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

FAO Luton & Bedfordshire – HUC re NHS 111 and Pharmacy First.

If you receive a patient referral from 111 and the patient needs to be referred back to them, where appropriate, pharmacists should utilise the **healthcare professional line** rather than advising patients to call 111 themselves, this will ensure the patient is dealt with as efficiently as possible. This line is accessed by **calling 111 and selecting option 3**, whereby they will arrange for a healthcare professional to callback.

FAO BLMK – [Invitation to join a new Sexual and Reproductive Health Operational Group.](#)

The Local Authority Public Health teams across BLMK are establishing a new **Sexual and Reproductive Health Operational Group** for professionals with an interest in improving local sexual and reproductive health outcomes. The group will bring together providers from **primary care, secondary care and the voluntary sector** to collectively identify key Sexual and Reproductive Health priorities and **co-design services that better meet the needs of our local communities.**

They are particularly keen to have **pharmacist representation** within the group. Pharmacists play a vital role as an accessible link between services and communities, and your insight and experience will be invaluable in shaping practical, joined-up approaches to care.

If you're interested in being part of this group, please complete the **short expression-of-interest survey** using this link [BLMK Sexual and Reproductive Health Operational Group: Register your interest – Fill in form.](#)

[Training & Events](#)

[Independent prescribing training for pharmacists 2026: applications now open.](#)

NHS England is now offering fully funded independent prescribing courses for pharmacists from all sectors, including community, locum, general practice, health and justice, and hospital settings. Courses are available at universities across England, with multiple start dates up to March 2027.

This training will support new models of care, enabling pharmacists to offer clinical services from diagnosis to prescribing, patient advice, and follow-up, as pharmacy services expand within clinical pathways.

Find [more information including eligibility criteria, how to apply and to view the list of approved providers.](#)

[The Primary Care Show.](#)

Join over 5000 primary care professionals at The Primary Care Show on **20-21 May 2026** at the NEC Birmingham.

[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.

This face-to-face event will enable pharmacy owners and their representatives to discuss the next steps for community pharmacy with us, 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.

Details:

Location: Newmarket Racecourses, Rowley Mile Racecourse, Newmarket, CB8 0TF

Timings: **Tuesday 9 June, 7:30pm – 9.30pm**, with doors open from 6:45pm when a hot buffet will be available, with informal networking and Q&A with the Community Pharmacy England team)

[Click here to register your place.](#)

This event is free to attend, but you are asked to register in advance. Please note, attendance is for pharmacy owners and their representatives.

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.

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Extended FP34C submission deadline for prescriptions dispensed in April 2026.

With Early May Bank Holiday (4 May 2026) occurring in the first five days of the FP34C submission window, pharmacy owners will have an extra day, until the end of 6 May 2026, to submit their April FP34Cs using the **[Manage Your Service \(MYS\) portal](#)** and to dispatch their prescription bundle to the relevant pricing division at the NHSBSA.

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.

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.

NHS Smartcards: important checks to keep systems working.

NHS England and Community Pharmacy England (CPE) are re-asking all pharmacy staff who use Smartcards to carry out a few simple checks now – to avoid disruption later. Some older Smartcards will stop working from 7 May 2026, and others may stop working if contact details or roles are out of date.

Record concession numbers indicative of volatility in supply chain, warns CPE.

A record number of price concessions – 204 – [have now been announced for April](#), with further requests still being negotiated.

This is the second consecutive month in which concessions have reached record highs, after 201 improved prices were announced for March.

Provider assurance work to commence.

The NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) Provider Assurance Team (PA Team), commissioned by NHS England, will soon start to undertake [provider assurance work](#) (post-payment verification (PPV)) with pharmacy owners providing the Smoking Cessation Service, the Pharmacy Contraception Service, Pharmacy First and the Hypertension Case-Finding Service.

CPE has been consulted on the verification process and has sought to ensure it is appropriately targeted, proportionate and fair to those pharmacy owners asked to provide records.

Dispensing Top Tip: Ensure paper FP10 prescriptions with 'FS' endorsed items are included in red separators.

Pharmacy teams are reminded that paper FP10 prescriptions with items endorsed 'FS' (Free supply for specified use) must be placed in the red separator as part of the end-of-month submission process.

New NHS.net Connect Launchpad homepage – rolling out.

NHS.net Connect is replacing NHSmail, as [announced previously](#). As part of this change, many community pharmacy teams will soon see a new NHS.net homepage called the Launchpad.

NHSBSA 'Hints & Tips' – Issue 63.

The NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) quarterly newsletter called "Hints & Tips".

Pharmacy First: Recognition of tick bites and the symptoms of Lyme disease.

As we move into the warmer months, pharmacy teams may start to see people presenting with tick bites and potentially symptoms of Lyme disease.

While tick bites/Lyme disease **is not treatable under the Pharmacy First clinical pathway for infected insect bites**, with patients needing to be signposted onwards, patients may present with a tick bite with an erythema migrans (EM) rash – also known as a bullseye rash.

Therefore understanding more about the signs and symptoms should help pharmacy teams recognise the symptoms and allow them to signpost patients as appropriate.

Reminder – [Have you completed the Annual Complaints Report?](#)

It is a mandatory requirement for all community pharmacies, including distance selling premises, to prepare an annual report on complaints by 31 March each year. You must send the information to the pharmacy commissioning team, and the report should also be available to anyone who requests it.

[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 & Northants.](#)

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SUNDAY, 28TH JUNE
9.30–2.30PM



JOIN US FOR POWERFUL LEARNING AND LEADERSHIP

Headline Speakers:

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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

Register Now

Stakeholders
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