

National Updates

Briefing Event: Critical Pressures and the future.

Community Pharmacy England has opened registration for a national event for pharmacy owners as part of an ongoing effort to engage more meaningfully with everyone in the sector.

The purpose of the event will be to provide an update across a range of issues impacting pharmacies as well as the wider outlook for community pharmacy and upcoming work.

This event will be held digitally on Tuesday 7 May from 7pm to 8:30pm.

New Pharmacy First materials aimed at GPs.

Community Pharmacy England has launched a set of materials – including a video, animation, and infographic– explaining how GP practices can refer into the Pharmacy First service.

Local News

For Northants only – Prepayment certificates for Care Leavers in NN.

Northamptonshire ICB is running a pilot to fund Pre-payment certificates for Care Leavers (16–25 years). Please could pharmacies be aware of the scheme and signpost eligible patients where appropriate.

Training & Events

Invitation to BLMK Pharmacy First Service Webinar Series

The launch of the BLMK Pharmacy First Service Webinar Series, a local initiative aimed at fostering collaboration and successful implementation of the Pharmacy First Service within primary care networks (PCNs) and community pharmacies in the integrated neighbourhoods.

This series is tailored for key stakeholders, including general practice staff, GPs, nurses, administrative personnel, care navigators, practice pharmacy teams and **community pharmacy teams (pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and support staff).**

Please note that attendance at the scheduled webinar for **your** PCN is required as a priority. However, if you miss your session, you can attend the same webinar at a neighbouring PCN on a different date. We encourage active participation from all stakeholders to maximise the benefits of the Pharmacy First Service. [Link for the webinar.](#) A list of the dates and times can be found on the [BLMK-N- LPC website -Training and Events.](#)

[Pharmacy First Training Day – Northants.](#)

Pharmacists regularly working in Northamptonshire are now invited by Northamptonshire ICB and the LPC to attend Pharmacy First training. Details of date, times and location can be found on the [BLMK-N-LPC website.](#)

[National AfterCARE wellbeing course.](#)

Following 'The Fundamentals' National AfterCARE Wellbeing Course last year, a new course will now be running 'Building on the Fundamentals' from May 2024. The wellbeing course is open to all colleagues.

More information on the course can be found in the [AfterCARE Wellbeing Brochure.](#)

To register, colleagues are asked to email the CARE team directly on care@napc.co.uk.

[PharmOutcomes guide to Pharmacy First.](#)

The PharmOutcomes team have created templates to support all elements of the service. There are 3 key parts to the Pharmacy First service:

1. Minor Illness consultation with the pharmacist.
2. Urgent medicines supply.
3. Clinical pathway consultations supporting the treatment of seven common conditions under a PGD or protocol.

As parts 1 and 2 are referral services only, pharmacy teams will see many similarities with the existing CPCS templates.

Reminders

[GP Connect: Update Record rollout.](#)

GP Connect: Update record is a feature that CPCF IT system suppliers are adding to their systems.

Update Record allows information about patient consultations outside of general practice to be shared safely with general practice, so the information can be updated in the patient record.

Medicines

MHRA Class 3 Medicines Recall

Co-Codamol 8/500mg Effervescent tablets (Accord-UK LTD, Key Pharmaceuticals Livery).

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