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Community Pharmacy Ealing, Hammersmith & Hounslow Newsletter Ealing

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****Important Dates****

11:59pm on 31st July 2024

ToS: Pharmacy owners are **required to complete** the 2024/25 CPAF screening questionnaire.

This is a mandatory requirement for all pharmacy owners.

Action: Pharmacy owners who use the NHSBSA Manage Your Service (MYS) portal should complete the questionnaire on the portal during the required time period. Those who are not yet signed up to MYS will be able to complete the questionnaire online.

Between 1st July and 30th September 2024

ToS: Pharmacy owners are required to verify and, where necessary, update the information contained in their **NHS**

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[website](#) profile **and** their [DoS](#) profile for the 1st July to 30th September 2024 quarter of the financial year.

This is a mandatory requirement for all pharmacy owners.

Actions:

- Register for [NHS Profile Manager](#) with your personal NHSmail address if you haven't already.
- Once registered, update your NHS Profile Manager pharmacy profile; for each profile check that the pharmacy's opening times, contact information and services information are up to date or verify this information if it is correct (even if no changes have been made during the financial quarter, pharmacy owners must still verify this information using NHS Profile Manager as this creates a record which will act as evidence to NHS England that these actions have been undertaken).

1st August 2024

*****CPE announced on 30th July 2024*****

We have been discussing this issue over the last few weeks with the Department of Health and Social Care and NHS England, and Ministers have now decided that they intend to **adjust the August threshold for the Pharmacy First service to 15** in the light of the concerns that we have raised.

Pharmacy First: The activity threshold of clinical pathway consultations increases to a **minimum of *15* clinical pathways per month**. This means pharmacy owners have to provide a **minimum of *15* consultations that pass the gateway point** (as detailed in the clinical pathways) in August 2024 to be eligible for the £1,000 monthly payment.

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Action: Ensure pharmacy team members are aware of the increase in activity threshold and discuss actions that can support the team to reach the increased target.

31st August 2024

COVID-19: Spring 2024 [COVID-19 vaccination service ends.](#)

1st September 2024

Flu: Pregnant women only, [can start to be vaccinated](#) under the 2024/25 Flu Vaccination Service (other eligible patients cannot be vaccinated until 3rd October 2024).

****Last few days to complete the 2024/25 CPAF
screening questionnaire****

The remaining pharmacies only have until **midnight on Wednesday 31st July 2024.**

The LPC recommends that pharmacy owners complete the questionnaire in good time before the deadline. It should only take approximately 10-20 minutes to complete.

The short screening questionnaire consists of 10 questions. Pharmacy owners who use the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) [Manage Your Service \(MYS\) portal](#) will be required to complete the questionnaire on the portal. Those who are not yet signed up to MYS will be able to complete the questionnaire online.

The questions are available on the [NHSBSA website.](#)

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<https://cpe.org.uk/our-news/last-few-days-to-complete-the-2024-25-cpaf-screening-questionnaire/>

****Expanded Pharmacy Contraception Service****

This expanded service that launched 1st December 2023 will enable pharmacists to initiate oral contraception, as well as continuing to provide ongoing management of oral contraception that was initiated in general practice or a sexual health clinic (or equivalent). In CPE's work with NHS England and the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), other minor changes to the service specification and PGDs have been agreed.

15 pharmacies within Ealing are currently not registered for this service.

Updated service specification, PGDs and webinars can be found at the following link:

<https://cpe.org.uk/national-pharmacy-services/advanced-services/pharmacy-contraception-service/>

Pharmacy Contraception Service Webinar – save the date

Following the success of the previous 2 webinars The Middlesex Group of LPCs held on the Contraception Service, we are planning a further webinar on 15th October 2024 – full details will be sent out nearer the time

****Pharmacy First****

August Pharmacy First monthly threshold adjusted to 15

<https://cpe.org.uk/our-news/change-to-august-pharmacy-first-monthly-threshold/>

The two previous elements of the [Community Pharmacist Consultation Service \(CPCS\)](#) were incorporated into the Pharmacy First service.

9 pharmacies within Ealing are currently not registered for this service.

Pharmacy First Service Webinars

The Middlesex Group of LPCs held 2 very successful Pharmacy First Webinars covering Clinical pathways for impetigo, shingles and infected insect bites AND Clinical pathways for sore throat, acute sinusitis, and UTI on Thursday in June presented by Darshan Negandhi 2024

Both webinars were recorded and you can view these on our website:

<https://www.middlesexlpcs.org.uk/training/>

Pharmacy First - PharmOutcomes and MYS reconciliation process

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Please find attached a step by step process of the PharmOutcoms- MYS reconciliation process for Pharmacy first.

Pharmacy First Programme user research team

The Pharmacy First Programme user research team would like to invite general practice and community pharmacy staff to offer feedback on the initial experiences of the service in terms of:

1. How general practices refer patients to community pharmacies for the 7 common conditions.
2. How community pharmacies record a consultation and send the update to the patient's GP.
3. How general practice teams manage the patient's GP record updates sent by the pharmacist.
4. How community pharmacies access the patient's GP record before a consultation.

It is important to hear directly from those that use the IT systems that support Pharmacy First to inform potential improvements.

To register your interest, please contact either: Katherine.Tyte@nhs.net or Marianthi.Vezertzi@nhs.net

****Virtual Outcome - Free Access****

Reminder that you have free access to the pharmacy training platform Virtual Outcomes, more information can be found at the below link:

<https://www.virtualoutcomes.co.uk/vo8539-wp-content/uploads/2020/06/VirtualOutcomes-Login-Easy-Guide-May-19.pdf>

****Expanded Hypertension Case Finding Service****

From 1st December 2023, suitably trained and competent pharmacy staff (pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and other non-registered members of the pharmacy team) can provide the service; currently it can only be provided by a pharmacist or pharmacy technician.

Please see below link for the updated service specification and PGDs:

<https://cpe.org.uk/our-news/hypertension-case-finding-service-updated-service-spec-published-2/>

13 pharmacies within Ealing are currently not registered for this service.

For more information see [Hypertension Case-Finding Service - Community Pharmacy England \(cpe.org.uk\)](#)

Register to provide the service at the NHSBSA [Manage Your Service \(MYS\) application](#)

Reminder for Hypertension Case Finding Service – ABPM Checks

Reminder to all contractors: Where the clinic blood pressure measurements are 140/90mmHg or higher but less than 180/120mmHg, then ABPM should be offered to the patient in a timely manner. For example, either on the same day as the clinic reading where an ABPM device is available, as soon as convenient to the patient, or as soon as an ABPM device will become available. **GPs must be notified by email each time an ABPM check is carried out as part of the Hypertension Case Finding Service.**

Please see service specification at <https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/PRN00173-adv-service-spec-nhs-community-pharmacy-hypertension-case-finding-advanced-service-v2.3.pdf>

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Test results, including 'normal' clinic readings (BP \geq 90/60mmHg and <140/90mmHg), should be sent on a minimum of a weekly basis, or as locally agreed, to general practices for patients who complete the service that week and do not need a referral. These results should be sent at the end of each week with a standardised title, e.g. 'WEEKLY SUMMARY OF BP MEASUREMENTS FOR ENTRY INTO PATIENT RECORDS'.

The service specification must be complied with in all respects.

ABPM Webinar

The Middlesex Group of LPCs working with Community Pharmacy Kensington, Chelsea & Westminster & Community Pharmacy Camden & Islington held an ABPM webinar in July focusing on the clinical, legal/medical and practical components of the ABPM section of the Hypertension Case-Finding Service. This webinar was recorded and can be viewed on our website:

<https://www.middlesexlpcs.org.uk/training/>

****Flu vac: PGD and national protocol published****

NHS England (NHSE) have approved the patient group direction (PGD) for use by community pharmacy owners during the forthcoming flu vaccination season. This follows publication of the national protocol earlier in the week by the UK Health Security Agency.

The publication of both documents, follows updates to the **flu service specification** following the amendment to the National Flu Immunisation Programme 2024/25 letter, in response to **the news** that the Sanofi recombinant quadrivalent influenza vaccine (QIVr) will not be available for the 2024/25 flu vaccination programme.

[Download the NHS Flu Vaccination PGD](#)

[Download the inactivated influenza vaccine national protocol](#)

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Following the [change in legislation](#), the PGD has been updated so pharmacy technicians can now provide flu vaccinations via the flu PGD this coming season.

****PharmOutcomes/Sonar data sharing****

Please kindly complete the google poll to confirm your consent to The Middlesex Pharmaceutical Group of LPCs accessing certain service related data recorded in PharmOutcomes/Sonar. This data will be used to support service delivery as well as production of activity reports shared with surgeries (where applicable – to increase referrals numbers by supporting practices) and the NHS ICB. Reports like this were produced monthly for CPCS and played an important role in driving the success of the service and The MPG are keen to continue to provide data. The sharing will also allow The MPG to provide support to your pharmacy in the event of a query being raised.

Please also note this will **not include** patient identifiable information.

Lastly, you can withdraw consent at any time by emailing the MPG office.

<https://forms.gle/tT7f7YxpkMkb3SGK9>

group@middlesexpharmacy.org

****Updated Incident Reporting Approved Particulars****

The Incident Reporting Approved Particulars have now been published and are available on [NHS England's website](#).

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****Drug Tariff Watch – June 2024****

DHSC has published the final list of price concessions for June 2024. Find out more:

<https://www.middlesexlpcs.org.uk/dhscs-june-2024-price-concessions-final-update/>

We here at the LPC office support all MPG contractors and pharmacy teams. We would love to hear any feedback you may have about your LPC and if there is anything you would like raised at our next committee meeting.

Let us know on group@middlesexpharmacy.org

Join the Ealing LPC WhatsApp Alert Group

Please see the below link to join our LPC WhatsApp alert group (if not joined already) or scan the QR Code on your smartphone

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/FDuN31ePcQxLwrsrgZT9OG>

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