

Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



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Pharmacy First Plus – Sign-Up Process

Independent Prescribers are requested to contact gram.pharmaceuticalcareservices@nhs.scot to receive the required paperwork for completion to get set up to provide the Pharmacy First Plus service in NHS Grampian.

Independent Prescribers are not permitted to provide the Pharmacy First Plus service until all paperwork has been approved by NHS Grampian, and individuals have received their own pad which can take approximately 6-8 weeks to arrive. **Independent Prescribers must only use their own pad.**

National Primary Care Chronic Pain Toolkit

Please find attached the Board letter relating to the Guidance for National Primary Care Chronic Pain Toolkit from the Centre for Sustainable Delivery (CfSD).

Area Pharmaceutical Committee (APC) Membership Opportunity: September 2026 – July 2029

Please be reminded that applications are open until **noon on Friday 14th August 2026** for membership of the Area Pharmaceutical Committee (APC) for the period September 2026 to July 2029, with the first meeting scheduled for **Tuesday 1st September 2026**.

The APC provides professional and clinical advice to NHS Grampian and the Grampian Integration Joint Boards on matters relating to pharmaceutical care, patient care, service development, workforce planning, and healthcare improvement.

We are particularly keen to hear from Contractors and Contractor Employees, who are currently underrepresented on the committee. This is an excellent opportunity to influence the future direction of pharmacy services across Grampian and ensure the views of community pharmacy are represented.

Further information can be found in the attached membership documentation.

Smoking Cessation Update Smoking Cessation Data Success!

Last week, we shared the latest Smoking Cessation Service data for January to March 2026 and advised that you would begin receiving weekly email reminders highlighting outstanding 4-week submissions. These reminders are designed to help improve reporting, so please keep an eye out for these important emails at the beginning of each week.

This week, we're delighted to recognise our top performers for Quarter 4. These pharmacies achieved high numbers of sign-ups, had no missed submissions, and recorded impressive quit rates. For context, the national average quit rate for Scottish pharmacies is **21.9%**.

- **Wills Chemist, Inverurie** (*GOLD Award Holder*): 14 sign-ups, 8 successful quits (**57%**)
- **Dickies Summerhill Pharmacy** (*GOLD Award Holder*): 14 sign-ups, 7 successful quits (**50%**)
- **Morrisons Pharmacy**: 8 sign-ups and 4 successful quits (**50%**)
- **Buckpool Pharmacy** (*Pending GOLD Award Holder*): 18 sign-ups, 7 successful quits (**39%**)
- **Davidsons, Aboyne**: 10 sign-ups, 4 successful quits (**40%**)

A special congratulations goes to **Davidsons Pharmacies**, who collectively achieved **zero missed submissions** from 29 sign-ups and an outstanding **35.5% quit rate**. Fantastic work from the team!

We would also like to recognise our **22 current GOLD Award Holders**, three of whom feature in our top four performers this quarter. Together, they accounted for an impressive **27% of all sign-ups**, maintained **fewer than 15% missed submissions**, and achieved a collective **30% quit rate**.

Thank you all for your continued commitment and dedication to supporting people to quit smoking. Keep up the excellent work!

Save the Date: Training Sessions

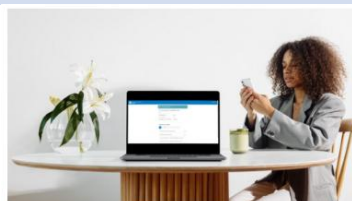
FAST Education, Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland	Various training sessions throughout August and September 2026.	This training, run by Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland, is aiming to improve stroke recognition through improving understanding of the FAST tool. To sign up, please find the attached registration form: Registration Form - FAST Education .
Every Conversation Counts: Supporting Vaccine Decisions in Pregnancy	Tuesday 25 th August 2026, 2.30pm – 4.00pm.	This webinar is aimed at healthcare professionals who may have conversations with pregnant women about vaccination. Further information, including the full programme and registration details, can be accessed via the TURAS Learning Events page: Learning Event - Every Conversation Counts: Supporting Vaccine Decisions in Pregnancy
Non-Medical Prescribing Conference – September 2026	Various bookable sessions on Tuesday 22 nd and Wednesday 23 rd September 2026.	Please find the attached programme, take a look as there are a wide variety of topics on offer. Booking closes at noon on Thursday 17th September 2026 . MS Teams joining links for each individual session will be emailed to those who are booked on approximately 24 hours prior to the session, so please keep an eye on your emails!

PSD Scotland Pharmacy Update – August 2026

Please [click here](#) to view the August PSD Scotland Pharmacy Update. This issue includes:

- The Post-Registration Programme for Pharmacists (Scotland) (new programme from 01 August 2026)
- Coming soon - Community Pharmacy Workforce Survey 2026
- National Survey: Clinical Supervision in Pharmacy Practice
- Scotland Partnership Advancing Research Careers for Clinicians (SPARCC) Awards
- Coming Soon: Pharmacy Simulation Scenario Library

Community Pharmacy Scotland Round-Up



03/08/2026 • Robbie Collins

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.



01/08/2026 • Emma Ramage

August 2026 Part 7 Publishing

An update on August 2026 Part 7 publishing timelines following early finalisation of February adjusted prices. Key dates explained.



30/07/2026 • Shaun Cowan

Prescription Collection Dates July-December 2026

Download the prescription collection dates for July to December 2026 and find guidance on courier collections, bags and support.



30/07/2026 • Graham Le Tissier

CPS Charity Golf Day 2026: Five Weeks To Go

Five weeks to go until the CPS Charity Golf Day 2026. Enter a team, sponsor the event, donate a raffle prize or support Blood Bikes Scotland.

The Happy Place ☺

Huge congratulations to Michelle Frazier, who is the third community pharmacist in Scotland to achieve Advanced Credentialing from the Royal College of Pharmacy. This is a fantastic achievement, that recognises Michelle's commitment to advancing community pharmacy practice.

The Royal College of Pharmacy Advanced Credentialing framework is a formal process that recognises pharmacists who are practising at an advanced level. It involves demonstrating, through a portfolio and assessment, that you have the knowledge, skills, behaviours and professional judgement expected of an advanced practitioner across areas such as clinical practice, leadership, education and service development. Achieving Advanced Credentialing provides independent recognition of your expertise and capability, supporting career progression and giving employers and patients confidence in the quality and safety of your practice.

Well done Michelle!!



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.

*If you would like to nominate a colleague for a **Pharmaceutical Care Services Staff Recognition and Thanks (STAR) Award** please see our Microsoft Form submission form here: [Star Award Nominations for Community Pharmacy Staff – Fill in form](#)*

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