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Local News

One Team in Action: United in purpose, driven in practice – Event.

Our One Team in Action event, website page has now been updated with all of guest speakers, **Baldev Bange, Bhavin Patel** and **Matthew Rossor's** presentations.

If you didn't get time to talk to all of our Sponsors and Stakeholders their contact details with links to further information have also been added.

Thank you again to everyone who attended and contributed to such a positive and energising event.

Training & Events

NHSE East of England MenB Drop-in sessions.

Drop in Q&A sessions, available to all, which you can join at the below times by clicking the relevant link (no registration required):

- Tuesday 14 July, 1–1.30pm – [Click to join](#)
- Wednesday 22 July, 6.30–7pm – [Click to join](#)
- Wednesday 29 July, 1–1.30pm – [Click to join](#)
- Tuesday 4 August, 6.30–7pm – [Click to join](#)

[Pharmacy Regulations: Opening Hours.](#)

On **Monday 20 July 2026, 7:30– 9pm**, Community Pharmacy England will be hosting a webinar on the regulatory provisions and issues around pharmacy core and supplementary opening hours.

The session will explain the current requirements, notifications and applications, market entry issues around opening hours, explain how ICBs and NHS Resolution are assessing applications/appeals, and provide practical guidance on the evidence to include with applications.

This webinar is suitable for pharmacy owners and LPC members to attend, [Book your place now.](#)

[National News/Reminders](#)

[Men B Vacc Service: One week left to register for the new service.](#)

Pharmacy owners who plan to start offering the Meningococcal B (MenB) Vaccination Service (the service commences on 20 July 2026) must register for the service by **20 July 2026**.

Due to the short duration of this vaccination programme, any registration received after the 20 July 2026 deadline will not be accepted and pharmacy owners will not be able to provide the service.

For full details of the service, please visit the [NHS England website](#).

[MenB vac: vaccine allocation and ordering guidance.](#)

NHS England has published guidance on their Futures website for pharmacy owners regarding the allocation and ordering of the vaccine to be used in the Meningococcal B (MenB) Vaccination Service.

The guidance explains how vaccine will be allocated, ordered and delivered to pharmacies and includes the steps which must be taken before vaccine orders can be placed.

Further information and regular updates are available on the [CPE website](#).

PQS: The Aspiration payment window is now open.

Pharmacy owners are now able to make a claim for an Aspiration payment for the Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) 2026/27 on the NHS Business Services Authority's Manage Your Service (MYS) portal.

Pharmacy owners, who wish to claim an Aspiration payment, must do so **between 9am on 13 July 2026 and 11.59pm on 28 July 2026**.

Pharmacy owners will be paid their Aspiration payment on **1 September 2026**.

Flu vac services: updates and service spec published.

NHS England has published an **operational letter** for the seasonal flu vaccination programme. The letter sets out NHS England's initial 3-year ambitions for the flu vaccination programme in relation to the percentage vaccination rates of the various eligible groups of the population.

In addition, the letter confirms the opening of the National Booking Service (NBS) earlier than before, on **17 August 2026**. This early opening follows Community Pharmacy England's request for earlier opening of the booking system, following feedback on this from pharmacy owners. NBS will remain open until 31 March 2027.

Concession numbers still going up, warns CPE.

Community Pharmacy England has negotiated a record **257 price concessions for June**, making this the fourth consecutive month of record highs.

Please continue to report products priced above the Drug Tariff using the **online form**, this supports CPE's representations to DHSC, and detailed negotiations aimed at securing concessions for affected products. This evidence also strengthens their wider call for reforms to pharmacy reimbursement.

Key CPCF dates for July and the months ahead.

CPE have created an important Dates webpage with the latest key deadlines and milestones.

Current highlights include the 31 July deadline for completing the 2026/27 CPAF screening questionnaire, quarterly NHS website and Directory of Services (DoS) profile reviews, and upcoming Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) and vaccination service dates. The page is updated regularly to help pharmacy teams stay on track.

Action your Unpaid items on the MYS portal.

Latest data obtained from the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) shows there were over 194,000 unpaid or Referred Back (RB) items on the **Manage Your Service (MYS) portal** awaiting action by pharmacy owners.

It is important to note that unpaid items are only held on MYS for a period of 18 months from the date they are first returned to the pharmacy for action.

Pharmacy teams are advised to regularly check the 'Unpaid items' tab on the MYS portal and ensure that any outstanding unpaid items are completed and returned promptly to the NHSBSA for payment.

Reminder – [Community Pharmacy Assurance Framework \(CPAF\) screening questionnaire.](#)

Community pharmacy contractors should have received confirmation from NHSBSA that the CPAF screening questionnaire went live on **1 July 2026** and will be available for completion until midnight on **31 July 2026**.

Users of the NHSBSA's [Manage Your Service \(MYS\) portal](#) will be able to complete this year's CPAF by logging in. The very small number of contractors who do not have a sign-in for MYS will be able to complete the questionnaire online and will have received email details on how to do this.

Completion of the screening questionnaire is **compulsory**, and the results of the questionnaire will form the basis of which contractors will be asked to complete the full CPAF survey and may be visited

[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 \(SSPs\)](#)

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