

Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



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NHS Grampian Direct Referral Pathway

Find attached a reminder of the letter issued in January 2023 on the Grampian direct referral pathway. Please ensure all members of your pharmacy team, including any locum / relief / weekend staff, are fully informed of the referral process, including Appendix 1.

Patient Group Direction for the Administration of Japanese Encephalitis Vaccine for Travel Indications

Please find attached the updated Patient Group Direction for the Administration of Japanese Encephalitis Vaccine for Travel Indications by Approved Healthcare Professionals Working within NHS Grampian, Highland, Orkney, Shetland, Tayside and Western Isles, Version 2.1

New Resources for Independent Prescribers on TURAS

There are some new IP resources hosted on TURAS to support Community Pharmacists expand their scope of practice in treating some common clinical conditions. These one page guidance documents highlight key considerations when treating patients as well as links to useful resources related to the conditions.

- [Clinical Reasoning Cycle - Skin Assessment | Turas | Learn](#)
- [Clinical Reasoning Cycle - Ear Assessment | Turas | Learn](#)
- [Clinical Reasoning Cycle - Throat Assessment | Turas | Learn](#)
- [Clinical Reasoning Cycle - Sinusitis | Turas | Learn](#)
- [Clinical Reasoning Cycle - Respiratory Assessment | Turas | Learn](#)

Launch of NES eLearning Module on Menopause

NHS Education for Scotland have launched a new eLearning module on menopause, and it is available now on Turas Learn: [Menopause Module](#). A complementary module on [Menstrual Health](#) is already available, and you may wish to access this one first as they have been designed as complementary resources.

If you have any queries, you can contact the CPD Connect team: cpdconnect@nes.scot.nhs.uk.

Save the Date: Training Events

Introduction to Suicide Prevention Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday 3rd April, 2pm – 3.30pm. Tuesday 8th April, 2pm – 3.30pm. Tuesday 22nd April, 10am – 11.30am. Monday 28th April, 2pm – 3.30pm. 	Free introduction to Suicide Prevention training, delivered by SAMH. Please click here to book a session, or find the attached flyer for more information.
GPhC Virtual Listening Event:	Wednesday 9 th April 2025, 7pm – 8pm.	Click here to register.
NES Annual Virtual Conference	Thursday 24 th and Friday 25 th 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 NES Annual Conference 2025 website .
Introduction to Sexual Health Course	Friday 2 nd May 2025, 9 am – 12pm.	Please click here to register, and view the attached flyer for more information.
Sexual Health Update – Face to Face or Online via MS Teams.	Friday 6 th June 2025, 9:10am – 12:30pm at The Civic Room, Aberdeen City Council Town House, Broad Street, Aberdeen, AB12 9UX or online via MS Teams.	Please find the attached flyer for information, more details to follow.

Smoking Cessation Update

Vaping Resources

Please find attached resources shared from Greater Glasgow and Clyde - Tips for Stopping Vaping, Stop Vaping Tips for Young people and Young People and Vaping. Please continue to follow the Smoking and Vaping Pathways for Community Pharmacies. [E-cigarettes and vapes – NHS GGC](#)

Community Pharmacy Scotland Round-Up



31/03/2025 • Emma Ramage

April 2025 Part 7 Publishing

Please note: Due to ongoing discussions with Public Health Scotland (PHS) the final round of Adjusted Prices for March are likely to be agreed and published on **Tuesday 1st April 2025**.



28/03/2025 • Scottish Government

PCA(P)(2025)03 - 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 (SSP079), a hormone replacement therapy (HRT) product, due to expire on 21 March 2025 has been extended until Friday 4 April 2025.



27/03/2025 • Scottish Government

Women's Health Resources

NHS Inform offers Women's Health pages with advice and support. Resources for promoting these pages and raising awareness about endometriosis are available from the SG Campaign Resource Centre. Community pharmacies in Scotland provide support for women's health issues through Pharmacy First.



27/03/2025 • Miro Mercies

Prescription Collection Courier Service: 3rd April 2025

Your next courier collection is scheduled for Thursday, April 3rd, 2025. We have produced the following guidelines for your prescription bag submissions.

The Happy Place 😊

Huge Congratulations to Wilma at Clarks Pharmacy Keith for passing her Accuracy Checking Course, Wilma is one of our GOLD Standard Public Health Champions. Well done!



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.

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