

# Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



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## Field Safety Notice – FreeStyle Libre 3 and FreeStyle Libre 3 Plus Sensors

Please find attached an urgent Field Safety Notice concerning FreeStyle Libre 3 and FreeStyle Libre 3 Plus sensors in the UK. Abbott has recently identified that certain FreeStyle Libre 3 and FreeStyle Libre 3 Plus sensors may provide incorrect low glucose readings.

## Smoking Cessation Update

### PCR Errors – How to Avoid Records Not Being Uploaded for Payment

Every Thursday the National Smoking Cessation Database receives an upload from the records on PCR and there are data validation rules set up within the database to ensure what enters it is accurate. These rules result in some records being rejected by the system which then sends an error message to the local smoking cessation team. From here the error may be able to be fixed within the database by the smoking cessation team or by the originating pharmacy on PCR but it can often be time consuming and can cause double counts of records.

The National Smoking Cessation team takes an extract from the database every month that goes to pharmacy payments for processing. If an error happens with a record then it will be rejected by the database and a payment will not be made.

We have pointed out common errors over the months and have now compiled them into a short, easy to read PDF document. We suggest you print it out and keep it near your PCR database. As always, remember to ensure you check the “reports function” a couple of times a week to avoid missing submissions.

## Public Health Update

### 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence

Today marks the start of “16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence”. There are lots of events happening throughout Grampian, please see the attached PDF for more information if this is of interest to you and share widely within your teams and communities.

## Save the Date: SRH Fitters (Coils/Implants) Forum Update

Please find attached a flyer and programme with information on how to register for the upcoming Fitters Forum (Coils/Implants) Update, which will be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025, between 18:30 and 20:00, and will be held online via Microsoft Teams, for your attention.

Please share this information with interested colleagues and submit any enquiries, or questions in advance of the event, to [gram.srhtraining@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.srhtraining@nhs.scot), by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

## Community Pharmacy Scotland Round-Up



24/11/2025 • 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.



21/11/2025 • Scottish Government

### PCA(P)(2025)25 - Extension to Serious Shortage Protocols for Creon® Gastro-Resistant Capsules

This Circular advises Health Boards and community pharmacy contractors that two UK-wide Serious Shortage Protocols (SSPs) for Creon® gastro-resistant capsules both due to expire on 21 November 2025 have been extended until Friday 16 January 2026.



20/11/2025 • Community Pharmacy Scotland

### Information for CPS/NES Funded Employee CP IP Trainees on January 2026 Course

CPS/NES CP IP trainees starting January 2026: Look out for an email with payment and support group details. Complete and return ASAP.



20/11/2025 • Emma Taylor

### PVG Requirements for Locum Pharmacists

We can now confirm that if you are a locum, it is a legal requirement for you to have a PVG in order to take on work as a pharmacist, with each pharmacy business engaging their services listed as an interested party.

## The Happy Place 😊

The Customer Award is now open for the Scottish Pharmacy Awards 2026. This award puts your patients at the heart of the judging process.

With a simple QR code scan in your pharmacy, customers can share testimonials and vote for the team that has supported them, cared for them and made a real difference.

Entries close 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026, so now is the perfect time to get started!

Find out more and order your QR code: <https://scotpharm.com/scottish-pharmacy-awards-2026/>



***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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