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Local News

FAO Bedford & Milton Keynes – Expression of Interest (EOI): NHS Health Check delivery in Community Pharmacy.

Public Health (PH) invite expressions of interest from Community Pharmacies currently located and delivering services within **Bedford Borough, Central Bedfordshire, and Milton Keynes City** local authorities.

PH are seeking to commission the provision of NHS Health Checks through Community Pharmacies to compliment the services delivered by GP Practices across Bedford Borough, Central Bedfordshire, and Milton Keynes City. The service is to deliver to eligible residents across the three local authorities.

Please find attached a [**summary of the service being commissioned**](#).

Please complete the short form on the following link to **opt in** or **opt out**: [Expression of Interest: Community Pharmacy Delivery of NHS Health Checks – Fill in form.](#)

Please complete by: Close of business Friday 5 June 2026.

Pharmacy Supervision Webinar slides.

On 28 April 2026, BLMK–N LPC and Jasmine Shah, Head of Advice & Support Services/Medication Safety Officer from the NPA, hosted a webinar on the current legislation around Pharmacy Supervision. If you missed the webinar, the slides that Jasmine presented have now been added to our website.

FAO Northants – Sexual Health Outreach Update May 2026.

Includes new promotional materials and information on training and support.

Training & Events

CPPE East of England updates – May 2026.

The latest updates from CPPE East of England.

CPPE – Build your confidence in menopause consultations.

Whether you already advise on menopause, prescribe or plan to in the future or simply want to feel more confident in managing patient consultations the Menopause prescribing perspective workshop is a great opportunity to access online menopause learning and join your peers in person in an interactive workshop.

Tuesday 19 May 2026, 7:00 – 9:00pm at Collingtree Golf Club, 90 Windingbrooke Lane Northampton, NN4 OXN.

To book: [Menopause: prescribing perspectives: CPPE](#)

Community Pharmacy England (CPE), East of England Regional Workshop, Tuesday 9 June.

As part of CPE's ongoing commitment to engaging with the sector, CPE will be holding a workshop in the East of England on **Tuesday 9 June, 7:30pm – 9.30pm** at Newmarket Racecourses, Rowley Mile Racecourse, Newmarket, CB8 0TF

This face-to-face event will enable pharmacy owners and their representatives to discuss the next steps for community pharmacy with CPE, hearing more about the outcome of the CPCF negotiations for 2026/27 and feed directly into our priorities for the 2027/28 CPCF negotiations and beyond. [Click here to register your place.](#)

Bringing Primary Care together 21-22 June 2026 – National Conference Centre Birmingham.

This two-day event aims to bring together pharmacy and general practice leaders to explore integrated care, service innovation, workforce development, and practical ways to strengthen collaboration across primary care.

CPPE in person event – NHS Pharmacy Contraception Service – Tuesday 23 June 7pm.

NHS Pharmacy Contraception Service: delivering effective consultations to initiate contraception.

The aim of this programme is to support you in shared decision making with people who are starting, restarting or changing contraception within the NHS Pharmacy Contraception Service (PCS). The learning contains information on how to reach a shared decision on an appropriate formulation of contraception provided with the person using this service. Scenarios based on those encountered in practice enable community pharmacy professionals to gain experience in the communication skills that they need to initiate contraception, within a safe learning environment.

Rufus Centre, Flitwick, Tuesday 23 June 7pm–9pm – [Registration link](#).

Community Pharmacy BLMK–N invitation to an event on Sunday 28 June 2026.

You are invited to One Team in Action: United in purpose, driven in practice – an event designed to help pharmacy contractors strengthen their business, empower their teams, and invest in their own wellbeing.

Headline Speakers:

- Dr Leyla Hannbeck – CEO IPA
- Baldev Bange & Bhavin Patel from the NPA
- Matthew Rossor – Counsellor and Psychotherapist

To secure your place [Register](#) your place today!

National News/Reminders

NHS updates EPS nomination standards.

NHS England has [updated its national standards on how pharmacy teams and IT system suppliers process nominations](#). This follows renewed scrutiny of [nomination](#) practices and reinforces the principle that patients must be able to set or change their nomination freely, without pressure or unwanted intervention.

Updated Factsheets: Dispensing Controlled Drugs.

Community Pharmacy England (CPE) have updated their dispensing factsheets to support pharmacy teams in the dispensing and submission of prescriptions for Controlled Drugs (CDs):

- [The CDs factsheet](#) outlines key requirements such as prescription validity, quantity and wording requirements, record keeping, and guidance on collection and Owings.
- [The instalment factsheet](#) covers dispensing and endorsing FP10MDA prescriptions.

Pharmacy teams are encouraged to review the updated resources to support accurate dispensing and submission of CD prescriptions.

Medicines Supply: New animation for patients.

The Medicines Supply Resilience Group (MSRG) has recently [launched a new animation](#) for patients, illustrating the complexity of the UK medicines supply chain and the huge pressures it faces.

CPE, which is part of the MSRG, supports the animation and also provides a number of other patient-facing materials to help explain why certain medications may be unavailable and manage expectations during stock shortages, such as the [Where's my medicine? patient leaflet](#).

IT system selection survey.

NHS IT teams are seeking input from pharmacy owners and decision-makers to help simplify how IT systems, like Pharmacy First solutions, are compared and selected.

In just five minutes you can directly influence future supplier standards and help NHS England and the Community Pharmacy IT Group ensure future systems better reflect real-world pharmacy needs.

Please complete the survey here: [Community Pharmacy IT system selection \(NHS IT survey\)](#)

NMS myth busting series (#1) , series (#2) and series (#3).

CPE have launched a new series to tackle common misconceptions around the New Medicine Service (NMS), helping you deliver the service with confidence.

If you're involved in providing NMS, this is a practical read to help ensure you're meeting the service criteria and making the most of your team's skills.

Managing medicines supply issues.

As supply chain pressures continue to impact the sector, pharmacy teams are reminded of the following advice when you're struggling to obtain a medicine:

- **Make use of the [Medicines Supply Tool](#):** This tool on the Specialist Pharmacy Service (SPS) website has the latest information on supply issues, actions to take, alternatives to use, and expected resolution dates. (Note: to view SPS resources, registration with an NHS email is required.)
- **Fill in the [Shortages Reporting Form](#):** If a drug shortage does not yet appear on the SPS Medicines Supply Tool, report it to Community Pharmacy England using our online form. These reports are shared with DHSC's Medicines Supply Team for further investigation.

Reminder – [Data Security and Protection Toolkit 2026: Are you working through it?](#)

Deadline upcoming – The Data Security and Protection Toolkit submission is due by **30 June 2026** as part of a pharmacy's annual information governance (IG) declaration. Pharmacy owners are reminded to pay particular attention to ensuring that their Data Protection Officer arrangements are appropriate and their privacy notice is up to date.

Reminder – [2026/27 CPAF timeline confirmed.](#)

NHS England has confirmed that, as last year, the screening questionnaire will run throughout **July 2026**, and the **full CPAF questionnaire will run throughout October 2026.**

Completion of CPAF is a requirement of the Terms of Service. **Therefore, pharmacy owners must complete the screening questionnaire and, if required, the full CPAF questionnaire.** The screening questions and full questionnaire will be published on the [NHSBSA website](#) in due course, so that pharmacy owners can consider their answers before submitting them in the online survey tool on the Manage Your Service (MYS) portal.

Useful Links:

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

[Community Pharmacy England \(CPE\).](#)

[Community Pharmacy BLMK-N LinkedIn.](#)

[CPCF services and Terms of Service – Important dates.](#)

[Drug Safety Updates.](#)

[MECC – BLMK.](#)

[MECC – Northants.](#)

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

[Translation Services – Community Pharmacy BLMK.](#)

ONE TEAM IN ACTION:

United in purpose, driven in practice.

SUNDAY, 28TH JUNE
9.30–2.30PM



JOIN US FOR POWERFUL LEARNING AND LEADERSHIP

Headline Speakers:

Dr Leyla Hannbeck – CEO IPA

A leading national voice for independent pharmacy

Guest speakers from the NPA – to be announced!

Expert contributors from the NPA, delivering practical, business-focused sessions to help your pharmacy thrive.

Matthew Rossor – Supporting you with everyday challenges

Supporting your personal wellbeing and resilience

 **Sunday, 28th June, 9.30–2.30pm**

Includes lunch where you can network with stakeholders and sponsors

 **Cranfield University**
Cranfield, Bedfordshire, MK43 0AL

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