

# Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



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## Patient Group Direction for the Supply of Nystatin Oral Suspension by Community Pharmacists, V1

Please find attached the recently approved and authorised Pharmacy First PGD;

**Patient Group Direction For Community Pharmacists For The Supply Of Nystatin Oral Suspension To Patients Aged 4 Weeks And Over For The Treatment Of Symptoms Of Oral Thrush Under NHS Pharmacy First Scotland Working Within NHS Grampian, Highland, Orkney, Shetland, Tayside And Western Isles, Version 1.**

## NHS Pharmacy First Approved List Update – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026

This update sets out the changes made to the NHS Pharmacy First Scotland Approved List as of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026. It details new additions for oral thrush and allergy/itch and highlights earlier changes that still matter to pharmacy teams.

[NHS Pharmacy First Approved List Update from 1st April 2026 | Community Pharmacy Scotland](#)

## Updated Independent Prescriber Rotas for 2026-27

As we enter the new financial year, updated rota files have now been added to the Teams channel. This year, we have introduced a “Copy from Previous Week” function, which will be a useful tool for those who work similar rotas. Please ensure that you review and amend your rota each week to reflect any changes.

As a reminder, completion and submission of IP rotas is mandatory for all sites signed up to deliver Pharmacy First Plus on a full time basis and claims the monthly payment which must be completed by the 7<sup>th</sup> of each month. This is a requirement as part of our internal auditing processes.

See our useful guidance video uploaded to our website here: [Pharmacy First Plus \(Common Clinical Conditions\) – NHS Grampian](#)

## Smoking Cessation Update

### Patient Feedback Questionnaire – Pharmacy Stop Smoking Service

This is a reminder regarding the request to support patient access to the Feedback Questionnaire. If you have already added the QR code to your Smoking Cessation Housekeeping materials, please disregard this message.

The purpose of this questionnaire is to gather insight into patients’ experiences so we can identify opportunities to enhance and improve the delivery of the Stop Smoking Service.

Please find attached the printable questionnaire and QR code. An email containing all relevant information has also been sent out to you.

## PSD Scotland Pharmacy Update – April 2026

[Click here](#) to view the April 2026 PSD Scotland Pharmacy Update. This issue includes:

- Shaping the Future of Health and Care – Public Services Delivery Scotland (PSD Scotland)
- National Workforce and Education Conference 2026
- National Coordination of Experiential Learning 2026-27
- New NHS Pharmacy First Scotland PGDs
- Herbal Medicines and Dietary Supplements: New Combined Resource

## Save the Date: Training Sessions

<p><b>National Workforce and Education Conference 2026</b></p>	<p>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026</p>	<p>Registration is now open for the National Workforce and Education Conference 2026, taking place online on Thursday 23 and Friday 24 April 2026. Building on the success of last year’s event, this year’s theme “Collaborate. Innovate. Transform: Delivering change towards improving health, social care and other public services in Scotland” sets the tone for two days of shared learning and forward-thinking practice.</p> <p><a href="#">National Workforce and Education Conference 2026 - Collaborate. In</a></p>
<p><b>Introduction to Sexual Health Course</b></p>	<p>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026 from 9am - 12pm on MS Teams.</p>	<p>Please find the attached flyer to register for the upcoming Introduction to Sexual Health course. Any enquires should be directed to: <a href="mailto:gram.srhtraining@nhs.scot">gram.srhtraining@nhs.scot</a>.</p>

## Community Pharmacy Scotland Round-Up



03/04/2026 • Emma Ramsay

### Part 7 Update - April 2026

The updated Part 7 of the Scottish Drug Tariff for April 2026 is now available, including two new Apremilast additions.



02/04/2026 • Adam Osprey

### Scotland's First Minister & Cabinet Secretary for Health Visit Community Pharmacy

On Wednesday Matt and Adam supported a pharmacy visit for John Swinney MSP and Neil Gray MSP, hosted by the wonderful team at CarePoint Pharmacy in Calderbank.



02/04/2026 • Graham Le Tissier

### The CPS Snapshot - 30.03.26

Welcome to the **CPS Snapshot**, a new weekly update designed to keep our members informed about the work Community Pharmacy Scotland is doing on your behalf.



02/04/2026 • Robbie Collins

### We Need Your Feedback - Communications Survey 2026

Have your say

## The Happy Place 😊

World Health Day 2026, observed today, 7 April, calls on people everywhere to stand with science. Under the theme “Together for health. Stand with science”, this year’s observance launches a year-long campaign celebrating the power of scientific collaboration to protect the health of people, animals, plants, and the planet. The campaign spotlights both scientific achievements and the multilateral cooperation needed to turn evidence into action – through a strong focus on the One Health approach.

We remind you all to remain evidence based, use reliable sources of information and have regular check-ins on your own health!



[World Health Day 2026: Together for health. Stand with science](#)

***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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