

Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



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PCA(P)(2025)27, 28 and 29 – Serious Shortage Protocols for Nifedipine (Adipine XL) Modified-Release Tablets and Latanoprost (Fixapost) Eye Drops

Please find attached three PCA(P) circulars advising that Serious Shortage Protocols (SSPs) are in place for nifedipine (Adipine® XL) 30mg and 60mg modified-release tablets, and for latanoprost 50micrograms/ml / timolol 5mg/ml (Fixapost®) eye drops 0.2ml unit dose preservative free.

- PCA(P)(2025)27 - Nifedipine (Adipine® XL) 30mg modified-release tablet
- PCA(P)(2025)28 - Nifedipine (Adipine® XL) 60mg modified-release tablet
- PCA(P)(2025)29 - Latanoprost 50micrograms/ml / Timolol 5mg/ml (Fixapost®) eye drops 0.2ml unit dose preservative free

Pharmacy First Scotland: Resources, Flow Chart and Frequently Asked Questions

Please find the below links to Pharmacy First Scotland resources, flow chart and frequently asked questions (FAQs) following the recent [circular](#).

- [NHS Pharmacy First Scotland - Resources & Flow Chart | Community Pharmacy Scotland](#)
- [Pharmacy First Changes: Questions and Answers \(FAQs\) | Community Pharmacy Scotland](#)

Emergency Care Summary (ECS) and Pharmacy Care Record (PCR) Access

As we approach the first of two festive public holiday weekends, this is a reminder to ensure that all pharmacists and locums are able to access the Emergency Care Summary (ECS) and Pharmacy Care Record (PCR).

Pharmacy Care Record (PCR) Access

To be able to deliver a number of both core and national contractual services it is essential to have a personal user ID and password to allow access and utilise the PCR.

To request a user name and password complete a [PCR Registration Form](#), hosted on Microsoft Forms. This request should be undertaken prior to working as a locum pharmacist within NHS Grampian.

To password reset for PCR, please contact the ePharmacy helpdesk when in a pharmacy on the below telephone number and one of the advisors will unlock and issue you a temporary password which is valid for 4 hours.

Tel: 0131 275 6600

ePharmacy Helpdesk opening hours: Mon - Thurs 8.30am – 4.30pm, Fri: 8.30am - 4pm (may vary over the festive period)

Emergency Care Summary (ECS) Access

To request access to the ECS Registration form, hosted on Microsoft Forms, please contact: gram.cpfacilitators@nhs.scot.

Community Pharmacy Scotland Round-Up



22/12/2025 • 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.



18/12/2025 • Graham Le Tissier

Festive Holiday Opening Times

Check CPS festive holiday opening times for December 2025 and January 2026. Contact us via enquiries@cps.scot for urgent queries.



18/12/2025 • Adam Osprey

CPS Manifesto 2026: Investing In Pharmacy Services

With rising demand, expanded prescribing services, and ambitious plans for the 2030s, the network needs resources to deliver enhanced care.



18/12/2025 • NES

NES Return To Pharmacy Practice Course

Join NES's free Return to Practice course for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians on 23 January 2026. Refresh skills and build confidence.

The Happy Place 😊

As we approach Christmas and a new year, we wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for all your hard work over the year! We hope you have some restful time off. Pictured below are the Pharmaceutical Care Services Team, enjoying a little festive cheer at Aberdeen's Christmas Market.

Our next weekly update will be circulated on Tuesday 6th January 2026. Have a wonderful Christmas, and Happy New Year all!



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](https://www.grampian.nhs.uk).

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