

## For Action

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## Local News

### Easter Bank Holiday opening hours & generic door poster.

Information for pharmacies in [BLMK](#).

Information for pharmacies in [Northants](#).

Also, a reminder of the Terms of Service requirement to ensure you verify and, where necessary, update the information contained in your NHS and DoS Profile. If you have not done so, please can you check your NHS Profile Manager and update opening hours relating to the Easter period as soon as possible.

### FAO BLMK – Molnupiravir drug tariff change.

Some of you in BLMK ICB area have been kind enough in the past to keep stock of molnupiravir, an antiviral used to treat Covid 19.

Prior to the 1 April 25 molnupiravir was sent to pharmacies **free of charge** from stock centrally procured by the DoH during the pandemic. The free stock all expired on 31 March 2025; all new stock ordered from Alliance will be charged at the list price of **£590** a box.

Fiona Garnett, Associate Director Pharmacy and Medicines Optimisation wishes to bring this to your attention. You should no longer order a box 'just in case' thinking it was still free of charge. **Please note the ICB do not expect you to stock this moving forward because the financial loss is significant.**

The ICB understands that the Paxlovid all expires in May 2025, and this will move to £829 a box. The ICB will identify 1 or 2 pharmacies to stock a single pack and will underwrite the cost of the pack should it expire before use. The pharmacy or pharmacies are yet to be identified. When we have the information, we will let you know so patients can be signposted correctly and with minimal inconvenience. You may wish to make use of the existing What's App group created for the service previously.

The triage team at MKUC are all aware that if they prescribe Molnupiravir then it will need to be ordered for the patient on receipt of the prescription.

#### **FAO North Northamptonshire – PNA Draft.**

On behalf of North Northamptonshire Health and Wellbeing Board, the Northamptonshire PNA Steering Group have finalised a draft PNA which records the assessment of the need for pharmaceutical services within North Northamptonshire. Contractors are invited to read the draft and leave a comment, which is in the link below, the consultation closes on **6 May 2025**.

<https://northnonthants.citizenspace.com/public-health/pharmaceutical-needs-assessment-hys>.

#### **FAO West Northamptonshire – PNA Draft.**

The West Northamptonshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment draft has been approved and is out for consultation. Contractors are invited to read the draft and leave a comment, which is in the link below, the consultation closes on **1 May 2025**.

[Have your say on the draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment – West Northamptonshire Council – Citizen Space](#).

#### **BLMK-N LPC WhatsApp Broadcast Group.**

We have recently launched a **WhatsApp Broadcast Group** (to exist alongside your existing groups) to share **urgent** local/national updates between newsletters. Unlike regular WhatsApp groups, this will be a **one-way communication channel**, where only the LPC can send messages.

📣 **To join the WhatsApp Broadcast Group:**

Email your **mobile number, pharmacy name, and role** to [office@blmk-n-communitypharmacy.org.uk](mailto:office@blmk-n-communitypharmacy.org.uk) and ensure your privacy settings allow us to add you.

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# Training & Events

## CPPE page on PQS updated in light of new CPCF 2025/26.

In light of the new CPCF 2025/26 arrangements CPPE has updated its [Pharmacy Quality Scheme](#) webpages and this includes a PQS tracker to help community pharmacy professionals quickly determine which of learning programmes and assessments they have completed within the specified timeframe.

Some of the training requirements within the PQS domains relate to three of CPPE learning programmes/assessments:

- Consulting with people with mental health problems e-learning
- Emergency contraception e-learning and e-assessment
- Early recognition of sepsis e-learning and e-assessment

## **Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework 2024/25 and 2025/26 roadshow**

Community Pharmacy England is hosting in-person events to support pharmacy owners and their teams in understanding the new funding and contractual arrangements. These sessions will provide valuable information, exploring what the changes mean for your pharmacy and helping you to prepare for them.

- [Roadshow North](#) – Sunday 13 April 2025 11:00 – 13:00, Huddersfield
- [Roadshow South](#) – Saturday 26 April 2025 14:00 – 16:00, London.

The format will include presentations from the Negotiating Team, a question-and-answer session, plus the opportunity for discussion and sharing your views.

## Data Security and Protection Toolkit 2025 workshop now on-demand.

Pharmacy owners can now watch a recording of Community Pharmacy England's recent online workshop to help with the completion of the [Data Security and Protection Toolkit for 2025](#). Pharmacy owners required to finalise their pharmacy's Data Security and Protection Toolkit submission by **30 June 2025**.

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# National Updates

## New Pharmacy Quality Scheme for 2025/26 announced.

Full details of the Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) 2025/26 are now available on the Community Pharmacy England (CPE) [PQS hub page](#).

Below are some useful documents:

- [Community Pharmacy England PQS 2025/26 Action and Evidence Portfolio Workbook \(PDF\)](#).
- [Pharmacy Quality Scheme 2025/26 – Important dates for the diary](#).

- [Summary of the training requirements for the PQS 2025/26.](#)
- [Asthma referrals.](#)

#### [CPCF settlement: 2024/25 and 2025/26.](#)

Following the recent CPCF announcement, CPE have consolidated all resources into a single page on their website.

Over 1000 people registered for the first two webinars and the range of questions helped CPE put together various FAQs on the most common topics, see below:

- [General funding FAQs](#)
- [Summary of regulatory changes](#)
- [Core opening hours information](#)
- [NMS regulatory FAQs](#)
- [Changes to NMS fees](#)
- [DSP regulatory FAQs](#)

Anyone who was unable to attend the webinars can watch the presentation [here](#).

The LPC have provided a [Pharmacy First Changes Timeline – what you need to do](#), that provides a month-by-month breakdown of key actions required under the 2025/26 Pharmacy First contract changes.

#### [C-19 LFD service: commissioning continues through 2025/26.](#)

The Lateral flow device tests supply service for patients potentially eligible for COVID-19 treatments (LFD service) will continue to be commissioned as an Advanced service through 2025/26.

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#### [Useful Links:](#)

<https://cpe.org.uk>

[Serious Shortage Protocols \(SSPs\)](#)

[Alerts recalls and safety information: medicines and medical devices.](#)

[Drug Safety Updates.](#)

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