

# Pharmacy Newsletter

Issue 3, December 2024



## Here's what has happened in the last months and what's to come!

### Palliative Care

For Palliative Care pharmacies, could we remind everyone to ensure you have adequate stock for over the festive period.

### Festive Rota

The Festive rota is now complete and a list of all pharmacies who have kindly agreed to open has been sent to all services.

To allow us to understand how busy the pharmacies are over this period, we have created an on-line form that we would be grateful if you could complete.

<https://forms.office.com/e/v8vse4pDJ4>

**Please remember to display your opening or closing times in your pharmacy**

### Business Continuity Plans

As we approach the winter months and potential adverse weather, can you ensure your plans are up to date and easily accessible to all staff.

### Clozapine Audit

Thank you to all participating Pharmacies, the Clozapine audit is complete and a report will be sent in the new year.

### Sunday Opening Pilot

Funding has been secured from the Out of Hours Service to pilot Community Pharmacies opening on a Sunday during December/January.

### Pharmacy Visits

We have finally completed all the pharmacy visits, this proved to be worthwhile for us and we hope for all the pharmacies. We are compiling a report and as soon as it is ready we will share with everyone.

### NEW Stop Smoking Clinic

A new clinic begins at Bo'ness Road Medical Practice in Grangemouth on 7th January 2025, 10am-12pm, but there may be availability prior to that date to see anyone seeking support to quit. All referrals, or anyone wishing to be seen at the Falkirk clinic should call 01786 433293 to book.

On-line booking form and clinic list can be found on the link below.

<https://nhsforthvalley.com/health-services/az-of-services/stop-smoking-service-clinics/>

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# COMMUNITY PHARMACY POSITIVE NEWS



## **Independent Prescriber (IP) Training**

Our latest training event took place on the 5th November with 21 in attendance. Dr Karyn Webster presented insightful training on paediatrics, ears and chests. Feedback was great and everyone found it hugely beneficial. The session then moved on to practical chest auscultation and case studies to allow for active discussions on prescribing and clinical decision making. This was also a good opportunity for IPs to develop networks and share experiences.

## **Injection Equipment Provision (IEP) Training**

Training for this service took place on the 31st October and 7th November. This training was very well received by the Community Pharmacies who provide this service in Forth Valley.

The main aim of injecting equipment provision (IEP) is to minimise the spread of blood borne viruses (BBV), such as HIV, Hepatitis B and C and other blood-borne diseases, which can occur as a consequence of injecting drug users sharing needles and syringes.

## **Flu & Covid Service**

The Flu & Covid vaccinations are well under way and we have saw an increase in patients attending pharmacies, huge thank you to all pharmacies involved.





**DON'T FORGET**

## **Weekly Medications**

Ensure plans are in place for the collection or delivery of weekly dispensed medications that are due to be issued on the bank holidays while the pharmacies are closed

## **NEO System**

Remember to update your NEO system over the festive period.

## **Shared Mailboxes or Clinical Systems**

If you require access to your shared mailboxes or need any passwords reset, can you please let us know before the festive period.





# COMMUNITY PHARMACY SUNDAY OPENING PILOT

Two local pharmacies will open on Sundays over the winter period as part of a new pilot project. Both pharmacists working within these pharmacies are experienced independent prescribers and able to provide advice and treatment for a wider range of clinical conditions including chest infections, sore ears, sore throats, sinusitis and many other common health issues that would often require an appointment at a GP practice.

**Woodside Pharmacy**  
**3 The Cross**  
**Doune, FK16 6BQ**

**Right Medicine Pharmacy**  
**37 Henderson Street**  
**Bridge of Allan, FK9 4HN**

**15th December 2024**

**22nd December 2024**

**29th December 2024**

**5th January 2025**

**12th January 2025**

**19th January 2025**

**Open from 10am - 5pm**



# TRAINING EVENTS



## Blood Borne Virus Training

The Health Improvement Service and BBV Managed Care Network are offering awareness training sessions on Blood Borne Viruses.

The training is free to all who work across Forth Valley Health Board area including voluntary and statutory organisations. See date below:



Tuesday 18th of February 2025



9.30am to 12.30pm



Bannockburn Community Enterprise Hub,  
25 Quakerfield, Bannockburn, FK7 8JA

**[Click here to confirm a place](#)**



# TRAINING EVENTS



## Smoking and Mental Health: Understanding the IMPACT

Our training is aimed at:

NHS, local authority and 3rd Sector staff and volunteers in the Forth Valley area who support people with mental health problems.

Our training aims to:

Equip workers who support people with lived experience of mental ill-health with the knowledge, skills and confidence to initiate a conversation about smoking, and to discuss options for supporting those who are ready to quit.

IMPACT Training package includes:

- Two e-learning modules to be completed prior to virtual training session (One hour)
- One hour virtual training session on Microsoft Teams

Virtual training session includes:

- The effect of smoking on mental health medications
- Discussions about smoking and mental health
- Information on e-cigarettes
- Information of local services to help people stop smoking

Virtual Training Dates:

[Click to Register Tuesday 23 January 2025, 2pm - 3pm](#)

[Click to Register 18 February 2025, 11.30am - 12.30pm](#)

[Click to Register 26 March 2025, 1pm - 2pm](#)

Sessions will be delivered using the Microsoft Teams platform.

Specific sessions for groups of staff/ volunteers can be arranged – please get in touch at [hazel.cunningham2@nhs.scot](mailto:hazel.cunningham2@nhs.scot)



# PHARMACY FESTIVE OPENING TIMES



PHARMACY	ADDRESS	25.12.24	26.12.24	01.01.25	02.01.25
<b>Clackmannan Area Pharmacies</b>					
Holm Pharm	84A West Johnstone Street, Alva			0900 - 1000	
T.A. Mack	107 High Street, Tillicoultry	1000 - 1100			
<b>Falkirk Area Pharmacies</b>					
Howard Pharmacy	29 La Porte Precinct, Grangemouth			1100 - 1200	
Brightons Pharmacy	Pretoria Place, Brightons	1400 - 1500	1400 - 1500	1400 - 1500	1400 - 1500
Denny Pharmacy	1 Stirling Street, Denny	1230 - 1330		1200 - 1300	
Boots The Chemist	79-91 High Street, Falkirk		1100 - 1700		1100 - 1700
Falkirk Pharmacy	96-98 Grahams Road, Falkirk	1000 - 1100	1000 - 1100	1000 - 1100	1000 - 1100
Stenhousemuir Pharmacy	13 King Street, Stenhousemuir				0900 - 1800
Ren Pharmacy	334A & 338 Main Street, Stenhousemuir			0900 - 1000	
<b>Stirling Area Pharmacies</b>					
Strathallan Pharmacy	3 Fountain Road, Bridge of Allan	0900 - 1000	0900 - 1000		
Right Medicine Pharmacy	37 Henderson Street, Bridge Of Allan	1000 - 1100		1000 - 1100	
Holm Pharm	50-52 Johnston Avenue, Cornton	1000 - 1100	0900-1000	1000-1100	
St Ninians Pharmacy	39 Bannockburn Road, St. Ninians	1200 - 1300	1200 - 1300	1200 - 1300	1200 - 1300
Boots The Chemist	34-41 King'S Mall, Thistle Centre, Stirling		1000 - 1700		1000 - 1700
Macfarlanes Pharmacy	48a Drip Road, Stirling			1400 - 1500	





Hope you all have a  
wonderful Christmas  
and a very happy  
New Year





# COMMUNITY PHARMACY UPDATES



## Pharmacy Circulars

Pharmaceutical Services: Amendments to the drug tariff in respect of remuneration agreements and part 7 discount clawback arrangements from 1 April 2024

**<https://www.publications.scot.nhs.uk/files/pca2024-p-28.pdf>**

Prescription stationery - CP4/3 prescription form paper type change

**<https://www.publications.scot.nhs.uk/files/pca2024-p-29.pdf>**

Additional Pharmaceutical Services – Public Health Service updated service **documentation for emergency and bridging contraception**

**<https://www.publications.scot.nhs.uk/files/pca2024-p-30.pdf>**

Extension to Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) for Isosorbide Mononitrate (Monomax® XL 60mg) Modified-Release tablet

**<https://www.publications.scot.nhs.uk/files/pca2024-p-31.pdf>**

Additional Pharmaceutical Services NHS Pharmacy First Scotland – New Module for Pharmacy First Plus

**<https://www.publications.scot.nhs.uk/files/pca2024-p-32.pdf>**

## Pharmacy First

NHS Pharmacy First Scotland Approved List V33 from 1 November 2024

**<https://www.publications.scot.nhs.uk/files/nhs-pharmacy-first-scotland-approved-list-of-products-v33-01-november-2024.pdf>**

*Thank you for reading!*

