

For Action

Local News:

- PNA Feedback required:
 - **Luton – 3 August 2025.**
 - **West Northamptonshire – 3 August 2025.**

Training & Events:

- Pharmacy Contraception service in-person event:
 - **24 June 2025 19:00 – 21:00.**
 - **17 September 2025 19:00–21:00.**
- NHS England Webinar – **30 June 2025 12:00 – 13:00.**
- NHS England Funded Independent Prescribing courses.
- Independent Pharmacy Awards Nominations – **Deadline 15 July 2025.**

National News/Reminders:

- Data Security and Protection Toolkit submission – **Deadline 30 June 2025.**
- Update NHS Profile Manager – **Deadline 30 June 2025.**
- Pharmacy First Claims for March – May – **Deadline 30 June 2025.**
- DMS shortened claim journey – **Starts from 6 July 2025.**
- Broadcast Group – **mobile number required from contractors.**

Local News

PNA feedback required.

Please see below 4 draft PNAs that require feedback to ensure that the final published document is accurate, comprehensive and reflective of local need.

- **FAO Luton.**

The consultation survey will close **on 3 August 2025**. The draft PNA and consultation survey can be accessed here: [**Luton Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2025.**](#)

- **FAO West Northamptonshire – Oxfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board
Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA).**

The Draft PNA is now ready for consultation which is taking place from now **until 3 August 2025**. As you are a neighbouring area, they would be grateful if you would support the HWB

by reading the PNA and completing the survey which is hosted here
<https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/oxfordshire-pna-2025>.

Community Pharmacist and PCN Lead Athif Arif interviewed by “The Pharmacist magazine” on the Pharmacy First Service.

Community pharmacist Athif Arif shares his experience of working with three Luton PCNs and more than 30 community pharmacies on Pharmacy First as engagement lead for Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes ICB.

Training & Events

Webinar on Pharmacy Contraception Service.

BLMK-N LPC and Hertfordshire LPC held a successful joint webinar on Tuesday 20 May, focusing on Initiation and key changes to the service.

If you were unable to attend the event, we have now added the webinar and presentation slides to our [BLMK-N LPC website](#).

If you would like to attend a future event, CPPE are running in-person events on the following dates:

- **Tuesday 24 June 2025, 19:00 – 21:00** – Collingtree Golf Club, 90 Windingbrooke Lane, Northampton, NN4 0XN. Booking reference 61499.
- **Wednesday 17 September 2025 19:00 – 21:00** – Welwyn Golf Club, Manicotts, High Oaks Road, Welwyn Garden City, AL8 7BP.

Both events have limited spaces and can be booked directly through [CPPE](#).

NHS England Webinar – Paediatric Respiratory Tract Infections in Primary Care.

This webinar is to support clinicians in primary care with up-to-date evidence for the antibiotic management of paediatric respiratory tract infections in primary care. The presentation will be drawing on evidence collated in the TARGET training resources for acute cough, recent NIHR Evidence webinars on reducing antibiotic prescribing in primary care and supplemented with additional clinical trial data to focus on children with RTIs.

The webinar will be held on **Monday 30 June 12–1pm**. Registration for this webinar is open and can be accessed [here](#).

NHS England funded independent prescribing courses 2025/26.

NHS England has [announced](#), that it has opened applications for pharmacists for funded independent prescribing courses.

Courses are available up to March 2026, with [several universities](#) offering multiple dates for cohort intakes. Start dates will depend on the university provider.

Are you confident in making clinical records?

As the provision of clinical services in community pharmacies continues to grow, pharmacy professionals who want to update their knowledge of best practice in record keeping can access the Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education [Documenting in patient clinical records e-learning programme](#).

2025 Community Pharmacy England Workshops.

Ahead of negotiations on the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF) for 2026/27 and beyond, Community Pharmacy England is keen to discuss pressing issues and the future of the sector with pharmacy owners and LPCs.

Independent Pharmacy Awards Nominations are open.

The Independent Pharmacy Awards 2025 is officially open for entries! This is an opportunity for independent community pharmacists and their teams to tell the nation about their successes. The deadline for entries is **15 July 2025**.

National News/Reminders

Approaching deadline: Nearly 50% of pharmacies still to submit Data Security Toolkit.

More than half of pharmacy owners are yet to complete their Data Security and Protection Toolkit 2025 ahead of the imminent deadline.

Community Pharmacy England has published guidance to help community pharmacy owners complete the Data Security and Protection Toolkit 2025. The Toolkit is used to make a pharmacy's information governance (IG) declaration and must be completed by **30 June 2025**.

Reminder: Update your NHS Profile Manager quarterly.

Pharmacy owners are reminded to regularly update their NHS Profile Manager each quarter, ensuring their NHS website and Directory of Services (DoS) profile information remains current. Each module should be marked as verified, **even if no changes are needed**.

The NHS contract quarters are 1 April to 30 June; 1 July to 30 September; 1 October to 31 December; and 1 January to 31 March.

Pharmacy First: Have you claimed for your March-May consultations?

As [announced](#) last month, Pharmacy First consultations carried out in March, April and May 2025 must be claimed **by 11.59pm on 30 June 2025 to receive payment**. Pharmacy owners are encouraged to check that all claims for this time period have been submitted to the NHS Business Services Authority on the MYS portal for payment.

This change to the claim window, follows the announcement as part of the [contractual settlement for 2025/26](#) that to enable the variable monthly payment for Pharmacy First, the **claim window would be reduced to one month from 1 June 2025**.

Pharmacy First Clinical Pathways caps for June 2025.

Pharmacy owners should be aware that the Pharmacy First Clinical Pathways band assignments and monthly caps for June 2025 are published on the [NHSBSA website](#).

The list published by NHSBSA indicates the band assignment and monthly cap for each pharmacy by ODS code. If a pharmacy ODS is not included in the list, the pharmacy is automatically considered to be in Band 1 (the lowest band). [Read our Frequently Asked Questions on Pharmacy First caps.](#)

DMS: Shortened claim journey on MYS from July 2025.

A new streamlined process for making claims for the Discharge Medicines Service (DMS) will come into effect from **6 July 2025**.

What action do pharmacy owners need to take?

Claims up to and including 30 June 2025.

All DMS activity up until 30 June 2025 and within the 3 months claim period that has been completed should be claimed and submitted using the NHSBSA's existing NHS DMS journey via the MYS portal. The current journey will be retired at 23:59 on 05 July 2025.

Any NHS DMS data of activity started on or before 30 June 2025 but not completed should be entered into the new shortened MYS journey from 06 July 2025.

Claims from 01 July 2025.

Contractors should use the new shortened MYS journey to claim for any activity for the service that will be completed from the 01 July 2025. The new MYS journey will be available from 06 July 2025.

BLMK-N LPC WhatsApp Broadcast Group

As there is currently a lot of important information and timelines coming through, going forward we will only be posting this on to the Broadcast Group and the biweekly newsletter, if you haven't already signed up, please send us your details so you don't miss out on urgent reminders.

📢 To join the WhatsApp Broadcast Group:

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

If you have already sent your details to be added to the Broadcast Group, please be assured that your number has been added.

Useful Links:

<https://cpe.org.uk>

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

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

[Drug Safety Updates.](#)

[Timelines for PQS Domains 2025/26.](#)

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