

Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update

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Please find attached the recently approved and authorised North of Scotland PGD, also available [here](#).

As a reminder - paracetamol for the new service should be supplied through the **UCF module option**.

Pharmacy teams should use the 'Men B supply' Universal Claim Framework (UCF) module to claim for each supply of Meningitis B prophylactic paracetamol. This supports accurate monitoring of service use and payments. **The Pharmacy First UCF module should not be used.**

It also states in the regulations that the Public Health Service (PHS) is a service that:

- promotes the pro-active involvement of community pharmacists and their staff in supporting self-care,
- offers suitable interventions to promote healthy lifestyles,
- involves participating in national and local health campaigns,
- provides a health promoting environment across the network of community pharmacies,
- provides smoking cessation support which comprises advice and supply of smoking cessation products in order to help smokers successfully stop smoking,
- provides sexual health support which comprises the supply of emergency hormonal contraception (EHC), bridging contraception and related advice,
- provides prophylactic antipyretic (paracetamol) in advance of or following childhood meningitis B vaccination and other childhood vaccinations as clinically appropriate, and
- supplies and, where necessary, administers naloxone for emergency use as clinically appropriate.

Naloxone Emergency Supply Service Update

Please find attached NHS circular PCA(P)(2025) 12 - Additional Pharmaceutical Services - Naloxone Emergency Supply Service Update. This Circular advises of an additional naloxone product that may now be supplied under the community pharmacy naloxone emergency supply service and provides an updated service specification.

For Action: Pharmacy Prescriber Training Survey

NHS Grampian now has a total of 114 Pharmacy First Prescribers working across the Health Board. We truly value the work you do and the support you provide to patients. We understand that many of you are keen to keep your prescribing skills up to date so you can feel confident in assessing and treating patients.

We're pleased to share that NHS Grampian has begun exploring the possibility of offering simulation training events, which will be free for all prescribers to attend. We have trained cascade trainers who have completed NES training courses and are well-equipped to deliver interactive sessions and workshops to support your prescribing competencies.

To help us plan these courses effectively, we kindly ask you to complete this survey. If you have any additional comments or suggestions, please use the comments box at the end of the survey: [Pharmacy First Plus Simulation Pilot Training](#)

New Resource: Having Realistic Conversations in Paediatric Palliative Care

NHS Education for Scotland (NES), in partnership with the Paediatric End of Life Care Managed Clinical Network (PELiCaN) are delighted to announce the launch of a new e-learning resource 'Realistic Conversations in Paediatric Palliative Care.' The suite of learning consists of 6 interactive modules and is now available on [Realistic conversations in paediatric palliative care page on Turas Learn](#).

Smoking Cessation Update

Single-Use Vape Ban

The disposable vape ban came into effect on Sunday 1st June. It is now illegal to sell or supply single use vapes across the UK. If you become aware of any sales or supply, you can report it to Trading Standards:

- [Trading Standards | Aberdeen City Council](#)
- [Trading standards - Aberdeenshire Council](#)
- [Trading Standards - Business Services - Moray Council](#)

ASH Scotland have answered lots of your questions here: [FAQs about the ban on disposable vapes - ASH Scotland](#)

Increased Number of Missed Submissions

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, smoking sign-ups in Quarter 3 fell and missed 4-week submissions rose above the expected level. Some of you may have been sent an email regarding your missed submissions but please can we remind you ALL to look at your house-keeping and find ways to avoid missing the window of opportunity on PCR. Not only do you lose out on well-earned money but we miss out on crucial data.

Please use the **"reports function"** on your PCR every week to ensure no submissions are missed and remember that **all sign ups should have 4-week data entered, even if they don't come back after the initial appointment.**

Also remember to leave a week before opening a new PCR file for the same patient to avoid errors and payment failures (the National database uploads from PCR on Thursdays).

Thanks for your cooperation in helping us to improve community pharmacy's smoking services in Grampian!

Save the Date: Training Sessions

Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland: Improve Stroke Recognition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 9th June, 1pm – 1.30pm. Wednesday 25th June, 10am – 10.30am. 	Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland are running 30-minute education sessions in partnership with the Scottish Government, aiming to improve stroke recognition. Find the attached flyer for more information.
Sexual Health Update – Face to Face or Online via MS Teams.	Friday 6 th June, 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.
Palliative Care Network Evening Education Session	Wednesday 11 th June, 6pm – 7pm.	<p>Managing Diabetes at the End of Life With Dr Sarinah Hanna, Palliative Medicine – click here to register or via the attached flyer.</p> <p>As a reminder for palliative care pharmacies, proof of attendance to at least one event should be sent to: gram.pcctpharmacy@nhs.scot, to initiate the second contractor payment under this SLA.</p> <p>This event will not be recorded. If you cannot attend this session, we have been advised more opportunities will be made available later in the year.</p>
Health MOT Day for Minority Ethnic Communities	Thursday 12 th June 2025, 11am – 3pm. Drop in session at Aberdeen Arts Centre.	Find the attached flyer for more information.

NES Pharmacy Update: June 2025

Please [click here](#) to view the June 2025 NES Pharmacy Update. This issue includes: preparing for the changes to Foundation Training Year 2025-26 – June update and summer Q&A's, new resource: having realistic conversations in paediatric palliative care, events and NES programmes.

Community Pharmacy Scotland Round-Up



02/06/2025 • Emma Ramage

Removed Lines from Parts 2, 3 & 4 of the SDT as of 1st July 2025

We would like to make you aware next month there will be several removed lines from Parts of the Scottish Drug Tariff – Part 2 Dressings, Part 3 Appliances & Part 4 Elastic Hosiery.



02/06/2025 • Scottish Government

PCA(P)(2025)11 - SSPs Extended for Estradot® and Creon® Capsules

SSPs for Estradot® and Creon® extended. Pharmacists advised of new expiry dates: 6 June 2025 for Estradot®, 21 Nov 2025 for Creon® capsules.



02/06/2025 • Graham Le Tissier

Medicines Care and Review (MCR) Ready Reckoner

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



30/05/2025 • Emma Ramage

May 2025 Part 7 Publishing

Due to the date on which the 1st of June falls the June Part 7 file will be published slightly later than the 1st with the possibility of this being early into next week.

The Happy Place ☺

Huge congratulations to the Davidsons Banchory team for completing the Aberdeen Kiltwalk on Sunday 1st June, through the changeable and challenging weather conditions! They walked with heart, determination, and plenty of soggy smiles to support their chosen charity - MS Society.

What a fantastic achievement! If you wish to support the Davidson's Banchory team, there's still time to support this fantastic cause:

<https://www.justgiving.com/team/davidsonscchemistssociety>.



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.

All weekly updates are uploaded to the [CP Grampian website](#).

Remember to like our Facebook page for regular updates: [Community Pharmacy Grampian – NHSG](#)