

Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



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National Patient Safety Alert Letter – Discontinuation of Levemir

Please find the attached National Patient Safety Alert letter 2026/006/DHSC regarding the anticipated discontinuation of Levemir® at the end of December 2026.

VMT – How to Request a Batch Number is added to VMT

To request a vaccine batch number to be added to VMT, the helpdesk requires two photos of the vaccine packaging:

- One photo shows the front of the packaging with full name
- The second photo shows the EXP - Lot - PC - SN sticker / details

Please send the photos to contact.digital@nes.scot.nhs.uk (please also copy in gram.VaccineEnquiries@nhs.scot) to request the vaccine is added.

Smoking Cessation Update

Feedback Form for Pharmacies Experiencing Issues around Smoking Cessation Services

The Smoking Cessation Service is a National service and so change needs to be initiated by Community Pharmacy Scotland (CPS). This feedback form is to gather information from pharmacies in Grampian around any issues and difficulties with the current service in order to feedback to CPS.

There are only 4 short questions and will take anything from 2 – 5 minutes.

[Feedback Form for Pharmacies Experiencing Issues Around Smoking Cessation Services – Fill in form](#)

Stoptober

You should all be in full swing promoting your smoking services, please keep it going all month. You'll find lots of different posters and information on our own [Facebook](#) page over the month which you can adapt to suit your own service.

We'd love to see pictures of your displays, ideally with you in them! Send to gram.pharmaceuticalcareservices@nhs.scot.

Public Health Update

Sexual Health Webinar Recording

For anyone who's interested, the recent Sexual Health learning evening webinar is available to watch here: [NHS Grampian Sexual Health Webinar - September 2026 - YouTube](#). If you have any feedback or ideas you'd like around the topic for future learning, please contact: suzanne.cowie@nhs.scot.

Save the Date: Training Sessions

Injecting Equipment Provision and BBV Prevention facilitated by Lynn Couper (Falkirk Health and Social Care Partnership)	<i>Please note new rescheduled date:</i> Tuesday 20 th October 12:00 – 13:00 on MS Teams.	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.

Community Pharmacy Scotland Round-Up



05/10/2026 Gordon Winter

Procedure for Dispensing Private Prescriptions for Controlled Drugs

Our colleagues at the GPHC Inspectorate have asked us to pass on a friendly reminder as to the procedures required for Community Pharmacies to appropriately deal with Private Prescriptions for Controlled Drugs.



05/10/2026 Gordon Winter

Teach & Treat Hubs for Independent Prescribers

If you have completed your Community Pharmacy Independent Prescribing Training on the Community Pharmacy Scotland (CPS) / PSD Scotland (formerly NES) Programme, a Teach & Treat (T&T) session at one of the hubs is included as part of your programme.



05/10/2026 Scottish Government

PCA(p)(2026)18 – SSPs for Estradot® and Creon® Extended

Serious Shortage Protocols for selected Estradot® patches and Creon® capsules have been extended until 8th January 2027.



05/10/2026 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.

The Happy Place ☺

A huge special thanks to Carole at Charles Michie Laurencekirk, who is retiring from after a remarkable 50 years of service! The staff said: *"For five decades, Carole has been a dedicated and much-loved member of the team, giving her time, knowledge and care to generations of customers. What an amazing contribution to the pharmacy and the community."* We agree and want to join the Laurencekirk community in thanking you for your service and wish you a wonderful retirement!



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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