



Daily update
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Message from NHSGGC HEPMA team and Antimicrobial Team

On 5 January 2026 we will be introducing mandatory indication recording for five more antibacterials. Currently this functionality is in place for antiviral, antifungal and antiparasitic prescribing. It will initially be introduced for the following antibacterials – Amoxicillin, Clarithromycin, Doxycycline, Levofloxacin and Co-amoxiclav. If you are unfamiliar with this functionality please access the [short training video here](#) (1 minute 05 long).

The screenshot shows a web-based prescribing interface for 'Fluconazole 200 mg Capsules'. At the top, there's a 'Communication zone' with tabs for 'INDICATION SEARCH', 'DRUG SEARCH', 'CLINICAL DRUG INFORMATION', and 'HELP'. Below this is a progress bar with steps: 'Drug Notes', 'Formulary', 'Drug Conflicts', 'Order Entry', and 'Confirmation'. The 'Formulary' step is active, showing the message 'This drug is on formulary.' The main section is titled 'Prescribing Rationale' and contains a dropdown menu for 'Indication' with the text 'Select indication'. A red box highlights this dropdown, with a red arrow pointing to it and the text 'Select the relevant indication from this dropdown menu'. Below the dropdown is a 'Diagnostic Confidence' section with four radio button options: 'Confirmed', 'Differential', 'Provisional', and 'Unconfirmed'. A blue box highlights these options, with a blue arrow pointing to them and the text 'Select confidence in the diagnosis from this list'. At the bottom right, there's a green button labeled 'Next' and a grey button labeled 'Cancel'. A green arrow points to the 'Next' button with the text 'Click "Next" to continue with the prescription as usual'. A small asterisk at the bottom left indicates '* required order information.'.

Mandatory indication recording is being implemented to clearly document the antimicrobial treatment plan for each patient. This enhancement facilitates continuity of care during transitions between wards or departments and enables the multidisciplinary team to discuss the rationale for antimicrobial therapy with patients, without the need to access detailed clinical notes. While prescribers are encouraged to provide the most accurate indication possible, it is recognised that some uncertainty may exist at the time

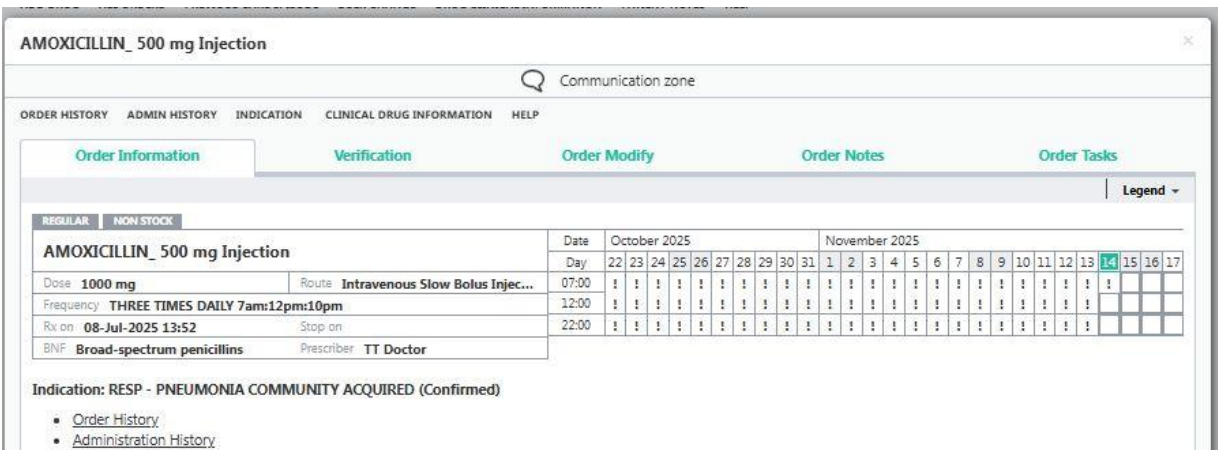
of prescribing. The indication can be updated at any point of the course of treatment to clarify. This is shown in the training video.

Recording of indication for antimicrobials within HEPMA is being introduced across Scotland and is being led by the Scottish Antimicrobial Prescribing Group (SAPG). Recording of indication is one of the key Scottish Government National Antimicrobial Prescribing targets to support better prescribing and underpins the 2024-2029 UK Antimicrobial Resistance National Action Plan.

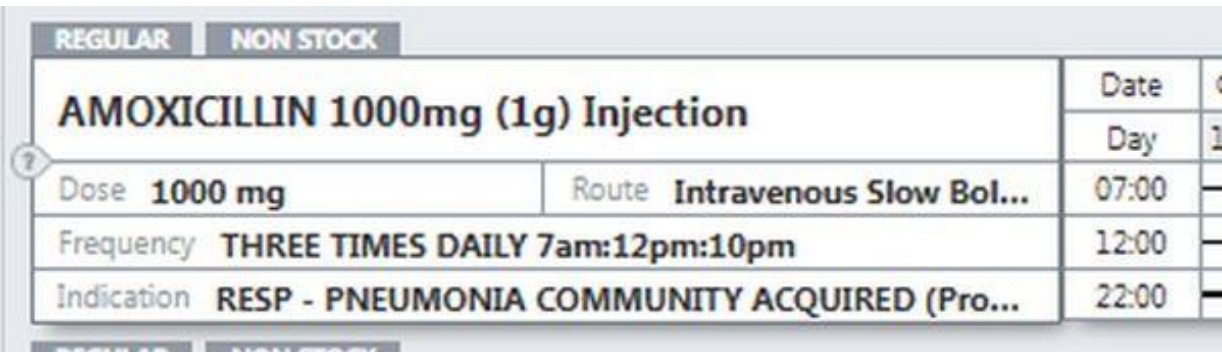
The indication is displayed when hovering over the antimicrobial name:



In the prescription summary screen:



And in the administration screen:



If you have any questions about this functionality, please contact the HEPMA team at nhsggc.hepma@nhs.scot

Cyber Crime: Recognising the signs

Cyber-crime and the Threat Actors who deploy IT continue to use increasingly elaborate methods to steal both your personal information and your organisation's data. Following recent activity across the wider public sector, we will examine Spear Phishing.

What is Spear Phishing?

Spear Phishing is a form of social engineering where a scammer will target specific individuals or a group of individuals within an organisation. Spear Phishing can be harder to identify than traditional Phishing attempts because it can originate from trusted email addresses, these trusted email address may themselves have been compromised leading to targeted emails to individuals or groups.

Although most Spear Phishing attacks are designed to defraud the target for monetary gain, there have been instances where it has been used to reveal sensitive information or inject malicious software.

Top Things to look out for:

- Emails asking for financial transfers and referring to senior staff, for example, an email asking for a money transfer to the Director of Finance
- Emails with an unfamiliar greeting or salutation
- Inconsistencies in email addresses, links & domain names
- Suspicious attachments
- Emails asking for money transfers via systems like Western Union or asking you to buy prepaid cards and provide serial numbers.
- Emails or calls requesting **login credentials, payment information or sensitive data**.

What can I do?

It's easy to assume the messages arriving in your inbox or calls you receive are legitimate, particularly when they are from trusted senders. The best form of defence is to recognise communications which are out of the ordinary and ask you to take actions which you wouldn't normally expect. If you have any doubt about the authenticity of an email, do not respond to the sender and confirm the content of the email via an alternative route, for example, via text message or phone call.

Further Information is available at the IT Security [Cyber Awareness](#) SharePoint site.

Reporting suspicious content

It's important to remember never to click on any links or open any emails which look even remotely suspicious.

If you suspect you have received anything to your work email address containing malicious content you can report it to: ggc.spam.ggc@nhs.scot

Quit for Christmas 2025

With Christmas just around the corner, why not give your finances a boost and go smoke-free this festive season?

Stopping smoking is one of the best ways to save money and it's also a great way to just feel better in general.



With Quit Your Way's free support, your health will improve and you'll have more money in your pocket – what better way to celebrate Christmas?

Use NHS Inform's [Quit Calculator](#) or scan the QR code right to see how much you could save if you stop smoking now.



NHSGGC's Quit Your Way Team are here to help you stop smoking in a way that works for you, providing one-to-one specialist support, advice and free nicotine replacement products or medication, such as Varenicline, as part of a 12-week programme.

For more information, contact: Telephone: **0141 451 6112**, or email: ggc.quityourway.smokefreestaff@nhs.scot



Head to the NHSGGC website for [further information](#) on local stop smoking services or scan the QR code right.

Remember, for all your latest news stories, visit the Staffnet Hub:

[GGC-Staffnet Hub - Home \(sharepoint.com\)](https://sharepoint.com)



Getting the right care is as easy as ABC

A
Ask yourself
Do I need to go out?
For information on treating minor illnesses and injuries from home, go to **NHS Inform** or download the **NHS 24 App**.

B
Be aware
There is help on your doorstep.
Your local **GP, pharmacy, dental practice and optician** offer a range of services.

C
Call 111
If it's urgent, or you're unsure, call **NHS 24** on **111**.
They'll get you the care you need.

Unless it's an emergency - think ABC before visiting A&E.
For more information: www.nhsggc.scot/rcrp




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