

Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



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Guidance for Special Formulation and Unlicensed Products in Primary Care by Pharmacists Working Within NHS Grampian, V5

Please find attached the **Guidance For Special Formulation And Unlicensed Products In Primary Care By Pharmacists Working Within NHS Grampian, Version 5** and the **NHS Grampian Specials List June 2026** for pre-authorised specials, which are also available to view on the community pharmacy website [here](#).

NHS Pharmacy First Approved List: September 2026 Update

The approved list of products for the NHS Pharmacy First Scotland Service was updated on 1st September 2026. More information here: [NHS Pharmacy First Approved List Updated | Community Pharmacy Scotland](#).

SHAPE Network Update – IMPORTANT

All GOLD award holders looking to revalidate before the end of March 2027 must return an acknowledgement of their 6 month self-assessment, using the 2027 criteria, before the end of the month.

All details have been shared in the SHAPE Network monthly newsletters.

Public Health Update

Sexual Health Update for Pharmacy Staff

All pharmacy staff are invited to attend a 1-hour online webinar on Thursday 24th September, from 7.00pm to 8.00pm. This session will provide the latest updates and practical guidance on many aspects of sexual health within the pharmacy setting.

Pharmacies that are part of the SHAPE Network, as well as those working towards or awaiting a GOLD Award, are strongly encouraged to attend. Please see the attached poster for details and meeting link.

Recovery Month – Behind Closed Doors

During Recovery Month this September, May Riddell Therapies is hosting Behind Closed Doors - a free online event sharing one mother's lived experience of a 30-year battle with addiction while raising her children, and how recovery became the beginning of rebuilding her life. The evening is led by May Riddell, Founder of May Riddell Therapies, who has now been living in recovery for over 17 years. Drawing on both her own lived experience and many years of frontline recovery work, May offers an honest, compassionate and thought-provoking insight into the realities of addiction, motherhood and recovery through her own story. [Book your free place here](#).

Save the Date: Training Sessions

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.
Sexual Health Update for Pharmacy Staff	Thursday 24 th September 2026, 19:00 – 20:00.	This session will provide the latest updates and practical guidance on many aspects of sexual health within the pharmacy setting. Please see the attached poster for details and meeting link.
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.
Introduction to Sexual Health Course	Friday 30 th October 2026, 9:00 – 12:00 on MS Teams.	Please find the attached flyer for more information and to book your place.

PSD Scotland Pharmacy Update – September 2026

Please [click here](#) to view the September PSD Scotland Pharmacy Update.

Community Pharmacy Scotland Round-Up



07/09/2026 • Robbie Collins

Medicines Care and Review (MCR) Ready Reckoner



03/09/2026 • Adam Osprey

CPS Snapshot - 3rd September 2026



03/09/2026 • Robbie Collins

Charity Golf Day - Blood Bikes Scotland



03/09/2026 • Adam Osprey

Digital Prescribing and Dispensing Pathways Newsletter



We have received some wonderful nominations recently for our **Community Pharmacy Thanks and Recognition Scheme** from both pharmacy staff and patients. These will soon be making their way to our well-deserved recipients.

It is fantastic to have this scheme in place to recognise and celebrate the dedication, compassion and professionalism demonstrated by community pharmacy teams every day. The valuable contribution that pharmacy staff make to patient care and their local communities deserves to be acknowledged, and we are delighted to be able to highlight and recognise these achievements.

*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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