

Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



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Joint Statement – Walk-in GP Centres

Please find attached the joint statement developed by the Royal College of General Practitioners Scotland, the Royal College of Pharmacy Scotland and the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy Scotland to set out shared views about the Scottish Government's ongoing pilot of walk-in GP Centres.

Smoking Cessation Update

PCR Email Reminders for Smoking 4-Week Submissions

Please remember that you will receive an email reminder at the beginning of the week if you have an outstanding 4-week smoking submission due that week.

These reminders are intended to support good housekeeping and should not replace regular checks of your PCR. Please continue to check your PCR regularly for any pending submissions.

Please note that reminders will only be sent for 4-week submissions. We will not issue alerts for 12-week submissions.

If you do not receive a reminder email, this means that you either have no 4-week submissions due or have already completed them.

Thank you for your continued support in improving Grampian's high 4-week submission rates.

Ketamine Campaign Materials

Please be reminded that NHS Grampian ketamine awareness posters are now available to order via the [Resources site](#). Search 'ketamine' to find download and print versions.

These posters are free to order/download. Printed versions can either be collected from Summerfield House or delivered to an NHS premises via internal mail.

A maximum of 10 posters can be ordered at a time. If you would like more than 10, please contact the Resources team: gram.resources@nhs.scot.

More information including the videos for sharing is here: [Ketamine Resources for Staff – Hi-Net Grampian](#).

Training Sessions – September 2026

PSD Infant Feeding Lunch & Learn Webinar – The Thrush Myth: What Really Causes Breastfeeding Pain?	Thursday 3 rd September 2026, 13:00 – 14:00 on MS Teams	Register now for further information and to obtain the joining link:
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		WCYPF Infant Feeding - The Thrush Myth: What Really Causes Breastfeeding Pain?
Non-Medical Prescribing Conference	Various bookable sessions on Tuesday 22 nd and Wednesday 23 rd September 2026.	Please find the attached programme. Booking for all sessions close at noon on Thursday 17 th September 2026. Non-Medical Prescribing '26 Conference Programme Final
HIS Alcohol & Drugs Programme Launch Webinar	Tuesday 22 nd September 2026, 11:00 - 12:00.	Building on Healthcare Improvement Scotland's prior work within alcohol and drugs, this webinar will set out detail of HIS' programme of work for 2026-27 onwards. Register here .
Injecting Equipment Provision and BBV Prevention facilitated by Lynn Couper (Falkirk Health and Social Care Partnership)	Tuesday 29 th September 2026, 12:00 – 13:00.	This online session will examine the role of Injecting Equipment Provision (IEP) as a key harm reduction intervention for preventing blood borne viruses (BBVs). Register here .

Community Pharmacy Scotland Round-Up



27/08/2026 • Graham Le Tissier

One Week To Go: Support Blood Bikes Scotland

One week until the CPS Charity Golf Day. Help us raise more for Blood Bikes Scotland through raffle prizes and donations.



27/08/2026 • Community Pharmacy Scotland

Digital PVG Applications for Pharmacy Teams

Pharmacy teams should use the CPS online PVG application process and securely destroy any outdated paper PVG forms.



27/08/2026 • Community Pharmacy Scotland

Avoiding Prescription Courier Collection Issues

Practical guidance to help pharmacy teams avoid courier collection issues and ensure prescription bags are collected correctly.



27/08/2026 • Scottish Government

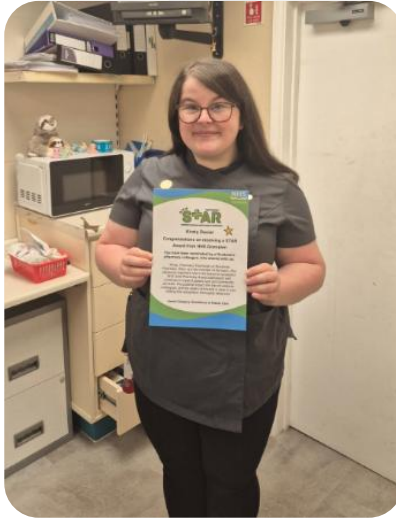
PCA(P)(2026)13 - Prescription Form Changes for Non-Medical Prescribers

Scottish Government updates prescription stationery arrangements for non-medical prescribers using GP IT systems from August 2026.

The Happy Place 😊

Huge congratulations to Kirsty Daniel, Pharmacy Technician at Rowlands Pharmacy Ellon, on receiving a Pharmaceutical Care Services Staff Recognition and Thanks (STAR) Award! Thank you for your continued dedication to community pharmacy and patient care.

Kirsty has been nominated in recognition of the important role in the branch's successful NHS Gold Pharmacy Award submission and excellence in patient care. The positive impact she has on patients, colleagues, and the wider community is clear to see, making this recognition thoroughly deserved!



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](#)*

*All weekly updates are uploaded to the [CP Grampian website](#).
Remember to like our Facebook page for regular updates: [Community Pharmacy Grampian – NHSG](#)*