Community Pharmacy BLMK & Northants

Fortnightly Newsletter – w/c 2 February 2026

This issue covers:

Training & Events:

- CPPE January update & weight management workshop – **10/2/26 7-9pm**.
- Media training - **10/2/26 7.30 – 9pm**.
- TARGET Antibiotics face to face training – **11/2/26 1- 5pm**.
- Data Security & Protection Toolkit 2026 workshop – **11/2/26 7.30pm**.
- Category H webinar – **16/2/26 7.30pm**.
- Spring C-19 vaccination webinars.
- Stress management & building resilience workshop – **26/2/26 7.15 – 9pm**.

National News/Reminders:

- National Pharmacy First Campaign – **from 2/2/26 – 22/2/26**.
- C-19 vaccination service.
- PQS AMS Pharmacy First audit – **until 3/2/26 to start**.
- PQS declaration window open.

Training & Events

CPPE update January 2026.

CPPE are running a Weight Management face to face workshop on **10 February at Cranfield University, 7 – 9pm**. The aim of the programme is to develop knowledge and skills to adopt a structured approach to safely provide weight management medicines, whether the mechanism of supply is prescribing or under a patient group direction (PGD). **Book your place.**

Reminder - **Media training offer: Become an ambassador for community pharmacy.**

Training on giving media interviews and handling the press is being offered to pharmacy owners, team members and LPCs on **Tuesday 10 February 2026, 7.30pm-9pm – online**

If you're interested in becoming an ambassador for community pharmacy and giving effective interviews to the press register now.

TARGET Antibiotics Training for Primary Care Professionals.

TARGET (Treating Antibiotics Responsibly, Guidance, Education and Tools) is a UKHSA led resource hosted by RCGP learning and will be holding a **face-to-face** Antibiotics Training Event for primary care professionals on **Wednesday 11 February 2026, 1 – 5pm** at Holiday Inn Milton Keynes East, London Road, Newport Pagnell, MK16 0JA. **Register for event**.

Register for CPE Data Security and Protection Toolkit 2026 Workshop.
Community Pharmacy England will be holding a webinar **on Wednesday 11 February at 7:30pm** to help community pharmacy owners complete the **Data Security and Protection Toolkit (DSPTK) 2026**.

Category H webinar.
Community Pharmacy England (CPE) will be holding a webinar about Drug Tariff Category H on **Monday 16 February at 7.30pm**.
During the webinar, CPE's funding and Drug Tariff experts will explain how entry to and price-setting arrangements for Category H will operate, as well as the background to these changes.
Register for the Category H webinar *(please note, booking will close at 12 noon on the day of the event)*

Spring 2026 COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign: Training Webinars.
The Spring 2026 COVID-19 vaccination campaign introduces important changes to how vaccine is allocated, ordered and delivered. To help you prepare, NHS England is running a series of live training webinars from **23 February to 11 March 2026**.

Before attending: Please log into Federated Data Platform (FDP) ahead of your training session so you can follow along with the demonstrations. If you do not have access to FDP, you can request it **here**.

Each session type covers the same content, so you only need to attend one session:

- **Tuesday 24 February 2pm – 3pm**.
- **Thursday 26 February 7pm – 7:45pm.**
- **Tuesday 3 March 3:30pm – 4:30pm**.
- **Wednesday 4 March 10am – 11am**.

Weekly drop-in sessions will continue from April through May (and beyond if needed) to support any ongoing questions once the campaign is underway.

Stress management and building resilience workshop – facilitated by Pharmacist Support.
Alongside critical work making the financial case for the sector, Community Pharmacy England will be working with **Pharmacist Support** in 2026 to help support the wellbeing of pharmacists and their teams.

- **Thursday 26th February 2026, 7.15pm – 9pm - Online**

This workshop explores wellbeing and looks at how to build resilience. It provides techniques for dealing with feelings of pressure including cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) and encourages participants to identify and build on strengths.

Seasonal Vaccination Service 2026/27 on-demand webinar.
CPE held a webinar in collaboration with NHS England about the new Seasonal Vaccination Service on Wednesday 21 January and is now available for you to view.

National News/Reminders

Reminder - **National Pharmacy First Campaign.**
As part of the **Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF) 2025/26** pharmacy contractors are required to take part in two national health campaigns promoting the Pharmacy First service to the public.
The second campaign runs from **2 - 22 February 2026**. Contractors can meet the requirements of the campaign through any of the following activities:

- displaying posters, leaflets or other promotional materials at the pharmacy.
- information on your pharmacy's website.
- information posted your pharmacy's social media channels; and
- including information in emails or SMS sent to patients.

Updated digital materials are available for use on the **DHSC Campaign Resource Centre**.

Reminder - Autumn/winter C-19 Vac Service 2025/26 ends.
Pharmacy owners are reminded that the NHS COVID-19 Vaccination Service for the autumn/winter campaign ended on **31 January 2026**.
Pharmacy teams should not administer any further vaccinations under this service after this date.

Pharmacy owners who intend to provide COVID-19 vaccinations as part of the Seasonal Vaccination Service for the Spring 2026 campaign are reminded that **2 February 2026,** is the final day of the interim deadline to ensure that they receive supply of COVID-19 vaccines in time for the start of the campaign.

Pharmacy owners that want to register for the COVID-19 Vaccination Service, must complete their **electronic registration declaration using this form**.

Seasonal Vacs Service spec updated.
Following the recent publication of the Seasonal Vaccinations service specification, NHS England has advised that they have needed to make a small number of crucial updates to the service specification.

Reminder - **PQS: Have you started your AMS Pharmacy First audit?**
Pharmacy owners have until **3 February 2026** to start the Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) Antimicrobial Stewardship – Pharmacy First consultations – Clinical Audit.
A reminder that data collection and action plans are available on the **CPE website**.

Clinical Audit **Guidance** is available to support completion. Anonymised data captured during the audit should be submitted using the online data collection tool by **31 March 2026**. The tool can be accessed via the **NHSBSA Manage your service (MYS) portal**.

PQS - Declaration window is open.
The declaration window for the Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) 2025/26 is now open.
Pharmacy owners can make a claim for a PQS payment up to **11.59pm on Friday 27 February 2026** through the MYS portal.

NHS' Sexual Safety Charter.
NHS England has tasked Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) to encourage primary care providers, including community pharmacies, to sign up to the **NHS Sexual Safety Charter**.

CPE brings DHSC face to face with medicines shortages.
Members of the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC)'s medicines supply team joined Community Pharmacy England on a series of pharmacy visits last week, giving them first-hand experience of the ongoing difficulties sourcing medicines and other challenges pharmacy teams face every day.

FSA recall: Aptamil First Infant Formula (Nutricia Ltd).
Danone is **recalling** Aptamil First Infant Formula because cereulide toxin has been found in the product.

NHSBSA 'Hints & Tips' – Issue 62.
The NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) produces a quarterly newsletter called "Hints & Tips for dispensing contractors".

All paper prescription bundles to be submitted to Greenfinch Way office.
NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) has **announced** that, from **1 February 2026** all end-of-month paper prescription bundles/batch submissions must be sent to their office at **Greenfinch Way.**

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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