

Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



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PCA(P)(2025)20 – NHS Pharmacy First Scotland Updated PGD's

Please find attached NHS Circular PCA(P)(2025) 20 - Additional Pharmaceutical Services: NHS Pharmacy First Scotland - Updated PGDs.

Please note the email statement from the Antibiotic Pharmacists, sent along with the Pharmacy First PGD distribution contained an error, which has been corrected below:

UTI PGD updates

Please note that the updated trimethoprim PGD for treatment of acute uncomplicated urinary tract infection now includes information (section 1.1) to highlight that antibiotics are not always required for women aged **under** 65 years who describe their symptoms as mild. Please continue to use the trimethoprim PGD to supply a first line antibiotic treatment when indicated. The new nitrofurantoin PGD provides an alternative antibiotic treatment option if trimethoprim is contraindicated eg due to allergy or a drug interaction.

Specials Letter for Community Pharmacy

Please find the attached letter regarding the supply of special formulation/unlicensed products for information.

Concerns Around Supply of Medicines: Focus on Mounjaro, Wegovy and other Weight-Management Medicines

Please [click here](#) to view GPhC concerns around supply of medicines: focus on Mounjaro®, Wegovy® and other weight-management medicines.

Flu Vaccination Clinics

There is no offer of COVID vaccination to NHS/social care staff this year. All staff will need to attend a staff clinic or make an appointment at one of the vaccination centres.

There will not be staff queues/priority access to the public vaccination centres unless they happen to be hosting staff clinics.

Immunisation should be provided to healthcare and social care workers in direct contact with patients/clients to protect them and to reduce the transmission of influenza within health and social care premises, to contribute to the protection of individuals who may have a suboptimal response to their own immunisations, and to avoid disruption to services that provide their care. This would include health and social care staff directly involved in the care of their patients or clients.

Staff can attend clinics as drop in's and should bring staff ID. This is encouraged where possible as capacity may be reduced from October – November 2025, please see the attached staff clinics.

Moray Injection Equipment Provision Services Posters for Display

Moray community pharmacies, please keep a look out for the arrival of posters to display to the public. These contain signposting details of Moray locations for access to Injection Equipment Provision Services (IEPs).

Naloxone Training – Webinar Recording

If you missed the Naloxone training for community pharmacy staff held on 13th August 2025, the recording and presentation is now available to view [here](#).

Smoking Cessation Update

CO MONITOR UPDATE – IMPORTANT!

Thank you to all pharmacies who have signed and returned the declaration form for a CO monitor and alerted Resources whether you can pick up your monitor or want it delivered to an NHS premise.

Many of you have not emailed Resources with your preference, please do so **ASAP** in order to receive your monitor - gram.resources@nhs.scot.

For those who have alerted Resources that they will pick up their monitors, I am pleased to confirm that your CO monitor packs are now ready for collection from Summerfield House. Just a quick reminder of their collection times:

- **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:** 9:00am – 3:00pm
- **Wednesday:** 9:00am – 1:00pm

If you have chosen delivery, it should be at your chosen NHS premise within a couple of weeks. Each pack includes the following items, ensure you're signed up to Resources so you can order more consumables in the future:

- 1 CO Monitor
- 1 Box of Steristrips
- 1 Box of D-Pieces
- 1 Pack of Non Alcohol Wipes

Public Health Update

Cervical Screening Posters - Available Now

Cervical Screening posters are now available and accessible in A3 & A4 sizes with different versions for Polish and Black African communities. However, due to the limited quantities, these posters are not yet available on HPAC but can be obtained by emailing charlotte.murray3@nhs.scot with which version, size and quantity you would like and she will send it out via internal mail.

We encourage all pharmacies, especially those who have patients in these communities to order a poster thanks. You can view the posters on the attachment.

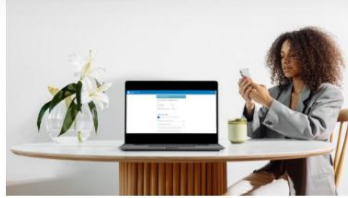
Community Pharmacy Scotland Round-Up



01/09/2025 • Emma Ramage

September 2025 Part 7 Publishing

Please note, due to ongoing discussions with PHS & Scottish Government the final round of Adjusted Prices for August 2025 are likely to be agreed and published **tomorrow Tuesday 2nd of September**.



01/09/2025 • 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.



29/08/2025 • Scottish Government

PCA(P)(2025)20 - New PGDs for UTIs and Impetigo in NHS Pharmacy First Scotland

Updated PGDs for UTIs and impetigo approved for NHS Pharmacy First Scotland. Health Boards to implement locally.



28/08/2025 • Gavin Speed

Prescription Courier Changes

Royal Mail has made changes to how prescriptions are collected. Scanning now happens at the depot, not at pickup but your schedule stays the same.

The Happy Place 😊

NHS Grampian pharmacist, Mark Easton, is fundraising for Sir Chris Hoy's Tourde4 and riding for Prostate Cancer on 7th September 2025 in Glasgow. Together we can make a real difference to Prostate Cancer treatment and prognosis, so if you are able to help support this cause, please [click here](#).

We are sure you will join us to wish Mark the best of luck!



Tourde4

Organized by
Mark Easton



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](#)