

Integrated Impact Assessment Statement

2026/27 Savings and Recovery Programme

Prescribing

Each Autumn, the NHS Lothian Pharmacy Department co-ordinates a process to identify proposals to deliver common efficiencies in the primary care prescribing budget across all the Partnerships in Lothian. The 2026/27 NHS Lothian Primary Care Prescribing Plan builds on existing and established prescribing initiatives which promote cost effective prescribing without compromising patient care. The plan has been developed by the pharmacy team with extensive stakeholder engagement. The aim of the scheme is to promote financial stability through implementation of a range of prescribing projects led by pharmacy with the involvement of all appropriate teams.

The 2026/27 Prescribing Plan will be considered for approval by the Lothian prescribing Forum in March 2026. A combined Integrated Impact Assessment has been scheduled for April 2026 and will be published in due course.

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