



Community Pharmacy Brent & Harrow Newsletter

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

June 2026

Vaccination Services



31st July 2026 – COVID-19: Deadline for pharmacy owners that want to register to provide the COVID-19 Vaccination Service for the anticipated autumn/winter campaign. Pharmacy owners can continue to register after this date, but they are not guaranteed to receive supplies of COVID-19 vaccine in time for the start of this campaign.

If your pharmacy has registered to provide the service for the Spring campaign, you do not need to re-register.

Flu: Pharmacy owners are encouraged to register to provide adult flu vaccinations for 2026/27 by 31st July to inform local system planning for autumn/winter.



Pharmacy owners can offer both COVID-19 and adult flu vaccinations, or just adult flu. NHS England has also confirmed in a [system letter](#) an increase to service fees: adult flu rises from £9.58 to **£10.06**, COVID-19 vaccinations are **£8.70 per vaccine administered, while the flu vaccination campaign is underway, and £10.06 outside of this**. There will no longer be a £10 payment for COVID-19 vaccinations for housebound people.

[Read the full news story for further details, registration details and deadlines](#)

Data Security and Protection Toolkit (DSPTK).

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

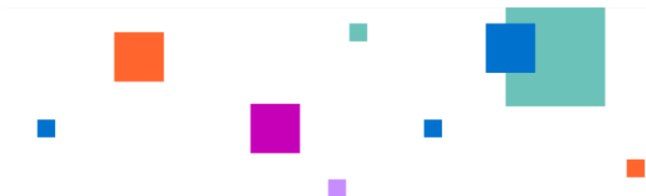
This is a mandatory requirement for all pharmacy owners.

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/>

2026/27 CPAF screening questionnaire.

Throughout July 2026 pharmacy owners are [required to complete](#) the 2026/27 CPAF screening questionnaire.

This is a mandatory requirement for all pharmacy owners.



Pharmacy owners who use the NHSBSA Manage Your Service (MYS) portal should complete the questionnaire on the portal during the required time period. (exact dates to be confirmed nearer the time).



NHS website profile & DoS

30th June 2026 – Deadline for meeting the requirement to ensure pharmacy owners have verified and, where necessary, updated the information contained in their [NHS website](#) profile and their [DoS](#) profile for the 1st April to 30th June 2026 quarter of the financial year.

This is a mandatory requirement for all pharmacy owners.

Action: 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.

Between 1st July and 30th September 2026 – Deadline for meeting the requirement to ensure pharmacy owners have verified and, where necessary, updated the information contained in their NHS website profile and their DoS profile for the 1st July to 30th September 2026 quarter of the financial year.

This is a mandatory requirement for all pharmacy owners.



Pharmacy First Service

Recognition of tick bites and the symptoms of Lyme disease

As we move into the warmer months, pharmacy teams may start to see people presenting with tick bites and potentially symptoms of Lyme disease.

While tick bites/Lyme disease is not treatable under the Pharmacy First clinical pathway for infected insect bites, with patients needing to be signposted onwards, patients may present with a tick bite with an erythema migrans (EM) rash – also known as a bullseye rash.

Therefore understanding more about the signs and symptoms should help pharmacy teams recognise the symptoms and allow them to signpost patients as appropriate.

Lyme Disease UK held their annual [Be Tick Aware monthly campaign](#) in May to raise awareness of how to prevent tick bites, how to safely remove ticks and the importance of early treatment for people who become unwell, following a bite.

Lyme Disease UK has lots of information on their website for [pharmacy teams](#) including:

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- Key [considerations and photo examples](#) to help diagnose the EM rash;
 - [Awareness materials](#) such as posters, leaflets and tick awareness cards; and
 - An [animation](#) that can be played (if you have a digital screen) in your pharmacy.
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The Royal College of General Practitioners website also has a [Lyme Disease e-learning toolkit](#), which is available for other healthcare professionals to access.

Pharmacy First service Myth busting – <https://cpe.org.uk/national-pharmacy-services/advanced-services/pharmacy-first-service/pharmacy-first-service-myth-busting/>



Pharmacy Contraception Service

This link contains the answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) posed by pharmacy owners and LPCs on the Pharmacy Contraception Service (PCS).

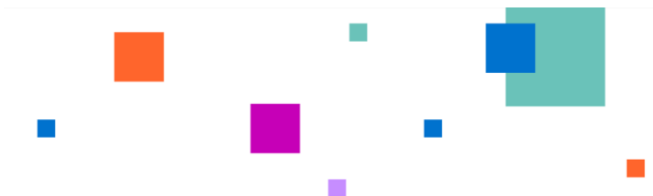
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Hypertension Case-Finding Service

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'.

NHS England WT&E Independent prescribing 2026/27 – National training offer – UCL applications open 8 June 2026.

Please note the attached detailing the national training offer.

Information on all London independent prescribing training offers are available on the [Pharmacy London website](#). If you have any further questions regarding NHS England funding and eligibility for IP training, please contact the Pharmacy London team england.wtepharmacy.london@nhs.net.



Working Together for Community Pharmacy in London

CPE is coming to London this July to meet directly with pharmacy owners and team members as part of our annual series of regional evening roadshow events. Your



local session takes place on **Wednesday 8th July** in Farringdon – bringing senior CPE figures together with local pharmacies to talk honestly about funding, pressures on the sector, and what needs to happen next.

CPE hope the series of events will explain the CPCF negotiations, give attendees the chance to ask questions and challenge decisions, gathering real-world insight to help shape preparations for future negotiations.

It's a valuable opportunity to share local experiences, influence future priorities, and connect with colleagues from across the region.

Register for your local event – <https://bit.ly/4fabVZf>

Changes to the reporting of Temporary Suspensions

From 1 June 2026, the Manage Your Service (MYS) will be the only route to notify ICBs of temporary suspensions/closures.

NHS England announced that it was giving advance notice of changes to the approved manner of [reporting temporary suspensions of service or likely temporary suspensions of service \(temporary closures\)](#) to ICBs. The changes will be made to the approved particulars for 1 June.

NHS England indicated that, currently, pharmacy owners can report via the Manage Your Service (MYS) platform or send an email notification to their ICB. However, from 1 June, MYS will be the only submission method, and pharmacy owners must use it from that date. Once reported via MYS, pharmacy owners do not need to follow up with an email or further notification to their ICB.



The Terms of Service require NHS community pharmacy owners to have a [business continuity plan for temporary suspensions/closures](#) due to illness or other reasons beyond their control and to action the plan when necessary. One of the required actions in the event of a temporary suspension/closure is to notify your ICB.

The MYS portal has been available to notify temporary suspensions/closures since September 2024. It can be updated with one or more temporary suspensions and remains editable for 7 days after submission. The submission can also be deleted if there is no subsequent suspension/closure.

More information on managing unplanned temporary suspensions (including resources to prepare for these) can be found on our [temporary suspensions/closures page](#).

Please note that Boxing Day 2026 falls on a Saturday, there is a substitute bank holiday on Monday 28th December, the preceding Saturday is deemed to be a normal working day so if contractors are usually open on Saturdays under supplementary hours they may notify NHS England giving a minimum of 35 days' notice that they will be closing on that Saturday. If all or part of a contractors opening is under core hours then contractors need to [apply](#) to close.

CPCF 2026/27 Settlement

The attached infographic details the CPCF 2026/27 settlement.

[Read more](#)





Temporary safeguarding payments

Part XIVC of the Drug Tariff sets out the temporary safeguarding payment arrangements put in place where a pharmacy contractor's dispensing business is adversely affected if prescribers systematically increase prescription duration on all or a significant percentage of their prescription items, due to direct or indirect instigation by the NHS. This could lead to dispensing contractors facing increased supplier bills in certain months (as more medicines are dispensed per prescription than usual) and then decreased prescription item volume in subsequent months.

There are two payments available, depending on the type of claim made:

- Payment due to an increase in supplier bills following an increase in prescription volume due to an increase in prescription duration on all or a significant percentage of their prescription items (Claim 1).
- Payment due to an increase in prescription duration and the subsequent drop in items dispensed and therefore fewer fees (Claim 2).

[More information](#)

NPSA alert regarding penicillamine/penicillin allergy confusions

A reminder of the actions associated with the [NPSA alert](#) for penicillamine/penicillin allergy confusions. All actions to be completed by 20 November 2026. Please see also helpful summary infographic (attached file) prepared by the pharmacy team at Central North West London NHS Trust.



Formation of the new West and North London Integrated Care Board

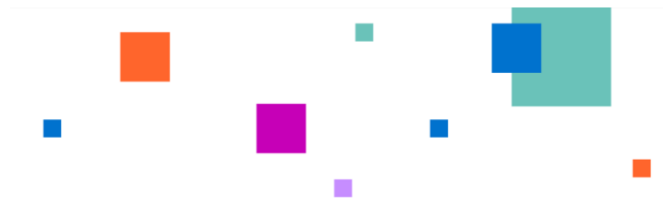
North Central and North West London Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) merged on 1 April 2026 to form the new West and North London (WNL) Integrated Care Board (ICB). Community pharmacies are central to delivering accessible care and improving population health across the 4.4 million people now served. With the publication of NHS 10 year plan the merger, of the two ICBs is just one of several major changes that are taking place to the organisation and delivery of NHS services and many of the changes are described on the attached infographic. More changes are expected and will be notified to contractors once they are finalised.

Medicines packs with poor barcodes: NHS England survey – pharmacy input needed

Community Pharmacy England is hearing about more reports of missing, inaccurate or unscannable barcodes on medicines packs. Pharmacy teams have told us this can affect patient safety and pharmacy workload.

NHS England is now seeking further evidence from pharmacy teams as well as other parts of health and care to better understand the impact and possible actions.

NHS England is inviting pharmacy team members to complete a short survey on the impact of incomplete or inaccurate barcode data on patient safety and day-to-day practice.



- Takes around 10–15 minutes
- Responses are anonymous (unless you choose to leave contact details)
- Deadline: 5pm on Thursday 18 June 2026

[Complete the survey](#)

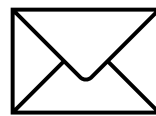
Resources

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-june-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.

Email: group@middlesexpharmacy.org



Join our WhatsApp group via the link or scan the QR code below:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/LBvILu5i0f09vL5FMnPzkg>



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