

Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



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Anchored Together Aberdeenshire Family Support

Anchored Together Aberdeenshire Family Support provides a safe and supportive space for families and friends affected by addiction, offering peer support, practical guidance and opportunities to connect with others facing similar challenges. The group meets every Thursday from 7:00pm to 8:30pm at Westhill Community Church, with additional support available for those unable to attend in person. More information is available here: [Anchored Together Aberdeenshire Family Support](#).

Reminder: 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

Government Poster Campaign

The next government poster campaign is “Be the Early Bird”. Please look out for the posters arriving for display at your pharmacy, which are being distributed this week.

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



12/10/2026 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.



08/10/2026 Sarah Staddon

In the Media: Community Pharmacy's Voice on Winter Health

Today, I represented Community Pharmacy Scotland on **BBC Scotland television** and **BBC Radio Scotland**, discussing the availability of private flu vaccinations in community pharmacy and how people can prepare for winter.



08/10/2026 Gordon Winter

CPS Monthly Planner & Reminder

Check out our Monthly Planner: key dates, deadlines and events for community pharmacy in Scotland, all in one place and updated throughout the month.



08/10/2026 Sarah Staddon

Share Your Experience as a Newly Qualified Independent Prescriber

Newly qualified Pharmacist Independent Prescribers are invited to share their experiences as part of a University of Strathclyde study.

The Happy Place 😊

Pictured below are Dickies Summerhill, Kingswells, Moir Green and Dyce who turned pink to raise awareness of breast cancer and early detection by self-examination. Well done to Dickies for great campaigning during breast cancer awareness month. 🌟



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.

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*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](#)*