

Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



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Waste Disposal Guidance

Please be reminded of the attached waste disposal guidance and ensure all staff dealing with Healthcare wastes have had appropriate training to keep not only your premises compliant, but also the NHS Grampian waste contract and the final waste treatment facilities.

Clinical waste bins must not be used for the disposal of wastes that are not infectious or medicinal.

Travel Health VMT Clinics

Travel Health clinic expiry dates on Vaccination Management Tool (VMT) have now been extended. Please note that you can still use VMT for recording vaccines that are eligible for NHS vaccination, even when supplying them privately. If you haven't accessed VMT for 3 months then your account will automatically be deactivated.

If your account has been deactivated, please contact gram.pharmaceuticalcareservices@nhs.scot for assistance.

Save the Date: Training Events

Introduction to Suicide Prevention Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none">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.
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 . Closing date for registering: 17th April 2025.
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 click here to register, and view the attached flyer for more information.

Smoking Cessation Update

Opening New PCR Files

You may remember that there were some updates to the PCR system last year. One of these changes was that you could open multiple files for the same patient to allow easy transfer between pharmacies.

Unfortunately the National ISD system is not compatible with these changes and therefore we ask you all to defer back to the previous system. Therefore **PLEASE DO NOT OPEN A NEW PCR FILE FOR YOUR PATIENT UNTIL THE FOLLOWING WEEK** (a Thursday must pass for National upload). Opening 2 files may result in missed payment. Many thanks for your cooperation on this, we appreciate it is frustrating!

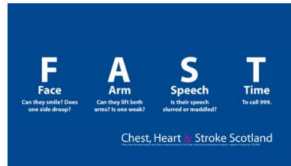
Community Pharmacy Scotland Round-Up



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An Incredible NHS Pharmacy First Plus Intervention: Spot Leukaemia

Read Victoria's incredible real-world story of how a routine consultation through the NHS Pharmacy First Plus service led to the urgent referral of a patient who was later diagnosed with leukaemia.



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FAST Stroke Identification Training

Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland are running online training sessions on the FAST tool for identifying stroke, and community pharmacy team members are invited to join.



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PCA(P)(2025)06 - Updated Patient Group Direction (PGD) For Varenicline

This Circular advises Health Boards and community pharmacy contractors of an updated Patient Group Direction (PGD) that is to be implemented for smoking cessation under the community pharmacy Public Health Service.



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Rapid Action Drug Alerts & Response (RADAR)

Our colleagues at Public Health Scotland (PHS) have asked that we disseminate the latest RADAR update to community pharmacy teams to inform you of concerns related to ongoing localised clusters of drug harms in multiple areas in Scotland.

The Happy Place 😊

April is Stress Awareness Month! This year's theme, [#LeadWithLove](#), empowers us to approach ourselves and others with kindness, compassion, and acceptance, no matter the challenges we face.

[Stress Awareness Month 2025 - The Stress Management Society](#)

TOGETHER WE CAN
#LeadWithLove

www.stress.org.uk



Stress Management Society
from distress to de-stress

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:
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