

## Community Pharmacy NHS Lanarkshire 26<sup>th</sup> January Update

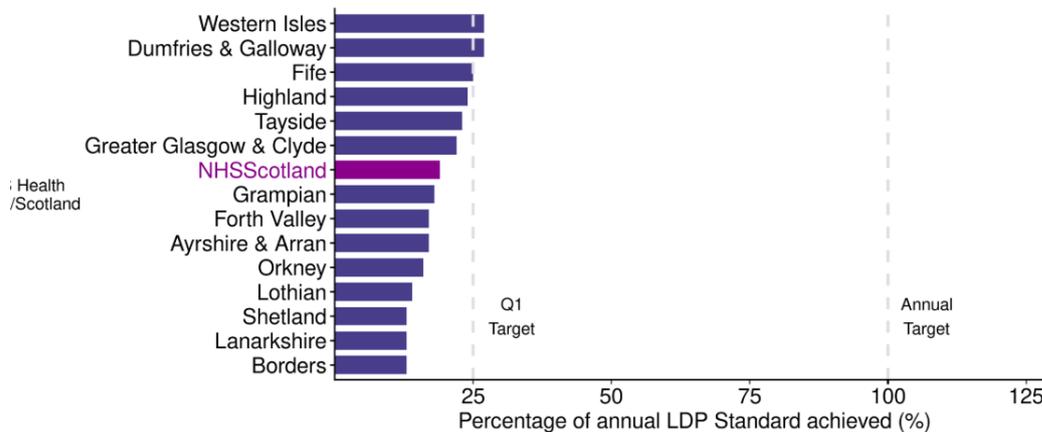
**Are you aware of the service fee change(s)?** Community Pharmacy Lanarkshire have successfully negotiated a 4% uplift on a number of the local services. For up to date claim forms please see: [Claims Forms – NHS Lanarkshire](#) Please note an interim MAR fee of £10 has been agreed and this was backdated to October 25. This will be reflected in January's payment schedule.

**Do you know how to action drugs above the Drug Tariff?** Please be reminded that the Community Pharmacy Scotland shortage process should be followed for all items that are in shortage and/or above Drug Tariff. The Area Pharmaceutical Committee letter from September 2025, Drugs above Drug Tariff, has been attached for recirculation, please ensure all pharmacy teams are aware.

**Have you booked onto the next Community Pharmacy lunch and learn session?** Following feedback from the success of the Lunch & Learn sessions that were previously held by Lauren, we have decided to re-launch these sessions. We aim to run a 30-40min lunch and learn sessions once a month which are available to all members of the pharmacy team. A recording can be made available by those who request / can't attend. Sessions will not run if there are less than 10 participants booked onto the session. With an aim of working together better this year, you will see our first Lunch & Learn is on the role of the primary care pharmacist and the pharmacotherapy hub. Pharmacotherapy hubs play a huge role in reviewing patients medicines and implementing changes and so it is key we have good communication! You will probably also remember that it was the pharmacotherapy hubs that agreed with Community Pharmacy to implement change forms. Now that these forms have been up and running for several months, it's a great session to feedback on the forms. You can keep a track of upcoming Lunch & Learn sessions as well as bookings on the Community Pharmacy Lanarkshire webpage: [Lunch & Learn – NHS Lanarkshire](#)

**Have you submitted your NRT PCR data?** Please ensure any NRT records are up to date, PCR data pending needs to be submitted by the 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026. Please remember PCR data triggers your service fees and counts towards the Scottish Government LDP target. At the end of Q1 25/26 Lanarkshire sat significantly below the Scottish target and was one of the lowest performing health boards.

## Scotland and NHS board performance against the LDP standard at end of Quarter 1 2025/26



**Reminder, OOHs Douglas Street is not a walk in service!** There were a few reports of Community Pharmacies sign posting patients to the OOHs Douglas Street centre over the festive period. Please remember this is not a walk in service. Community Pharmacies should contact the Professional – Professional line for these patients.

**Do you know where to signpost parents who have any concerns about their childhood vaccination schedule error?** There has been a delay and the inclusion of inaccurate information in letters about routine childhood vaccination appointments. This followed changes to the childhood vaccination schedule introduced on 1 January 2026, including the introduction of the measles, mumps, rubella and varicella (MMRV) vaccine at 12 months and a new vaccination appointment at 18 months. Please signpost any concerned parents to the [NSS webpage](#) and/or helpline 0345 034 2460

**Do you know where to signpost patients to their nearest sharps returns?** Don't forget Community Pharmacies should not be taking in patient sharp returns. An up to date list of sites across Lanarkshire can be found here: [Waste – NHS Lanarkshire](#)

**Are you an independent prescriber or thinking of undertaking an IP course?** Please see attached January newsletters which covers the month of Augusts IP prescribing including a summary of the revised PF+ PCA. If you would like to be added to the boards IP waiting list please get in touch.

**NaBoxOne cabinets have come to North Lanarkshire!** Naloxone is a life-saving opioid antagonist medication used to reverse the life-threatening effects of an opioid overdose, such as respiratory depression (slowed Or stopped breathing). North Lanarkshire Alcohol & Drug Partnership (NLADP) is committed to reducing harm caused by substance use in our communities, by providing a new and novel approach in responding to opiate based overdoses. [NaBoxOne cabinets](#), which are now located across North Lanarkshire, have been designed to give control and safety back to the community, by allowing anyone access to life-saving Naloxone when they need it most. By empowering individuals to

support their fellow citizens, it contributes to the normalising of helping people at risk of an overdose and to foster a more inclusive and understanding society. The cabinets are painted in bright 'Naloxone yellow', locked with a pin-code to store Naloxone for controlled access, similar to defibrillator equipment boxes located in the community.

To use the cabinet and gain access to Naloxone, members of the public should call the number on the box where they will be given instructions to open the box and administer Naloxone by a nasal spray. Three areas in North Lanarkshire now have a cabinet in place. These are as follows:

- North Lanarkshire Council Housing, 208 Watson Street, Motherwell, ML11YR
- Buchanan Centre, 126 Main St, Coatbridge, ML5 3BJ
- Houldsworth Centre, Kenilworth Avenue, Wishaw, ML2 7LP

Turning Point Scotland will monitor and maintain the cabinets. It is hoped that by having the cabinets visible, it will lead to more accessible Naloxone available in the community as a positive message focusing on saving lives and reducing stigma. For more information, visit [www.northlanadp.org](http://www.northlanadp.org)

**Have you seen the Prescribing notes newsletter for January?** Attached newsletter covers a change in Semaglutide formulation, Community Pharmacy Palliative sites that hold Clonazepam as well as formulary updates including Discontinuation notification added for Levemir® insulin

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**Are you referring to the most up to date Pharmacy First Approved list?** Please see attached PF Approved list, updated January 2026.

**Bagged and Checked Supervision Changes Now Live!** From the **7th of January 2026**, pharmacists will be able to authorise - when absent or treated as absent - the handing out of checked and bagged prescriptions. Click on the hyperlink for more information; [Bagged & Checked Supervision Changes Now Live | Community Pharmacy Scotland](#)

**Do you want to have an informal chat/catch up with the Community Pharmacy Lead?** Thank you to all of the Pharmacy Teams in the Airdrie, Bellshill, Camglen and Clydesdale localities for hosting the Lead Pharmacist for Community Pharmacy services last year. If you are a pharmacy based in the Coatbridge, East Kilbride, Hamilton, Motherwell, North & Wishaw area & would like the Lead Pharmacist for Community Pharmacy Services to pop into branch and meet the team, discuss any concerns you may have as well as sight you on some up-coming 2026 projects etc. then please get in touch with [ellenjo.fowler@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:ellenjo.fowler@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk) . **These**

meetings can be as formal or informal as you wish and are extended to any area managers or contractors who may want to set up a regular 6 monthly meeting. Microsoft teams is also an option for anyone who would prefer.

**Are you looking to undertake a NES funded IP place?** CPS are currently reviewing future budgets and training capacity requirements for CPS/NES Funded Owner, Contractor and Employee CPIP Training. To do this, they need a clear picture of how many CP employees in the network have not yet completed their training. If you have not already completed a form, please do so now by following the below link and return to [enquiries@cps.scot](mailto:enquiries@cps.scot) by **Jan 26th 2026**: [Community Pharmacy Employee Pharmacists Still to Undertake IP Training Jan- 2025 | Community Pharmacy Scotland](#) If you would like to be added to the boards waiting list please contact [ellenjo.fowler@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:ellenjo.fowler@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk)

**Have you seen the Community Pharmacy Lanarkshire website updates?** There have been a number of updates to the NHSL Community Pharmacy Webpages including Pharmacy First Plus, CP newsletters, Specials, Shortages and Locums. We continue to update these pages on an ad hoc basis: [NHS Lanarkshire](#)

**Do you have a patient on Rybelsus? Are you aware of the Rybelsus formulation change/bioavailability?** The purpose of the communication is to notify healthcare professionals (HCPs) of a change in formulation of Rybelsus. Rybelsus tablets will be replaced with a new formulation with increased bioavailability, which is bioequivalent to the initial formulation. Here is the Hyperlink to the [Direct Healthcare Professional Communication](#) noted in the screenshot, and the [Patient Transition Guide](#), both produced by the manufacturer of Rybelsus. NHS Lanarkshire Formulary to be updated shortly.

A few additional points for information:

- ScriptSwitch messages will go live on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January. These will prompt an active old to new strength switch (not an information only message)
- Secondary care and diabetes specialist nurses are planning to go live with the new strengths from 19<sup>th</sup> January
- National Procurement is unable to confirm stock holding information, so there is no definite timescales for how long the old/new strengths will be in circulation.
- The NHSL formulary Rybelsus entry will be updated with similar wording

**Do you have a Clinical Portal or ECS account?** The below table outlines the number of times the ECS/Clinical Portal was accessed across Community Pharmacy Lanarkshire for the month of **December 2025**. If you would like to request an ECS (available to Pharmacy Techs, Pharmacist, Locums) or Clinical Portal (available to IPs) account please email:

[NHSLanarkshire.PharmacyFacilitation@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:NHSLanarkshire.PharmacyFacilitation@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk)

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Number of times the ECS was accessed	916
Number of Clinical Portal accounts	13
Number of times Clinical Portal was accessed	141
Number of users who didn't access Clinical Portal account	6

**The following updates have been made to the NHS Lanarkshire Joint Adult Formulary:**

**Chapter 4: Central Nervous System > Drugs used in Substance Dependence**

**[Drugs Used in Substance Dependence | Right Decisions](#)**

Information regarding supply issues with Pabrinex® updated.

**Chapter 4: Central Nervous System > Drugs Used in Parkinsonism and Related Disorders> Dopaminergic Drugs Used in Parkinson's Disease > Dopamine Precursors**

**[Dopaminergic Drugs Used in Parkinson's Disease | Right Decisions](#)**

Produodopa® added as a Specialist Use Only (S<sup>2</sup>) formulary medicine.

**Chapter 6: Endocrine System > Drugs Used in Diabetes > Insulins > Long Acting Insulins**

**[Insulins | Right Decisions](#)**

Discontinuation notification added for Levemir® insulin.

**Chapter 6: Endocrine System > Sex Hormones > Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT) for Menopausal Symptoms > Progestogen as Part of HRT**

**[Hormone Replacement Therapy \(HRT\) for Menopausal Symptoms | Right Decisions](#)**

Micronised Progesterone added and Prescribing Notes updated.

**Chapter 7: Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Urinary-Tract Disorders> Treatment of Disorders Occurring in Obstetrics and Gynaecology > Endometriosis AND Uterine Fibroids**

**[Treatment of Disorders Occurring in Obstetrics and Gynaecology | Right Decisions](#)**

Addition of Ryeqo® as a Specialist Initiation (S<sup>1</sup>) formulary medicine for both Endometriosis and Uterine Fibroids.

***Please note:***

*NHS Lanarkshire formulary, guidelines and other documents held on the Right Decisions Service (RDS) should be navigated to within the RDS website. Searching for documents via external search engines e.g. Google may inadvertently result in out-of-date documents being accessed. The Lanarkshire RDS site can be found [here](#).*

*The NHS Lanarkshire Joint Adult Formulary can be found within the [Medicines Guidance Toolkit](#) on the RDS website. Toolkits are always available for downloading via the RDS app even if the RDS website is offline. App users should make sure they have the most recent version (v4.7.1 or above) to ensure that*

*the formulary is accessible in the event of a website outage. Formulary updates will be made live on the app when accessing the toolkit with an active internet connection.*

*The Vision Formulary and Drug Dictionary shall be updated to reflect these formulary amendments. Lanarkshire practices using Vision will be notified when these updated versions are available for downloading.*