



Yellow Card Centre Scotland Annual Report - April 2017 to March 2018

In Scotland, Yellow Card reporting has declined by 2% in 2017/18 compared to 2016/17 (1427 versus 1463). This reflects an overall decrease in reporting by all hospital healthcare professionals and a significant decline in reporting by nurses across sectors. Patient reporting continues to rise, representing 31% of total reports across Scotland.

The number of serious reports is similar to the previous year but the number of fatal reports has seen a marked increase. Half of these involved anticoagulant or antithrombotic agents; 41% involved warfarin, rivaroxaban or apixaban; 9% other antithrombotic agents. The top 5 medicines with suspected adverse drug reactions (ADRs) for 2017/18 include apixaban, rivaroxaban, influenza vaccine and warfarin.

In NHS Tayside, there has been a 24% decrease in the number of reports in 2017/18 compared to 2016/17 (94 versus 124). This is mainly due to a decrease in reporting by community pharmacists, hospital nurses and patients. In contrast to Scotland wide data, NHS Tayside has seen an increase in reporting by hospital doctors and hospital pharmacists and a marginal increase by GPs and via MiDatabank.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the full Yellow Card report for NHS Scotland for 2017/18

How to submit a Yellow Card:

- The Tayside Medicines Information department (pharmacy department, Ninewells hospital) can report suspected adverse drug reactions (ADRs) directly to the MHRA via their in house database (MiDatabank). Contact Tay-UHB.medinfo@nhs.net for further information.
- GP practices across NHS Tayside are now able to submit Yellow Cards directly via Vision. This feature enables Yellow Card reports to be created directly from the current "Add Drug Allergy and Intolerance" screen, when recording a new adverse effect or inactivating a repeat prescription due to an adverse effect, making reporting quick and easy. When a Yellow Card report is created, it is automatically populated with relevant patient and practice information. When completed it is saved in the patient record, and a report is sent directly to the MHRA.

See [You Tube video](#), [YCC Scotland memo](#) and [Vision User Guide](#) for further information on reporting via Vision.

- MHRA website: <https://yellowcard.mhra.gov.uk/>
- Yellow Card app: download now from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store
- Telephone: 0800 731 6789 (10am to 2pm Monday-Friday)
- Paper forms: they can be downloaded from the website and are available in the BNF and MIMS.
- For further information on the Yellow Card Scheme refer to the website <http://www.yccscotland.scot.nhs.uk>

Remember to report ADRs via the Yellow Card system for:

- All suspected reactions to established drugs (including over-the counter, herbal and unlicensed or off label use of medicines) and vaccines that are **serious, medically significant or result in harm.**
- All suspected reactions (including those thought not to be serious) to drugs showing the black triangle symbol (▼) (usually newly licensed medicines).

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Do you wish to write a Tayside Prescriber?

Do you already have a suitable topic for a Tayside Prescriber?

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