



Community Pharmacy Brent & Harrow Newsletter

Community Pharmacy Harrow — Stay up to date with the latest LPC updates and service deadlines

April 2026

Vaccination Services



1st April 2026 the **COVID-19** Vaccination Service becomes an Advanced service (previously this was a national Enhanced service). The new service specification will allow pharmacy owners to either offer COVID-19 and adult influenza vaccinations together or just offer adult flu vaccinations.

Pharmacy owners can use MYS for registration and de-registration for both the COVID-19 and Adult Flu Vaccination Services.

Flu: DSP pharmacies **are no longer able** to offer the administration of Flu (and COVID-19) vaccinations on the distance selling premises, as part of an Advanced, National Enhanced, or Enhanced service.



13th April 2026 – COVID-19 vaccinations for the Spring 2026 campaign can commence.

Action: If not already done so, consider what promotional materials you can use or display to promote uptake of the service; links to promotional resources are available on our [Seasonal Vaccination Services – COVID-19 and Adult Flu page](#).

31st March 2026 – Flu (Childhood): 2025/26 Flu Vaccination Service for children aged 2–3 years ends.

At the end of the day remove any promotional materials for the Flu Vaccination Service for children aged 2–3 years (including any on your website) and ensure all staff are aware that the service has now finished for 2025/26.

The recording of the Seasonal Vaccination Service 2026/27 held on 21st January 2026 can be found at <https://cpe.org.uk/our-news/seasonal-vaccination-service-2026-27-on-demand-webinar/>

NHS website profile & DoS

31st March 2026 – Deadline for verifying and, where necessary, updating the information contained in a pharmacy's [NHS website](#) profile and their [DoS](#) profile for the 1st January to 31st March 2026 quarter of the financial year.

This is a mandatory requirement for all pharmacy owners.

If you have not updated your NHS website profile and your DoS profile using [NHS Profile Manager](#), complete this by the end of the day.



Annual Complaints Report

Pharmacy owners must send a copy of their [annual complaints report](#) to the local NHS contract management team as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of the year to which the report relates as soon, while there is no definite deadline it is recommended to be completed as reasonably practicable after the end of 2025/26

This is a mandatory requirement for all pharmacy owners.

Data Security and Protection Toolkit (DSPTK).

30th June 2026 – Deadline to complete the [Data Security and Protection Toolkit \(DSPTK\)](#).

This is a mandatory requirement for all pharmacy owners.

The recording of the webinar held on 11th February 2026 can be found at <https://cpe.org.uk/our-work/updates-events/our-webinars/data-security-and-protection-ig-toolkit-workshop/>

Pharmacy First Service

Bundling update (3rd March 2026)

DHSC, NHS England and Community Pharmacy England are still in discussions on the requirement to provide a **specified number of contraception consultations**, including emergency contraception consultations, each month from March 2026, as part of the 'bundling' requirements to achieve a Pharmacy First fixed monthly payment.

When an update is available, we will publish details on this through our normal communication channels. No additional action is therefore required by pharmacy owners at the moment.

New briefing on urgent supply of medicines and appliances (18th February 2026)

A new Community Pharmacy England briefing on the urgent supply of medicines and appliances strand of Pharmacy First has been published.

[Read the briefing on the Urgent supply of medicines and appliances strand of Pharmacy First](#)

Pharmacy First myth busting (2nd February 2026)

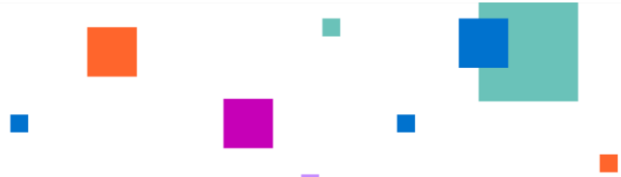
An article was published to tackle some of the misconceptions around who can provide Pharmacy First consultations and aims to bust myths to increase understanding of the service.

[Read the article on myth busting](#)

Pharmacy Contraception Service

New patient-facing website to promote NHS pharmacy clinical services (22nd January 2026)

Community Pharmacy England has launched a patient-facing website to promote several of the key Advanced services that pharmacy teams provide and to direct patients to pharmacies in England that provide these services.



The website (communitypharmacy.org.uk) provides information about the following three services:

- Pharmacy First Service (clinical pathways);
- Hypertension Case-Finding Service (publicly known as the Blood Pressure Check Service); and
- Pharmacy Contraception Service.

There is a separate page for each of the services, providing patients with information about the individual services and directing them to the NHS website to find a pharmacy that offers the service.

This website can be used by other healthcare providers such as GP practices and by Local Pharmaceutical Committees (LPCs) to provide information on these services and direct patients to pharmacies in England that offer them.

[Read more about the website and view resources to promote this to your GP practices](#)

[Webinars](#)



Hypertension Case-Finding Service

There is a strong focus on hypertension in all boroughs and those pharmacies offering the HCFS are reminded that the appropriate use of ABPM is an essential component of the service.

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.

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'.

Only Order What You Need medicines waste reduction campaign

What is it?

- A [new NHS campaign](#) to help reduce medicines waste in London with participation from all London ICBs
- This public facing campaign encourages patients/carers to check their medication at home before placing a new order
- The aim is to reduce waste, improving safety and helping to protect NHS resources
- Promotion includes key messages, paid advertising run across YouTube, Facebook, Gold Radio London and at targeted bus stops ads and advertorials in selected press
- The campaign is supported by a range of branded campaign materials available for download [here](#) including the campaign screensaver and banner

Why this matters?

- The number of medicines prescribed in the NHS is rising and so is the amount of medicines that go to waste

- An estimated £300 million of medicines go unused every year in the UK
- Repeat prescriptions account for 75% of all items dispensed

The public-facing campaign runs from March to May 2026, and all community pharmacies are strongly encouraged to participate by completing the actions below where possible.

How Your Pharmacy Can Support the Campaign

1. Promote the campaign (digital screens or printed posters).
 - a. To request selected hard copy campaign materials complete the order form: [Only Order What You Need \(OOWYN\) Campaign Order Form – Fill out form](#) by **Friday 19th April 2026**
 - b. The materials will be provided at no additional cost and will be sent by post
 2. Brief pharmacy staff on the campaign's key messages
 3. Reinforce key messaging during consultations, phone calls and prescription queries
 4. Review dispensing and repeat ordering processes to ensure alignment with best practice for reducing unnecessary orders
 5. Add the campaign banner to the pharmacy website
 6. Upload the campaign screensaver onto pharmacy computers
 7. Use the suggested SMS templates, where appropriate
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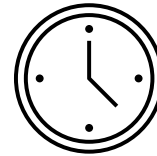
Drug Safety Updates



Please refer to the attached bulletin for Community Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians around the updated Opioids Aware dose guidance.

Key Update: Revised Oral Morphine Equivalent dose (OME) thresholds for opioid use excluding sickle cell disease, palliative care, and end-of-life care

Bank Holiday Opening Times Easter 2026/27



The commissioned rota for Pharmacy opening times on the upcoming Easter Bank Holidays is attached to this newsletter:

- Good Friday - 3rd April 2026
- Easter Sunday - 5th April 2026
- Easter Monday - 6th April 2026

Other pharmacies may also be opening voluntarily on these dates, this is the list of pharmacies open for the Easter Commissioned Bank Holiday Opening Service Rota for London.



Calling Community Pharmacy Colleagues: Help Shape the Future of Pre-Pregnancy Health Services (Pharmacy4Parents2B)

Please consider participating in a UK-wide survey exploring pharmacy team members' views on the future delivery of preconception health services in community pharmacy. This study aligns with the NHS 10-year plan to shift health system from reactive sickness treatment, to proactive community-based prevention. The aim of the survey is to understand the experiences and future opportunities for pharmacy teams in providing support to people who are preparing for pregnancy. Focusing on pre-pregnancy (or preconception) health is important for optimising outcomes for both mother and baby, leading to improved long-term health. Pharmacy teams are well placed in supporting people who are preparing for pregnancy and may already be providing pre-pregnancy health support as part of their day-to-day activities.

Sharing experiences and perspectives can directly shape how preconception health services are developed and delivered in community pharmacies in the future. All pharmacy team members are invited to take part. There is an optional opportunity at the end of the survey to participate in an interview (up to 1 hour on MS Teams, with a £30 thank-you shopping voucher) and/or enter a prize draw for one of five £50 shopping vouchers. Please use the link or QR code below to participate.

This study has undergone full university ethics review and approval, forming part of the Pharmacy4Parents2B doctoral research project led by community pharmacist and researcher, Shivali Lakhani. For any questions about the study, please contact Shivali at

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Survey link: [Pharmacy team perspectives on delivering pre-pregnancy health services in community pharmacies](#)



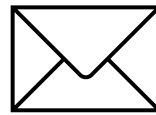
Resources

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

Order free promotional materials: <https://campaignresources.dhsc.gov.uk/search/>

Drug Tariff Watch <https://cpe.org.uk/our-news/drug-tariff-watch-april-2026/>

SSPs Info: <https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/serious-shortage-protocols-ssps>



Contact us

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.



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