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Local News

FAO – BLMK – Change to email address for immunisation queries.

From **Monday 7 September 2026**, all immunisation queries should be sent to:

england.eoeimms@nhs.net. This new regional inbox replaces the previous East Anglia, Essex, and Herts & BLMK inboxes.

For operational queries relating to COVID-19, Flu, RSV, Pertussis and MenB vaccination programmes (including vaccine supply, assurance, contracts, and payment queries), please continue to contact the Regional Vaccination Operations Centre (RVOC) at: england.eoe-vacprg@nhs.net.

Northants will continue to use llr.vaccopcentre@nhs.net and england.midlandsvaccs@nhs.net.

Reminder – [AGM & SGM 16 September 2026.](#)

Community Pharmacy BLMK & Northamptonshire are pleased to invite you to our online **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** on **Wednesday 16 September 2026.**

Alongside our AGM, we will also be holding a **Special General Meeting (SGM)** to explain the **Proposed Boundary Realignment – [Case for Change](#)** proposal.

Date: Wednesday 16 September 2026

Time: 7:00pm

Online: [Community Pharmacy BLMK & Northamptonshire AGM/SGM | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)

We are also hosting drop-in sessions, in the weeks prior to the Special General Meeting, to answer any questions on the Proposed Boundary Realignment:

- **Wednesday 9 September 2026 – 12:30 – 13:00 [Boundary Realignment Drop-in | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)**
- **Wednesday 9 September 2026 – 19:30 – 20:00 [Boundary Realignment Drop-in | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)**

Training & Events

Reminder – 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.

2026 Flu Masterclass webinar – Children Flu National Immunisation Programme Essentials – 14 September 18:00 – 19:00.

Key Topics

- Flu at a glance: The key facts you need to support your conversations with parents/carers about the importance of vaccination.
- Flu vaccine essentials: Key aspects of the nasal spray flu vaccine, including administration, storage, eligibility and much more!

- Resources at your fingertips: An A-Z guide on the freely available resources that AstraZeneca have developed to support you and your teams.
- Q&A: Your questions answered!
- **Monday, 14 September from 18:00 to 19:00 – [Register here](#).**

This is a promotional event developed and funded by AstraZeneca UK. AstraZeneca product(s) may be discussed at this meeting. Intended for UK healthcare professionals only.

C&D Cholera Webinar – 17 September 16:00.

This webinar will provide practical education to help Healthcare Professionals confidently identify cholera risk factors and support conversations within travel health consultations. This webinar explores:

- What cholera is, including its symptoms, disease burden, incidence and diagnostic challenges
- Traveller profiles, activities and behaviours that may increase potential exposure
- How food, water and common travel experiences can influence cholera risk
- Practical measures travellers can take to help reduce the likelihood of infection
- Approaches to supporting informed and individualised prevention discussions
- **Wednesday 17 September 16:00 – [Register here](#).**

Promotional webinar organised and funded by Valneva UK for UK healthcare professionals only. During the webinar, Valneva products will be discussed.

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](#)

Read the Latest **[newsletter from CPPE East of England](#)** on further programmes and workshops.

Webinar on upcoming changes to Part IX of the Drug Tariff – 22 September 2026.

Community Pharmacy England and the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) will be holding a joint webinar on **Tuesday 22 September at 7.15pm** to explain the upcoming changes to Part IX of the Drug Tariff.

You can submit your questions ahead of time by email to **ds.team@cpe.org.uk**

[Register for the Part IX Webinar](#) (note, booking will close at 12 noon on the day of the event)

Getting the best from NMS Webinar on Wednesday 23 September, 7:30pm.

Thames Valley LPC are hosting a 60-minute webinar on refreshing your New Medicine Service skills.

This fast-paced, friendly webinar walks you through the full NMS journey — from identifying and recruiting patients to delivering structured, meaningful consultations across a wide range of clinical conditions.

- **Wednesday 23 September, 7:30pm – [Meeting link](#).**

Applications now open: Pharmacist Enhanced Practice Pathway pilot.

Newly qualified, early career pharmacist prescribers in their first year of post-registration practice can now register to join the Pharmacist Enhanced Practice Pathway (PEPP) pilot. To find out more visit the [CPPE website](#).

National News/Reminders

NHS flu vacs for pregnant women.

From **1 September 2026**, pregnant women can receive their NHS flu vaccinations from community pharmacies as the NHS flu programme commences ahead of winter. Pregnant women can get their flu jab at any stage of pregnancy and NHS promotional activity will be encouraging eligible women to get protected.

Other eligible adult groups will be able to receive their flu vaccinations from 1 October 2026.

Childhood flu reminder.

While general practice and the school vaccination service can offer children the flu vaccine from 1 September, pharmacy owners are reminded that community pharmacies cannot commence provision of flu vaccinations to eligible children this month.

From **1 October 2026**, pharmacies can administer flu vaccines to all children aged 2- and 3-years old and clinically at-risk children aged 4-17 years old.

From **1 December 2026**, pharmacies can administer flu vaccinations to school aged children (Reception to Year 11).

COVID-19 and Adult flu vaccination service registration.

Pharmacy owners must use the NHS Business Services Authority's Manage Your Service (MYS) portal to register to provide COVID-19 and adult flu vaccinations in the autumn/winter 2026/27 season (Please read article on CPE website for full information).

Where a pharmacy owner only wishes to provide adult flu vaccinations, they still need to register to provide the service on MYS.

The final deadline to register to provide COVID-19 and adult vaccinations or only adult flu vaccinations in 2026/27 is **11.59pm on 30 November 2026**.

Changes to the Hypertension Case-Finding Service.

Pharmacy owners are reminded that [the changes to the Hypertension Case-Finding Service](#) (HCFS), came into effect on **Thursday 3 September 2026**.

This follows the [publication of the updated service specification](#) earlier this month. We recommend that all pharmacy owners providing the service read the updated service specification and the [summary of changes on CPE website](#).

[The HCFS– A briefing for General Practice teams.](#)

Community Pharmacy England Briefing provides information for general practice teams on the Community Pharmacy Hypertension Case-Finding Service, which has recently been updated. We have also added this to our website to sit alongside our [GP Engagement Toolkit – Community Pharmacy BLMK & Northants](#).

[PQS: Palliative Care Questionnaire now open.](#)

Pharmacy owners can now complete the Palliative and End of Life Care (PEoLC) questionnaire via the NHSBSA MYS portal.

This is one of the three gateway requirements for the 2026/27 Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) and must be submitted by **31 December 2026** for pharmacy owners to remain eligible for a PQS payment.

[PQS: Clinical audit published.](#)

NHS England has published the clinical audit, developed with Community Pharmacy England, that must be undertaken by pharmacies wanting to complete Domain 2 (Professional practice) of the Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS).

The audit focuses on the quality of Pharmacy First clinical pathway consultations and record keeping for those consultations.

[Mandatory National Health Campaigns for 2026/27.](#)

Details of the two national health campaigns for the 2026/27 CPCF have been announced:

- **October 2026:** Promoting respect for pharmacy teams – this intends to support [the findings of CPE poll that indicated levels of violence and abuse in community pharmacies are increasing](#).
- **February 2027:** Raising awareness of the Pharmacy First service.

Campaign messages can be shared in a variety of ways, including through posters, social media, or SMS communications.

[Community Pharmacy Workforce Survey launches 14 September 2026.](#)

The Community Pharmacy Workforce Survey 2026 will open for all NHS community pharmacy contractors on **Monday 14 September 2026**.

The NHS Business Service Authority will contact all NHS pharmacy contract holders when the survey is live with information on how to complete the survey and the deadline. Ahead of the survey launch, we encourage contract holders to review their workforce records and identify the information they will need to complete their workforce survey.

[NHS England announces funding uplifts for pharmacy trainees.](#)

NHS England has announced that the level of funding for each site employing a foundation trainee pharmacist starting in the 2026/27 training year (Summer and Autumn start windows) will increase to **£28,196 per trainee**. The previous funding level was £27,295.

The increased payments will come into effect from **1 September 2026** and will be made automatically to all eligible training sites, including back-dated payments to the start date of the trainee pharmacist. An uplift will also be applied to payments already made for trainees from the 2025/26 cohort, for the period 1 April 2026 to 31 August 2026. There is nothing additional that training sites need to do to receive the uplifted payment.

[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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