

Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



Contents

01: Service Wide Aberdeen Walk-In Centre

02: PHS Alert – Vector-Borne Disease in the UK and Europe: Risk Ahead of Summer 2026

03: Public Protection Resources

04: Launch of Pharmaceutical Care Services Star Award Programme

05: Smoking Cessation Update: Test of Change around Missed Submissions, Patient Feedback Questionnaire

06: Community Pharmacy Scotland Round-Up

07: The Happy Place ☺

Service Wide Aberdeen Walk-In Centre

Please find attached the Aberdeen Walk-In Centre communication which opened today at the Health Village, 23rd June 2026, on a phased basis.

Opening hours and operational detail are available to view on the [NHS Grampian website](#) – these arrangements will be kept under review as the service develops.

PHS Alert - Vector-Borne Disease in the UK and Europe: Risk Ahead of Summer 2026

Please find attached PHS Health Protection Alert regarding vector-borne disease in the UK and Europe and the risk ahead of Summer 2026. The alert highlights the risk from vector-borne infections both in the UK and abroad and provides recommendations for HPTs, clinicians, laboratories and local authorities.

Public Protection Resources

Please see attached the final pdf versions for the simplified child and adult protection 'e-cards'. These are also available on the Public Protection Resources section of the Community Pharmacy website: [Public Protection Resources – 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 – Aberdeen City and South

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.

Community Pharmacy Scotland Round-Up



18/06/2026 • Graham Le Tissier

PVG Applications: Avoid Delays with CPS

Applying for a PVG through CPS? Avoid delays by checking payment, employer details and documents before submitting your application.



18/06/2026 • Graham Le Tissier

CPS Charity Golf Day 2026 Sponsorship Update

Final sponsorship spot available for CPS Golf Day 2026. Enter a team or support Blood Bikes Scotland via the new JustGiving page.



18/06/2026 • Graham Le Tissier

Shortage Reporter Feedback Survey Update

Update on the Shortage Reporter following pharmacy feedback, including planned improvements to simplify reporting and reduce workload.



17/06/2026 • Robbie Collins

Sir David Jack Hub Launch - University of Strathclyde

Our colleagues at University of Strathclyde in association with Numark have asked CPS to promote the launch of the **Sir David Jack Hub** on **Wednesday 7 October at 5pm**.

The Happy Place 😊

This week we are delighted to share that Paul at Charles Michie Stonehaven was nominated by patients for a Community Award due to his dedication to his community. Very well done Paul, pictured here with some of his wonderful team! ★



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](#).
Remember to like our Facebook page for regular updates: [Community Pharmacy Grampian – NHSG](#)*