award! They showed fantastic initiative in cleverly promoting various health issues using their social media page, well done!

Also huge congratulations goes to Taylors Pharmacy in Buckie who have worked hard to achieve their GOLD standard award! Pictured below are Louise (Pharmacist), Lara (Accuracy Checking Tech/Public Health Champion), Adele (Trainee Pharmacy Tech), Alison (Counter Assistant) and Heather (Counter Assistant). Well done to the whole team!



## NES Pharmacy Update: February 2025

Please [click here](#) to view the NES Pharmacy January newsletter. This edition includes preparing for the changes to foundation training year 2025/26 February update, CSO NHS researcher development fellowships – open for applications, resources and events.

## Community Pharmacy Scotland Round-Up



03/02/2025 • Graham Le Tissier

### Medicines Care and Review (MCR) Ready Reckoner: 3rd February 2025

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



31/01/2025 • Emma Ramage

### February 2025 Part 7 Publishing

Due to the day on which the 1st February falls this year, we will publish the February edition of Part 7 on the website slightly later than usual, early next week.



31/01/2025 • Robbie Collins

### Weekly eNewsletter: 30th January 2025

To view our latest eNewsletter through your browser, please click on the link



30/01/2025 • Graham Le Tissier

### Pharmacy in Practice Conference 2025

In 2024, the Pharmacy in Practice Conference in Edinburgh brought together a tremendous selection of research poster submissions. These posters, submitted from across the profession, showcased the incredible depth and quality of practice within the pharmacy profession. Last year's winner, Laura Karim, will lead a judging panel for this year's submissions.

## The Happy Place ☺ NES Pharmacy Podcast

The NES pharmacy Podcast launched to provide updates on pharmacy education and share insights from pharmacy team members involved in training. The upcoming launch of the next series of the NES Pharmacy Podcast, which will focus on the reforms to the Pharmacy Foundation Training Programme. The first episode will be available on Wednesday 5th February 2025.

Don't forget to check out the first two series, which explore the RPS Core advanced curriculum and the role of the Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP). Access from Podbean here: [The NES pharmacy podcast](#).



***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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