

# Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



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## Denosumab 60mg Injection – Stoboclo Supplies

Denosumab 60mg injection is a 6 monthly injection licensed and used for the treatment of osteoporosis in those at increased risk of fractures. Prolia® is the originator product, biosimilar denosumab 60mg products are now available, these represent a significant cost saving opportunity for NHS Grampian.

The preferred biosimilar for NHS Grampian is Stoboclo®. GP Practices are now reviewing patients and have been advised to switch to Stoboclo® - as a biosimilar this is required to be prescribed by brand.

**Stoboclo® is manufactured by Celltrion, and should be available via AAH. Please note this has just recently been put into stock with AAH so please continue to check if currently showing is out of stock.**

## NHS Grampian: Good Prescribing Guide

Please find linked below the recently updated NHS Grampian Good Prescribing Guide. This document is intended for use as an information/guidance document to support with general prescribing principles as well as a reference source when prescribing queries are raised.

### [Good Prescribing Guide: Primary Care](#)

## NHS Grampian Locum Pack Update 2026-27

Please find a link below to the 2026-27 Locum pack. This pack is a reference guide for community pharmacists currently working or considering working as a locum community pharmacist in NHS Grampian and contains details of:

- Community Pharmacy Services
- Community Pharmacy PGDs
- Essential Forms and Documentation
- Useful Websites and Contact Details

If you feel there is any key information that should be added to this pack please contact the Pharmaceutical Care Services Team: [gram.pharmaceuticalcareservices@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.pharmaceuticalcareservices@nhs.scot).

### [NHS Grampian Locum Pack 2026-27 – NHS Grampian](#)

## Launch of Pharmaceutical Care Services Star Award Programme

Please be reminded that NHS Grampian Pharmaceutical Care Services (PCS) recently launched a new **Star Award Programme** to recognise the outstanding contributions of community pharmacy teams across Grampian.

The programme is open to pharmacy staff, with nominations submitted via Microsoft Forms. Awards will celebrate excellence in areas such as patient care, teamwork, community outreach, and going above and beyond expected duties. Successful nominees will be featured in the PCS Weekly Update and on social media, and will receive a certificate of recognition.

At this stage, **nominators can only be accepted by community pharmacy colleagues and NHS Grampian staff**. However following a short pilot period, consideration will be given to open this to allow nominations from members of the public. This will be supported by promotion through social media channels.

If you would like to nominate someone for an award, please complete the Microsoft Form via the link below:

[Star Award Nominations for Community Pharmacy Staff – Fill in form](#)

## Smoking Cessation Update

### Test of Change around Missed Submissions

As stated in previous newsletters, missed submissions at 4-weeks are unusually high in Grampian, sitting at 27.4% in the most recent data. We are always looking at ways to improve data collection and make systems easier for you in such a busy working environment.

It has been suggested that receiving an email alerting you that submissions are due would be a useful addition as it is likely that email messages are checked within the pharmacy daily but PCR may not. We are looking to trial this over the summer and welcome any thoughts and ideas around this.

**Please share your views with your relevant PH Practitioner by the end of June 2026:**

[suzanne.cowie@nhs.scot](mailto:suzanne.cowie@nhs.scot) – Aberdeen City and South

[denise.stirling@nhs.scot](mailto:denise.stirling@nhs.scot) – Moray and North

### Patient Feedback Questionnaire – Pharmacy Stop Smoking Service

We are extending the timeline regarding the request 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.

## Survey of Paediatric Burn Management by Community Pharmacists

Community Pharmacists are often consulted by parents and carers of children for minor burns. This national survey, led by the University of Manchester, aims to better understand the current experiences, confidence levels, and perceived educational needs of community pharmacists in the assessment and management of burn injuries in children.

Survey link: [Qualtrics Survey | Qualtrics Experience Management](#)

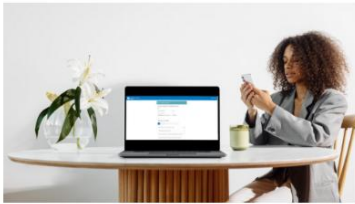
The findings from this survey will support future **training, guidance and service development** relevant to community pharmacy and paediatric urgent care.

## FAST Education Training Sessions

Please find the attached FAST Education training dates. These 30 minute training sessions, run by Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland, aim to improve stroke recognition through improving understanding of the FAST tool.

To sign up, please find the attached registration form: [Registration Form - FAST Education](#).

## Community Pharmacy Scotland Round-Up



15/06/2025 • 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.



11/06/2025 • Robbie Collins

### Negotiations & Political Engagement Update | June 2026

Chief Executive Matt Barclay from Community Pharmacy Scotland (CPS) shares a brief update for the community pharmacy network covering two key areas: the current state of negotiations with the Scottish Government and the political landscape following the Scottish Parliament election.



11/06/2025 • Graham Le Tissier

### Pharmacist Support Trustee & Ambassador Roles

Pharmacist Support is recruiting Trustees and Charity Ambassadors across Great Britain. Volunteer roles open to pharmacy professionals and lay applicants.



11/06/2025 • Robbie Collins

### Look Out for Ticks - Lyme Disease Awareness Campaign

Our colleague at the Scottish Government have asked us to promote their latest Healthier Scotland campaign around Lyme Disease.

## The Happy Place 😊

Pictured below are Webster's Pharmacy Peterhead and Charles Michie Stonehaven, who were celebrating Scotland's first match in the World Cup on Saturday. What a brilliant result, remember to share your pictures with us if your pharmacy is also celebrating during the World Cup!



***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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