

# Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



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## NHS Pharmacy First Approved List Update

The approved list of products for the NHS Pharmacy First Scotland Service has been updated from the 1st March 2025. There are three changes made in this edition which are listed [here](#).

## Save the Date: Training Events

<b>Ask Me Anything: NHS Pharmacy First Plus &amp; UCF Module</b>	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March, 7:30pm – 9:00pm.	Do you have questions about NHS Pharmacy First Scotland / NHS PFS Plus and or the UCF Module? <a href="#">Click here</a> to register.
<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> .

## Smoking Cessation Update

### No Smoking Day - 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Watch out for tomorrow's No Smoking Day press release and also the launch of the new Grampian Strategic Plan for the North East of Scotland. We will share more information about the plan in next week's newsletter.

We trust you are all promoting No Smoking Day within your pharmacies, whether it be a small window display or larger table display, everyone has space to do something. Remember you can access resources free of charge here: [HPAC](#).

We'd love to see your displays, please email your pictures to us! If you have a social media platform, please share the posts as they are shown on our page [Facebook](#) or directly from NHSG Public Health page.

A great idea is to utilise the day to opportunistically use the Very Brief Advice model to identify patients who'd like support. Please find a reminder of the algorithm attached.

## Community Pharmacy Scotland Round-Up



06/03/2025 • Community Pharmacy Scotland

### Vitamin D3 Supplement Product Recall

There have been some clinical incidents as a result of higher than expected levels of Vit D3 being in the product.



05/03/2025 • Sarah Scott

### Support Student Pharmacist Experiential Learning in 2025-26

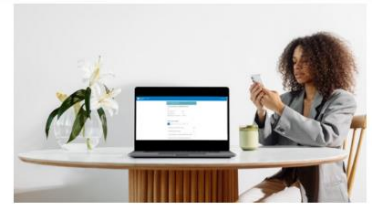
Pharmacies across Scotland have the opportunity to contribute to the development of the future pharmacy workforce by supporting student pharmacist experiential learning (EL) in the 2025-26 academic year.



04/03/2025 • Scottish Government

### PCA(P)(2025)02 - Serious Shortage Protocol for Estradot Patches

This Circular advises community pharmacy contractors that the Serious Shortage Protocol for Estradot® (Estradiol) 50 micrograms / 24 hours transdermal patch, a hormone replacement therapy product has been extended.



03/03/2025 • Graham Le Tissier

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

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

## The Happy Place 😊

### Support Student Pharmacist Experiential Learning in 2025-26

Pharmacies across Scotland have the opportunity to contribute to the development of the future pharmacy workforce by supporting student pharmacist experiential learning (EL) in the 2025-26 academic year. NES (NHS Education for Scotland), in collaboration with the University of Strathclyde and Robert Gordon University, are inviting expressions of interest from training providers who wish to participate by 15<sup>th</sup> April 2025. [Click here](#) for more information.

***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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