

National Updates

Action: For pharmacy owners who use, or have previously used, PharmOutcomes.

NHS England has sent out messages to NHS pharmacy contract teams for distribution to all pharmacies via email. The new message highlights the actions that the pharmacy owners who use or have used PharmOutcomes, must take if they have a queue of notification emails within PharmOutcomes for clinical services provided by the pharmacy. NHS England is asking pharmacy owners to complete these actions by **30 September 2024**.

Changes to supply route for sub dermal contraceptive implants (Nexplanon).

As announced in the NHS Primary Care Bulletin (published 19 September 2024), from **1 January 2025**, GP practices will be able to order the sub dermal contraceptive implant (Nexplanon 68mg implant) directly from their suppliers and claim back the cost. This will mean that patients do not have to go to the pharmacy to pick up the implant themselves and then make a further GP appointment to get it fitted. NHS England has published advance notice of these changes in order to help pharmacy owners review and manage their stock holdings of these implants.

COVID-19 PGD and National Protocol for Autumn 2024.

The National Protocol and corresponding PGD for Autumn 2024 have been published. One key change from previous editions is that both legal frameworks now combine eligible adults and children from the age of 5, instead of remaining as separate age group documents.

Pharmacy IT workstreams update published – IT group.

Community Pharmacy England (CPE) has released a summary of the September 2024 meeting of the Community Pharmacy IT Group (CP-ITG). The group discussed several key topics, including EPS and Independent Prescribing.

CPCF and Spending Review outlook discussed at September Committee Meeting.

CPE met earlier this month, with Members reviewing early engagement with the new Government, alongside the outlook for the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF) negotiations for 2024/25.

Pharmacy Minister speaks at Community Pharmacy England event.

CPE is back in Liverpool to engage new and returning Labour MPs at this year's Labour Party Conference.

Local News

[Blake Stephenson MP visits Marston Moretaine Pharmacy.](#)

Conservative MP for Mid Bedfordshire, Blake Stephenson, visited Nishil Shah's Marston Moretaine pharmacy. During the 90-minute visit the MP saw first hand the pressures facing community pharmacy and promised to highlight points raised by Nishil in Parliament at the earliest opportunity.

FAO Bedford/Central Bedfordshire/Milton Keynes – Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) Community Pharmacy Survey.

The purpose of the PNA is to identify what pharmaceutical services are currently available in an area and where services are likely to be needed in the future, because of changes to the health or demographics of the population. The PNA plays a crucial part in supporting commissioning decisions in relation to local pharmaceutical service provision based on patient's needs.

The following surveys deadlines have been extended to **Friday 27 September 2024**; we strongly encourage you to complete the following survey for your locality:

- [Bedford Borough Council](#)
- [Central Bedfordshire](#)
- [Milton Keynes City Council](#)

FAO Northants PNA Survey –

Survey Closing date is **Sunday 6 October 2024**.

- [West & North Northamptonshire Council](#)
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Training & Events

[Pharmacy First Webinar aimed at Locum Pharmacists.](#)

On **Tuesday 1 October 2024, 19:00– 20:15** via Microsoft Teams, NHS England Midlands Region will be hosting an information webinar aimed at **Locum Pharmacists**. The webinar aims to provide Locums with the chance to come together to get an update on how the service is progressing, share good practice and have the opportunity to ask questions.

If you would like to attend the webinar, you can register via the link and a diary invite and joining instructions will be sent to you – [Webinar Registration](#).

[Community Pharmacy Technician Apprenticeship Programme: Application for PTPT Training Contribution.](#)

NHS England Workforce, Training and Education (WT&E) have secured funding to support growth of the pharmacy technician workforce within community pharmacy by increasing pre-registration trainee pharmacy technician (PTPT) training capacity. Funding contributions are for new PTPTs that have not yet been enrolled or started PTPT training, with training placements to commence between November 2024 and 28 February 2025.

Pharmacy contractors may apply for PTPT funding contributions by completing this on-line [expression of interest \(Eoi\) form](#). The deadline for expressions of interest to be submitted is **23:59 on 13 October 2024**.

[Pharmacy Show: 13-14 October 2024 – NEC Birmingham.](#)

The Pharmacy Show 2024 is **free** to attend for UK Registered healthcare professionals and those working in leadership/managerial roles within community pharmacy. Click here to [register](#) for the event.

Reminders

[Reminder: Pharmacy First Consultations threshold for September.](#)

Pharmacy owners are being reminded that the activity threshold to be eligible for the £1000 monthly payment is to provide a minimum of **20** clinical pathway consultations that pass the gateway point by **30 September 2024**.

Please ensure that the consultations have been recorded correctly on your IT systems. CPE have produced the following [guide](#) to support claiming payment for the service.

[Reminder: Flu Vac – are you clear when it starts?](#)

Pharmacy owners are reminded that while the flu vaccination service can now be provided to pregnant women, vaccination of all other eligible adult cohorts for the 2024/25 campaign **cannot** commence until **Thursday 3 October 2024**.

GOV.UK guidance [When should you get your flu vaccine.](#)

Medicines

General:

[September 2024 Price Concessions 2nd Update.](#)

MHRA:

[Class 3 Medicines Recall: Eldepryl 5mg tablets \(Orion Pharma \(UK\) Ltd\).](#)

Medicine Supply Notifications:

[Nicorandil 10mg tablets.](#)