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**National updates**

**Verifying your NHS Profile Manager profile**

* Ahead of the **31 March 2024** deadline, pharmacy owners are reminded of the need to update their [NHS Profile Manager](https://www.nhs.uk/our-policies/profile-editor-login/) to ensure that their pharmacy’s NHS website and Directory of Service (DoS) profile information is up to date. Full information can be found on the [CPE website](https://cpe.org.uk/our-news/verifying-your-nhs-profile-manager-profile/).

**Pharmacy First: NHSE campaign materials now available**

* Following the launch of NHS England’s ‘Think Pharmacy First’ campaign on 19 February, campaign materials are now available for pharmacy teams to use. Full information can be found on the [CPE website](https://cpe.org.uk/our-news/pharmacy-first-nhse-campaign-materials-now-available/).

**C-19 Vacs: Preparing for a successful Spring 2024 vaccination campaign.**

* NHS England has written to pharmacy teams to provide further details on the Spring 2024 COVID-19 vaccination campaign including information on timings of the campaign. Full information can be found on the [CPE website](https://cpe.org.uk/our-news/c-19-vacs-preparing-for-a-successful-spring-2024-vaccination-campaign/).

**Negotiations on 2024/25 Contractual Framework commence.**

* Negotiations on the arrangements for the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF) in 2024/25 have now begun. Full information can be found on the [CPE website](https://cpe.org.uk/our-news/negotiations-on-2024-25-contractual-framework-commence/).

**Local News**

**Reminder – BLMK are hosting a Festival of Learning on Thursday 29 February 09:30 – 16:30.**

* More information about the event can be found on [BLMK-N-LPC website](https://blmk-n.communitypharmacy.org.uk/our-news/festival-of-learning-event-blmk/).

You can book your free place [here](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/blmk-festival-of-learning-tickets-807863249727?aff=oddtdtcreator).

**Training and Webinars**

**Pharmacy First – Information webinar for Locum Pharmacists (Midlands Region) 29 February 2024 19:00 – 20:15.**

* NHS England Midlands Region will be hosting a webinar to help support Locum Pharmacists working in the Midlands, to be up to date with Pharmacy First. [Webinar Registration](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=kp4VA8ZyI0umSq9Q55CtvxHcP71skKxDgA-0H2yj0aVUODQyU0NGR0I4RUpURk81VktLNktOWldMQy4u).

**Reminders**

**Oriel – Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Recruitment Scheme 2024**

* To recruit a foundation trainee pharmacist for the 2025-26foundation training year, employers must register with the National Recruitment Scheme (Oriel) by **1 March 2024**. Full information can be found on the [CPE website](https://cpe.org.uk/our-news/oriel-foundation-trainee-pharmacist-recruitment-scheme-2024/).

**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](https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/provider-assurance-pharmaceutical-services/pharmacy-quality-scheme-pqs) and [PQS important dates](https://mcusercontent.com/d8593fdbd83544460bee4d75c/files/47f63699-94dd-569f-0a25-32c87c5fbb48/PQS_Important_Dates.01.pdf).

**Medicine updates**

**Medicine supply notifications**

* [Epilim (sodium valproate) syrup 200mg/5ml.](https://cpe.org.uk/our-news/medicine-supply-notification-epilim-sodium-valproate-syrup-200mg-5ml/)
* [Mounjaro (Tirzepatide) KwikPen – availability and reimbursement.](https://cpe.org.uk/our-news/mounjaro-tirzepatide-kwikpen-availability-and-reimbursement/)

**National Patient Safety Alert**

* [Shortage of Salbutamol 2.5mg/2.5ml and 5 mg/2.5ml nebuliser liquid unit dose vials.](https://cpe.org.uk/our-news/national-patient-safety-alert-dhsc-shortage-of-salbutamol-2-5mg-2-5ml-and-5mg-2-5ml-nebuliser-liquid-unit-dose-vials/)

**Drugs safety update**

* [Codeine Linctus reclassification from P to POM.](https://cpe.org.uk/our-news/codeine-linctus-reclassification-from-p-to-pom/)

**MHRA Class 4 Medicines Defect information**

* [Concerta XL 18mg & 36mg prolonged release tablets (Orifarm UK Ltd).](https://cpe.org.uk/our-news/mhra-class-4-medicines-defect-information-concerta-xl-18mg-36-mg-prolonged-release-tablets-orifarm-uk-ltd/)

**Price Concessions Update**

* [February 2024 price concessions third update](https://cpe.org.uk/our-news/february-2024-price-concessions-3rd-update/).
* [Drug Tariff Watch March 2024.](https://cpe.org.uk/our-news/drug-tariff-watch-march-2024/)

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