

COMMUNITY PHARMACY LANARKSHIRE

PHARMACY FIRST PLUS NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2026

Pharmacy First Plus checklist

Setting up for Pharmacy First Plus

- ✓ Notify the GPhC to update annotation on register
- ✓ Update your indemnity insurance to cover prescribing
- ✓ Apply for your Prescriber Number & IP Pad by emailing [Pharmacy Admin](#)
- ✓ Complete [Annex A](#) to commence service delivery (please note, associated service fees will start when Rx pads are collected)

Training

Within the Pharmacy First Plus service specification [PCA \(P\)\(2020\) 16](#) there are a number of training requirements for service delivery. Recent data indicates **15% of NHS Lanarkshire's CPIPs have not completed this training.**

- ✓ Day 1 – Foundations of Clinical Communication
- ✓ Day 2 – Basic Examination Skills (Part 1)
- ✓ Day 3 – Basic Examination Skills (Part 2)
- ✓ Day 4 – Application of Clinical Skills OR Teach and Treat

From 2021, as part of your funded Community Pharmacy Independent Prescribing course, a Teach and Treat session is included. [Bookings](#) can be made directly with a hub of your preference (this can be with another board if more convenient).

Security of Forms

Prescribers are responsible for their prescription pads once issued and should ensure they are securely locked away when not in use. Please refer to NSS Guidance; [Security of Prescription Forms](#). Local processes should be established if transferring pads between branches (pads cannot be transferred across healthboards). If you leave the healthboard, you must notify [Pharmacy Admin](#)

Running low on Prescription Pads?

If you are running low on GP10s and require further supplies, please notify [Pharmacy Admin](#) and an order will be processed on your behalf. We recommend requesting further supplies when you start your final prescription pad as orders can take up to 8 weeks.

Prescribing Data – August 2025

CPIP Sites

The number of **Pharmacy First Plus** sites has remained the same over the last month, with 61% of the Community Pharmacy network offering a Pharmacy First Plus service.

Locality	No. IPs	No. IP Sites	% IP Site
Airdrie	12	9	69%
Bellshill	10	7	78%
Camglen	18	12	65%
Clydesdale	12	10	63%
Coatbridge	10	6	55%
East Kilbride	10	7	50%
Hamilton	14	10	42%
Motherwell	8	8	67%
North Locality	10	9	56%
Wishaw	13	10	77%
Total	117	88	61%

Prescribing Summary

There were 1509 items prescribed by the NHS Lanarkshire CPIP network in August 25, an increase of 105 from the previous month. Approx. £3.99 was spent per patient this month in comparison to £4.15 last month.

BNF Chapter Description	Number of Paid Items	Total Cost
GASTRO-INTESTINAL SYSTEM	9	£34.24
CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM	2	£6.97
RESPIRATORY SYSTEM	65	£215.12
CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM	37	£126.75
INFECTIONS	789	£2,735.81
ENDOCRINE SYSTEM	37	£107.15
OBSTETRICS, GYNAECOLOGY AND URINARY-TRAC	7	£54.09
NUTRITION AND BLOOD	1	£3.40
MUSCULOSKELETAL AND JOINT DISEASES	32	£112.27
EYE	13	£88.22
EAR, NOSE AND OROPHARYNX	228	£986.34
SKIN	225	£1,239.21
ANAESTHESIA	1	£4.50
DRESSINGS	8	£32.14
APPLIANCES	53	£256.53
STOMA APPLIANCES	2	£17.85
Total:	1509	£6,020.59

August Prescribing Decisions

You will see a number of items 'Available on Pharmacy First' have been highlighted this month as reminder of the recent changes to the Pharmacy First/Plus service outlined in the [PCA \(P\)\(2025\) 24](#).

Advice and Referral claims will continue to have a relative weighting of 1. Where an independent prescriber has decided that it is necessary to treat a common clinical condition, they may submit an NHS Pharmacy First Plus "Supply" claim using the Universal Claim Framework (UCF) to access the newly PF+ established pot. Eligible outcomes include where prescriptions are written on NHS Board-issued IP pads for the supply of:

- **a Prescription-Only Medicine (POM)**
- **a P/GSL product which does not appear on the NHS PFS approved list**
- **a P/GSL product which does appear on the approved list but is being used out with its P or GSL license restrictions**

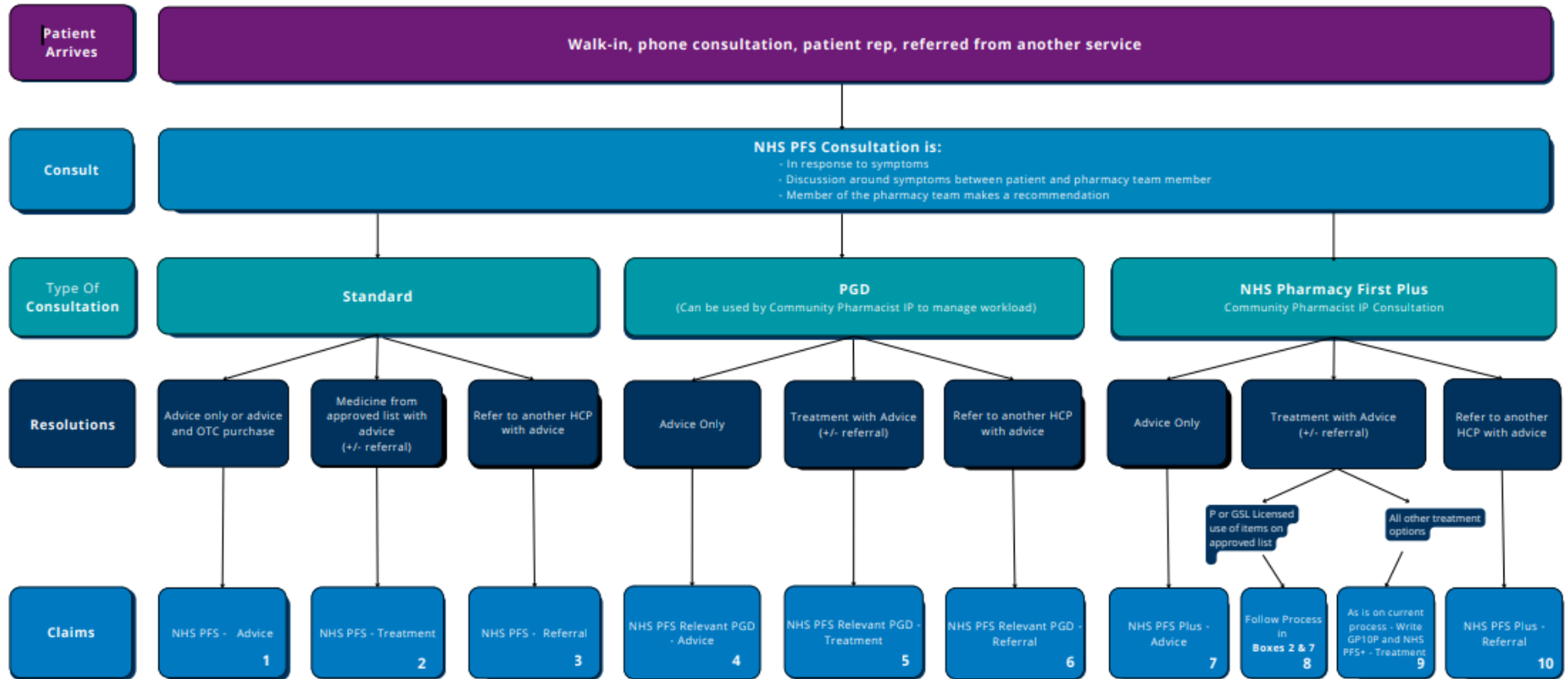
Where the only treatment provided is a licensed use of a P/GSL item that appears on the NHS PFS approved list. These items should be processed via the Standard service module, with an Advice Only claim for NFS PFS Plus also being submitted to indicate that the consultation was carried out by an IP Pharmacist

Item	Consideration
ACETIC ACID	Available on Pharmacy First
AQUEOUS CALAMINE CREAM	Available on Pharmacy First
BECLOMETASONE 50MICROGRAMS/DOSE NASAL SPRAY	Available on Pharmacy First
BENZYDAMINE 0.15% MOUTHWASH SUGAR FREE	Low Clinical Value
BENZYDAMINE 0.15% OROMUCOSAL SPRAY SUGAR FREE	Low Clinical Value
CARBOMER 0.2% EYE DROPS	Available on Pharmacy First
CETIRIZINE 10MG TABLETS	Available on Pharmacy First
CHLORAMPHENICOL 0.5% EYE DROPS	Available on Pharmacy First
CHLORHEXIDINE GLUCONATE 0.2% MOUTHWASH	Available on Pharmacy First
CHLORPHENAMINE 2MG/5ML ORAL SOLUTION	Available on Pharmacy First
CLOTRIMAZOLE 2% CREAM	Available on Pharmacy First
CLOTRIMAZOLE 500MG PESSARIES	Available on Pharmacy First
CO-CODAMOL 15MG/500MG TABLETS	CDs don't typically fall under Common Clinical Conditions
CO-CODAMOL 30MG/500MG TABLETS	CDs don't typically fall under Common Clinical Conditions
CO-CODAMOL 8MG/500MG EFFERVESCENT TABLETS	CDs don't typically fall under Common Clinical Conditions
CODEINE 15MG TABLETS	CDs don't typically fall under Common Clinical Conditions
DICLOFENAC 50MG SUPPOSITORIES	Unscheduled care should be captured via CPUS

ESTRADIOL 0.06% TRANSDERMAL GEL (750MICROGRAM PER ACTUATION)	Unscheduled care should be captured via CPUS
ESTRADIOL 10MICROGRAM PESSARIES	Unscheduled care should be captured via CPUS
FEXOFENADINE 120MG TABLETS	Available on Pharmacy First
FOSFOMYCIN 3G GRANULE	Urine culture required
HYPODERMIC INSULIN NEEDLES FOR PRE-FILLED / REUSABLE PEN INJECTORS SCREW ON 6MM/32GAUGE	Unscheduled care should be captured via CPUS
KETOCONAZOLE 2% SHAMPOO	Available on Pharmacy First
MOMETASONE 50MICROGRAMS/DOSE NASAL SPRAY	Available on Pharmacy First
PARACETAMOL 500MG TABLETS	Available on Pharmacy First
PREGABALIN 100MG CAPSULES	CDs don't typically fall under Common Clinical Conditions
PREGABALIN 25MG CAPSULES	CDs don't typically fall under Common Clinical Conditions
PSEUDOEPHEDRINE HYDROCHLORIDE 60MG TABLETS	Low Clinical Value
SALBUTAMOL 100MICROGRAMS/DOSE DRY POWDER INHALER	Unscheduled care should be captured via CPUS
SALBUTAMOL 100MICROGRAMS/DOSE INHALER CFC FREE	Unscheduled care should be captured via CPUS
SIMPLE LINCTUS PAEDIATRIC	Low Clinical Value
WATER FOR INJECTIONS 5ML AMPOULES	Unscheduled care should be captured via CPUS

A full summary of the changes to the Pharmacy First/Plus service can be found via: [NHS Pharmacy First Scotland - Resources & Flow Chart | Community Pharmacy Scotland](#)

Patient Journey: Flow Chart



Notes

- When a qualifying item is processed via the 'standard' or 'PGD' supply modules, the item will be reimbursed and the activity fee is automatically claimed by your PMR system.
- Each PGD activity claimed is weighted differently to 'standard' activities - this is automatically applied.
- For most consultations, only a single claim needs to be made, regardless of the number of items supplied. There are some exceptions to this, for example:
 - Where you have assessed more than one condition during a single consultation, a claim for each condition can be made separately
 - Where the UCF system currently prevents a single claim being made e.g. if an item from the approved list is supplied following a PGD or IP consultation, this can only be processed through the 'standard' PFS module, and you should also submit a PGD or IP advice, supply or referral claim.
 - In the rare occasion where more than three items are supplied, as each UCF digital claim can only carry a maximum of 3 items.