

General Practice & Mental Health Teaching Centre – Pharmacy Brief

Who We Are

The General Practice & Mental Health Teaching Centre is a joint University of Aberdeen and NHS Grampian initiative based in the Health Sciences Building at Foresterhill.

From 24 August 2026, the Centre will provide supervised clinical learning for final-year medical students through consultations with real patients.

Why the Centre Has Been Established

The Centre provides additional placement capacity in General Practice and Psychiatry while ensuring students continue to gain direct patient experience under appropriate clinical supervision.

What We Do

Patients attend through agreed General Practice and Psychiatry referral pathways. The Centre is not a walk-in service, and patient participation is entirely voluntary.

Students undertake the initial consultation under the supervision of GP tutors and consultant psychiatrists. The supervising clinician reviews the patient, authorises all clinical decisions and retains responsibility for the care provided during the Teaching Centre consultation.

Consultations are recorded within NHS Grampian clinical systems. Relevant clinical information and follow-up actions are communicated to the patient's registered GP practice or responsible clinical team.

What We Don't Do

- We are not a GP practice or independent clinical service;
- We do not provide routine or ongoing patient care; and
- We do not replace the patient's registered GP practice or existing clinical team.

Prescribing and Service Queries

Where medication is prescribed, this is authorised by the supervising clinician and issued through the Teaching Centre's agreed NHS Grampian prescribing arrangements.

The Teaching Centre will appear as ***'GP and Mental Health Teaching Centre'***

Queries relating to a prescription or clinical decision made during a Teaching Centre consultation should be directed to the Teaching Centre in the first instance, rather than to the patient's registered GP practice.

As part of our launch we are creating handwritten scripts with the appropriate codes – this is intended to be a very short term approach until IT systems are able.

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