

# Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



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## NHS Grampian New Public Health Scotland Drug Alerts

On 5<sup>th</sup> February, Public Health Scotland (PHS) issued two new drug alerts. Please find the attached important information and harm reduction advice for community pharmacy teams.

## Public Health Update

### Poster Campaigns

We now have the details of the next Government initiated mandatory poster campaign. The current Mind to Mind campaign will run until the next campaign Re Think Dementia which will commence 24<sup>th</sup> February until the end of March. There is nothing confirmed yet for April but it looks likely that May will be Lyme disease again. Posters will arrive automatically.

Please also be reminded that No Smoking Day is on the 12<sup>th</sup> March, please step up promotion over that period. GOLD and SIMD project pharmacies (and anyone else who wants to get involved), please use your Very Brief Advice (VBA) algorithm to opportunistically capture smokers wishing to stop. The algorithm is attached as a reminder.

## Save the Date: Training Sessions

<b>Trauma-Informed Approaches for Community Pharmacy Teams</b>	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2026, 6:45pm–8:15pm at Dunbarney House, Dr Grays, Elgin, IV30 1SN.	This course is ideal for community pharmacists and pharmacy teams wishing to enhance compassionate practice and ensure a safe, supportive and trauma aware environment for everyone.  Please <a href="#">click here</a> to register, and view more details. Flyer with QR code also attached.
<b>FAST Education Dates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026, 3pm.</li><li>• Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 10am.</li><li>• Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026, 1pm.</li></ul>	Please find the attached flyer to register for Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland's FAST Education 30-minute online sessions, which aim to improve stroke recognition.
<b>Aberdeenshire ADP - Emerging Trends</b>	Tuesday 17th February 2026, 6:30pm - 8:30pm	Please <a href="#">click here</a> to register, and view more details.

<b>Trauma-Informed Approaches for Community Pharmacy Teams</b>	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February, 6:45pm–8:15pm at Dunbarney House, Dr Grays, Elgin, IV30 1SN.	This course is ideal for community pharmacists and pharmacy teams wishing to enhance compassionate practice and ensure a safe, supportive and trauma aware environment for everyone.  Please <a href="#">click here</a> to register, and view more details. Flyer with QR code also attached.
<b>Aberdeenshire ADP - Drug Trends &amp; Harm Reduction</b>	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2026, 10:30am - 1:30pm	Please <a href="#">click here</a> to register, and view more details.
<b>Aberdeenshire ADP - Drug Trends &amp; Harm Reduction</b>	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2026, 10:30am - 1:30pm	Please <a href="#">click here</a> to register, and view more details.
<b>Aberdeenshire ADP &amp; Moray ADP - Cannabis put bluntly</b>	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2026, 10:00am - 12:00pm	Please <a href="#">click here</a> to register, and view more details.

## Community Pharmacy Scotland Round-Up



05/02/2026 • Robbie Collins

### Public Health Scotland Posters Dates

We now have the details of the next dates for the PHS poster campaign.



05/02/2026 • Graham Le Tissier

### Scottish Pharmacy Awards 2026

Celebrate innovation and excellence at the Scottish Pharmacy Awards 2026, honouring leaders, achievers, and outstanding contributions across Scottish pharmacy.



05/02/2026 • Emma Taylor

### Pharmacy First Rejected Items

Understand the top 25 Pharmacy First rejected items, why claims fail, and how to ensure compliance with NHS Scotland requirements.



02/02/2026 • 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.

## The Happy Place ☺ GOLD Awards

- Ardach pharmacy, have revalidated for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year running, led by Pharmacist Alex and PH Champion Kayla who is also working towards Accuracy Checking Dispensing course.
- Clark's Pharmacy Keith, have revalidated for the 3rd year running, led by Pharmacist Colin and PH Champion Wilma also in the below picture Mora both now qualified as ACT's.
- Baird's Pharmacy in Keith, have revalidated for the 2nd year running, led by Pharmacist Bethany and PH Champions Violet and Hayley, also in the below picture is Sarah.
- Taylors Pharmacy in Buckie, have revalidated for the 2nd year running, led by Pharmacist Louise and PH Champion Lara.

Well done everyone!!



**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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