



Community

Pharmacy BLMK & Northants weekly newsletter w/c 19/2/24

## **National updates**

### **Pharmacy First**

- An update on Pharmacy First and new FAQ's can be found on the [CPE website](#).

## **Local News**

- Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Integrated Care System have issued a [Controlled Drugs Alert](#).

## **Training and Webinars**

### **Community Pharmacy Technician: Advancing your role programme.**

- The Community Pharmacy Technician, advancing your role programme is open to community pharmacy technicians. This is a fully funded course that helps community pharmacy technicians develop the skills and confidence to deliver effective clinical services in community pharmacy.

Full details can be found on [BLMK-N-LPC website](#) and [CPPE](#).

### **Royal College of Paediatrics and Children's Health (RCPCH) Webinar – an update on measles.**

- RCPCH are holding a free webinar on **28 February 2024 13:00 – 14:00**.

Dr Elizabeth Whittaker and Professor Shamez Ladhani will provide an essential update on measles in children, ahead of the upcoming outbreak. The webinar will include:

- How to clinically diagnose measles,
- Different diagnosis for measles,
- Recommended action for vulnerable groups (infants under one-year, pregnant women and immunocompromised),

- How to notify and public health actions for vulnerable and susceptible contacts – UKSHA.

[Book your place now.](#)

**BLMK ICB are hosting a Festival of Learning on February 29th.** To book please [use this link](#)

More information on our own website <https://blmk-n.communitypharmacy.org.uk/our-news/festival-of-learning-event-blmk/>

## **Reminders**

### **Contraception Service**

- Pharmacies who were already signed up to the service providing Tier 1 (on-going/repeat supplies) will have until **11:59pm 29 February 2024**, to opt into the new service via their [MYS platform](#). If you choose **not** to opt in by this deadline you will automatically be deregistered from the service. Further information on the changes to the service can be found on the [CPE website](#).

### **PQS**

- Community pharmacy contractors undertaking PQS are reminded that the claim window for the declaration is between **9am on 5 February 2024 and 11:59pm on 1 March 2024**. Further information can be found on the [NHSBSA website](#) and [PQS important dates](#).

### **Recruiting foundation trainee pharmacists in 2024 (2025 intake)**

- Significant changes have been implemented for the 2025 foundation training year in line with the Initial Education and Training of Pharmacists reform programme required by the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC). This means that recruiting via the National Recruitment Scheme (Oriel) will be **the only route to employing a foundation trainee pharmacist** for the 2025-26 foundation training year. Employer registration for the 2025-26 foundation training year via Oriel is now open. **Registration closes at 23:59 on 1st March 2024**. Further information to sign up to Oriel can be found on the [CPE website](#).

### **Data Security and Protection Toolkit: 2024 Community Pharmacy England guidance available**

- CPE has published new guidance to help community pharmacy owners complete the 2023/2024 Data Security and Protection Toolkit. The toolkit is used to make a pharmacy's information governance (IG) declaration and must be completed by **Friday 30 June 2024**.

Full information can be found on the [CPE website](#).

## **Medicine updates**

### **Medicine supply notifications**

- [Salbutamol 2.5mg/2.5ml and 5mg/2.5ml nebuliser liquid unit dose vials.](#)
- [Creon 25,000 gastro-resistant capsules.](#)

### **Drugs safety update**

- [Codeine linctus \(codeine oral solutions\): reclassification to prescription-only medicine \(POM\).](#)
- [Pseudoephedrine.](#)

### **Price Concessions Update**

- [February 2024 price concessions second update.](#)

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