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Local News

AGM & SGM 16 September 2026.

Our AGM (Annual General Meeting) and SGM (Special General Meeting) are an important part of how we remain accountable to you as contractors.

The AGM will look back at the year's activity, finances, and outcomes, [Annual Report and Accounts](#), while the SGM will deal with a formal decision that requires contractor approval. You can find out more about this on our dedicated webpage, [Annual General Meeting 2026](#).

These meetings ensure that our governance remains strong and that the LPC continues to reflect the priorities of the community pharmacy sector.

Your involvement really does make a difference, whether you join us online on [Wednesday 16 September at 7pm](#) or submit your vote in advance. Independents & IPA will have received this information via their NHS emails, on 4 August, CCA members (larger multiples), the process is slightly different, as votes are cast centrally rather than at branch level.

FAO North Northants – CGL Contract & Webinar.

From **1 October 2026**, the current CGL contract, for the provision of the Supervised Consumption service, will be replaced with the CGL Core Medication Assisted Treatment (CoreMAT) service. More information about the changes can be found in the [CGL Letter to Pharmacies](#).

CGL will be holding an evening webinar on **Tuesday 8 September at 7pm** where they will provide further information about the service and answer any questions:

- **Tuesday 8 September 7pm** – [Link to join webinar](#).

The webinar is open to all North Northamptonshire contractors, including those who currently do not offer the service and would be interested in doing so in the future.

FAO Beds & MK – Provision of Chlamydia.

Bedford Borough, Central Bedfordshire and Milton Keynes City Councils are inviting Pharmacy providers across these local authority areas to sign up to the **Public Health Enhanced Services (PHES) contract 2026–29 for the Provision of Chlamydia** (and Gonorrhoea) dual **self-testing kits** and **Chlamydia treatment** (via PGD) for young people aged 15–24 years (including partners aged 25 years and above).

Pharmacy providers will be **reimbursed** for this vital service provision with **newly uplifted tariffs** which are: **£10.00 for every completed self-test kit** (confirmed as received at the laboratory) and **£20.00 for every Chlamydia treatment** consultation provided and the drug costs.

For more information on how to sign up, please contact kate.cheng@bedford.gov.uk (Public Health Practitioner, Sexual & Reproductive Health).

Futures Platform: why pharmacy teams should register.

Futures—also known as FutureNHS—is NHS England’s free, secure collaboration platform for people working in health and care. National teams increasingly use it to publish and share important information.

If you haven’t registered for Futures yet, it’s worth taking a few minutes to do it.

Why this matters right now

Current MenB and autumn/winter vaccination resources are available through Futures, so registering now helps you avoid delays when you need the latest guidance.

Futures is also increasingly being used as the default platform for national programmes. Setting up your account now means you’ll be ready when the next service update lands.

Why it’s worth joining

- It is owned by NHS England, secure and free to use.
- Workspaces bring together guidance, FAQs, webinar recordings and updates.
- You can join the workspaces relevant to you and subscribe to the information you need.
- You control your email notifications and can reduce or switch off alerts, so joining does not mean receiving a constant stream of messages.

- There is an online support centre, including video guides, if you need help.

What's available for pharmacy now

Vaccination resources are particularly useful at the moment. Several items require a Futures account to access, including:

- **MenB service:** guidance on vaccine supply, ordering and delivery
- **Seasonal Vaccination Provider Programme Guide** and **Site Campaign Guide for autumn/winter 2026/27**
- **Vaccination point-of-care systems:** information about the systems available for recording vaccinations

Most of these resources can be found in the **Vaccinations and Screening** workspace.

How to register

1. Visit future.nhs.uk/system/register.
2. Self-register using an individual work email from an eligible **nhs.net**, **nhs.uk** or **gov.uk** domain.
3. Once registered, search for the **Vaccinations and Screening** workspace and select **Join**. Some workspaces let you join immediately; others require approval from the workspace manager.

Important: Futures accounts are individual, and shared branch mailboxes must not be used. Please register with your own work email address so that notifications and password resets come directly to you.

If you do not have an individual email address from one of the eligible domains, contact the [Futures support team](#) or ask the relevant workspace manager about an invitation.

Training & Events

NHS England Teach and Treat programme 2026/27: Expressions of interest are now open.

The NHS England Teach and Treat programme supports the development of community pharmacist Independent Prescribers (IPs), through hands-on, supervised learning in clinical settings, and strengthening of local designated prescribing practitioner supervision capacity. Organisations can apply for funding to build sustainable supervision models and enable IP training. Please complete the [expression of interest \(Eol\) form](#) by **Sunday 23 August 2026 at 11:59pm**.

NHS England will host online drop-in sessions to provide further information about the programme and the Eol process on **Tuesday 11 August 2026 (1.00pm – 2.00pm)** and **Thursday 13 August 2026 (8.00pm – 9.00pm)**. For more information, to request the guidance document or links to drop-in sessions, please contact england.pharmacyteam@nhs.net.

Pharmacist Enhanced Practice Pathway: Supporting newly qualified prescribers.

The Pharmacist Enhanced Practice Pathway is a new national pilot programme created by NHS England, the Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education (CPPE) and the Royal College of Pharmacy (RCPharm). It is designed to support this year's newly qualified pharmacists as they begin their careers as independent prescribers (IPs).

The pilot will offer 1,200 places across two cohorts:

- 900 places for learners with a workplace educational supervisor; and
- 300 places for learners who need CPPE-provided educational supervision.

Applications open:

- **1 September 2026** for cohort one; and
- **4 January 2027** for cohort two.

Menopause ; prescribing perspectives – Tuesday 22 September 7pm–9pm.

CPPE are running a face-to-face workshop to develop your knowledge and skills for adopting a structured approach to safely and confidently provide advice on menopause symptom management and supply of medicines.

Date– **Tuesday 22 September 7pm – 9pm at the Rufus Centre, Flitwick, MK45 1AH.**

[Book here to secure your place.](#)

National News/Reminders

Less than a month to register for Childhood Flu Vac Service.

To receive supplies of childhood flu vaccines ahead of the 1 October 2026 service commencement date, pharmacy owners must have registered to provide the Childhood Flu Vaccination Service via MYS by **11.59pm on 31 August 2026.**

Updates on seasonal vacs programmes.

As pharmacy owners and their teams prepare for this year's seasonal vaccination period, CPE have highlighted a number of key updates to be aware of, including:

- **NHS England guidance:** the full 2026/27 operational guidance for the adult flu, COVID-19 and childhood flu services now available to read.
- **Adding C-19 and Flu vaccination appointments to MYA:** pharmacy owners can now start to add appointments for seasonal vaccinations to the Manage Your Appointments (MYA) website ready for patients to book via the National Booking Service from **17 August 2026.**
- **RAVS reminder:** From **1 September 2026**, community pharmacies must record all NHS vaccinations in the Record a Vaccination Service (RAVS) IT system – contact your system supplier for an update on their progress towards integration.

URGENT – FDP ACTION REQUIRED FROM FRIDAY 21 AUGUST : reconfirm your details on the FDP Supply Dashboard.

On **Friday 21 August 2026**, the Site Acknowledgement Page on the NHS England Federated Data Platform (FDP) Supply Dashboard will reset.

This applies to community pharmacies providing:

- the winter 2026 COVID-19 vaccination programme;
- the COVID-19 year-round pathway;
- the children's flu LAIV programme; or
- the time-limited 4CMenB vaccination offer.

What you need to do

From 21 August, log in to the [FDP Supply Dashboard](#) and check your:

- vaccine delivery address;
- lead name and contact details; and
- vaccine storage capacity.

Correct any inaccurate information and select **Accept**.

Do not wait for a separate email or reminder. The NHS England message does not specify that providers will receive a notification when the reset takes place. Check the Site Acknowledgement Page proactively from 21 August. Following the reset, you should be required to review and accept your details again.

Although no final completion deadline has been specified, this must be completed **before placing your next vaccine order**.

If you do not complete the acknowledgement:

- you will be unable to place vaccine orders through FDP;
- vaccine supplies may be delayed; and
- vaccines may be sent to the wrong location if the delivery address is incorrect.

Even if you have previously accepted the acknowledgement page, you must complete it again after the reset. Existing FDP users do not need to apply for a new account.

If you cannot access the page, it does not appear to have reset, your delivery address is incorrect, or you receive an error, contact your ICB promptly for support.

Central East ICB: ceicb.svoc@nhs.net

LLRN vaccination team: llr.vaccopcentre@nhs.net

MenB Vaccination Service: Ordering and Allocation Update.

Pharmacies providing the MenB Vaccination Service should check their allocation on the [FDP Supply Dashboard](#) before placing vaccine orders. Orders must be submitted before the relevant cut-off date, and appointment availability should be aligned with confirmed vaccine delivery dates to help avoid cancellations or rescheduling. NHS England is also increasing allocations and reviewing bookings daily to support service delivery. For more information click [here](#).

There will be no deliveries of COVID-19 and 4CMenB vaccine on the Bank Holiday, **Monday 31 August 2026**.

This means that all COVID-19 and 4CMenB vaccine deliveries for the week commencing 31 August (Monday 31 August to Friday 4 September) will be completed over a four-day week, from Tuesday to Friday inclusive.

Late August Bank Holiday – 31 August 2026

Delivery Day	Ordering Deadline
Tuesday 1 September	Thursday 27 August
Wednesday 2 September	Friday 28 August
Thursday 3 September	Tuesday 1 September
Friday 4 September	Wednesday 2 September

Please ensure your site has submitted a stocktake on the Federated Data Platform (FDP) within the previous 7 days before placing your order. Sites cannot order COVID-19 and 4CMenB vaccine unless a stocktake for that vaccine has been completed within the past 7 days, so please build this into your planning ahead of the bank holiday.

If your site does not have a current stocktake, you will be prevented from ordering until a new record has been submitted. It can take up to 2 hours for this to be registered by the system and allow an order to proceed, so please do not leave this until the last minute given the shorter week.

Updated Hypertension Case-Finding Service.

NHS England has published an updated Hypertension Case-Finding Service (HCFS) specification, with changes agreed by Community Pharmacy England as part of the 2025/26 CPCF negotiations.

Taking effect from **3 September 2026**, the changes reaffirm the service's primary purpose. Patient eligibility is refocused on people without hypertension and signposting from general practice is restricted to those who have not had a blood pressure check in the last five years.

The specification also tightens the rules on off-site provision and clarifies requirements for ambulatory blood pressure monitoring (ABPM), patient consent, record-keeping and claiming. **See CPE guide to the changes.**

NHS England publish IP guidance.

NHS England has published two documents relating to the assurance of Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF) clinical services and the commissioning of NHS prescribing services in community pharmacies.

Disallowed items.

A significant proportion of disallowed items are appliances or chemical reagents not listed in Part IX (the Appliances section) of the Drug Tariff, or products ordered by dentists or community nurse prescribers which are not listed in their respective formularies.

Minimise your pharmacy's risk of losing money through disallowed items by reviewing the practical guidance and helpful tips in CPE [Funding & Reimbursement Shorts video on disallowed items.](#)

[Funding & Reimbursement Shorts: Part VIII of the Drug Tariff.](#)

In this video, CPE provide guidance on the different parts of Part VIII of the Drug Tariff, with a particular focus on Part VIIIA.

Reminder – Levemir® discontinuation.

Levemir® (insulin detemir) is being discontinued, and NHS England has advised that the majority of patients should be switched to an appropriate alternative insulin by the end of September 2026 to ensure continuity of supply.

As supplies reduce, it is important that patients are reviewed and switched as soon as possible to avoid disruption to treatment.

Pharmacy teams are asked to remind any patients collecting Levemir prescriptions that the product is being discontinued and to contact their GP practice or diabetes specialist team promptly to arrange a review and switch if this has not already taken place.

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.](#)

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