

Community Pharmacy BLMK & Northants weekly newsletter w/c 25/3/24

National updates

Flu vac: NHSE publishes 2024/25 service spec.

- NHS England has published the service specification for the [2024/25 Community Pharmacy Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Advanced Service](#). Full information can be found on the [CPE website](#).

Pharmacy First declaration data issue resolved.

- The NHSBSA have emailed all pharmacy owners to say that the Pharmacy First IT suppliers have resolved issues with the data they supplied to the MYS portal for the February 2024 NHS Pharmacy First activity. Full information can be found on the [CPE website](#).

Market Entry Applications.

- Community Pharmacy England are continuing to liaise with NHS England and PCSE to try to help reduce the overall timescales for the determination of applications.

They have produced a guidance document with [10 Key points](#) to support applications and their referees with their market entry application. Full information can be found on the [CPE website](#).

GP Connect Update Record: rollout and flow of information.

- GP Connect: Update Record is a new feature that [CPCF IT suppliers](#) will add to CPCF IT systems, so that community pharmacy service consultation data will automatically flow from the pharmacy system to the GP system. This reduces the need for the pharmacy to send an NHSmail to the GP practice regarding consultations. Full information can be found on the [CPE website](#).

Blood Pressure Check in Pharmacy – Printed Toolkit.

- There are still some free campaign resources from the [Campaign Resource Centre](#) for community pharmacy teams to support the ongoing Department of Health and Social Care blood pressure campaign.

Local News

BLMK – Pharmacy first toolkit.

- [BLMK Pharmacy toolkit](#), which can be shared with the pharmacy team and local GP practice.

Bank Holiday Hours

- A reminder to ensure that your [DoS](#) and NHS.UK profiles are updated with your opening hours for the upcoming Easter Bank Holiday dates (29 & 31 March & 1 April). This can be done via the [NHS Profile Manager](#). Generic [door poster](#) to display for Easter opening hours.

Training and Webinars

2024 Data Security and Protection Toolkit Workshop now on-demand.

- CPE's recent online webinar to help with the completion of the Data Security and Protection Toolkit for 2023/2024, is now available to watch on-demand. Full information can be found on the [CPE website](#).

NHS England clinical policy on puberty suppressing hormones.

- NHS England has recently published its [clinical policy on puberty suppressing hormones](#).

Reminders

Pharmacy First – Requirement to have an otoscope from 1 April 2024.

- Pharmacy owners are reminded that from 1 April 2024, they must have an otoscope available, and all clinical pathways must be provided in bricks and mortar pharmacies (excluding Distant Selling Pharmacies) registered to provide the Pharmacy First service. Full information can be found on the [CPE website](#).

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](#) 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](#).

Pharmacy Pressures Survey 2024 – available now

- Community Pharmacy England has launched its third annual Pressures Survey and hope to hear directly from everyone who owns or works in a community pharmacy.

The survey takes around 10-15 minutes to complete and is open now until **23:59 on Tuesday 2 April**. Full information and the survey can be found on the [CPE website](#).

Medicine updates

- MHRA Class 4 Medicines Notification: [Sodium Chloride Intravenous Infusion 0.9% Freeflex \(Fresenius Kabi Limited\)](#).
- [Insulatard, InnoLet \(insulin isophane human\) 100units/ml suspension for injection 3ml prefilled disposable devices](#).
- [Levimir Innolet \(insulin detemir\) 100units/ml solution for injection 3ml pre-filled disposable devices](#).
- [Changes to Xarelto \(Rivaroxaban\) 1mg/ml granules for oral suspension pack sizes](#).
- [Drug Tariff Watch – April 2024](#).
- [New SSP for issued for Monomil XL 60mg tablets](#).
- [Isosorbide mononitrate \(Monomil XL\) 60mg modified- release tablets](#).

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