

Community Pharmacy Brent & Harrow Newsletter

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

August 2026

Vaccination Services



Meningitis B Vaccination Service

Return to flexible delivery days for vaccine deliveries

There is a return to dynamic delivery days. This means that, rather than being limited to a single fixed delivery day each week, providers will be able to choose from a range of available delivery dates when placing an order, selecting the day that best suits their clinic schedule. Flexible delivery days will also apply for COVID-19 year-round pathway and the Autumn/Winter 2026 vaccination programme.



What this means for you

You will be able to order vaccine for the specific delivery date you need, rather than working around one set day per week. This gives you more flexibility to align deliveries closely with your planned clinics, helping you order little and often and reduce the risk of vaccine going unused before its expiry date.

Further details are contained in the attached Weekly Regional Bulletin dated 22/8/26.

Update on vaccine allocation and ordering

CPE news stories published:

[10th July](#)

[15th July](#)

[24th July](#)

[NHS England guidance on the Futures platform](#)

Please download the latest version of the guidance and check for updates, which NHS England will continue to make, as necessary.

[MenB time limited vaccination programme for community pharmacies update](#)

Thank you for delivering the time limited MenB vaccination service launched on 20 July 2026 in your community pharmacy.

Reminder of eligibility flowchart: [UKHSA Patient eligibility flowchart \(PDF version\)](#)

From 27 August 2026 all eligible individuals will be able to book an appointment on the NBS. This includes those **under 25, born on or after 21 July 2001 and** starting university



for the first time or starting at some further education colleges for the first time and residing in college accommodation. Individuals will continue to be able to find participating pharmacy via the pharmacy finder.

As you know it is important for individuals to receive two doses of the vaccine at least 28 days apart to provide protection from invasive meningococcal B disease. Providers should continue to remind individuals in the Year 13 age range to book their second vaccine on NBS at the point of their first vaccination appointment but advise them that they will need to wait until the next day to access the national booking service to book their second dose. All eligible individuals should be directed to book their second dose on NBS from 27 August 2026.

Invitations and reminders are being sent to eligible individuals as follows:

Date	Age Range / Cohort	Action
17 August 2026	1 st Dose Reminder (Year 13)	- A digital reminder for a first dose vaccination will be sent to those who have not been vaccinated or booked an appointment following the first invite in July 2026. - Can book an appointment on National Booking System (NBS) or visit the pharmacy finder.
18 August 2026	1 st Dose Invite (Year 13)	A letter invite for a first-dose vaccination for individuals who have not yet been vaccinated will be sent to those who did not receive a digital invitation in the first invite in July 2026.



		Can book an appointment on National Booking System (NBS) or visit the pharmacy finder.
27 August 2026	2nd Dose invite for anyone who had a first dose at least 21 days ago	- A digital invite will be sent to those with a first-dose vaccination at least 21 days ago, to come forward for a 2nd Dose vaccination. - Can book an appointment on National Booking System (NBS).

Wednesday 30th September 2026 is the deadline for pharmacy owners to have administered at least 10 vaccines (between 20th July and 30th September 2026) or NHS England may suspend supply of vaccine.

[Read more on the Meningitis B Vaccination Service here](#)

Covid– 19, Adult & Childhood Flu

NHS West & North London ICB All Sites Autumn/Winter 2026 COVID–19 Vaccination Programme Kick–Off Webinar, **Monday 7 September 2026, 1pm to 2pm**



ATTENDANCE TO THIS WEBINAR IS MANDATORY AND ESSENTIAL FOR READINESS FOR THE START OF THE AW26 PROGRAMME.

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/340099257143758?p=fUo8Z8jqUDw1nRILVL>

Meeting ID: 340 099 257 143 758

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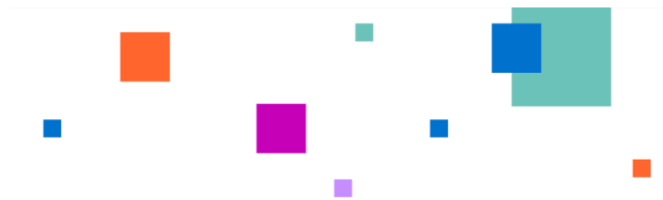
31st August: Registering to provide Childhood Flu

All Pharmacies wishing to provide the 2026/27 Childhood Flu Vaccination Service must register on MYS, even if they provided it last season. Registration by **11:59pm on 31st August 2026** is required to guarantee vaccine supply ahead of the 1st October start; the final deadline is **30th November 2026**.

47% of MPG pharmacies are currently registered for Covid-19/Adult Flu but have not yet registered to provide Childhood Flu.

AstraZeneca webinar/resources

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.



Childhood Influenza Vaccination Masterclass 2026

Dates: Monday, 7th September from 12:30 to 13:30 BST and Monday, 14th September from 18:00 to 19:00 BST

Location: Virtual

Registration link: <https://webapp.spotme.com/login/eventspace/pharmacy-flu-masterclass-2026>

FOC resources – <https://www.myastrazeneca.co.uk/fluenz.html>

For Adult Flu and COVID – Pharmacy owners can still register to administer both vaccines now, however, it is not guaranteed they will receive COVID-19 vaccine in time for 1st October. The final deadline to register is **11.59pm on 30th November 2026**.

Reminder – use of RAVS from September 2026

Please be reminded that from 1 September 2026, all NHS vaccinations must be recorded on RAVS, either directly or through an approved pharmacy IT system. Pharmacy owners should check with their IT provider about integration and ensure they have a RAVS account if required.

[Read more on the vaccination services here](#)

NHS England second version of the [Seasonal Vaccination Provider Programme Guide for autumn/winter 2026/27](#) (Login for Futures platform required)

CPE: [Seasonal Vaccination Services – COVID-19 and Adult Flu](#)

CPE: [Childhood Flu Vaccination Service](#)



RSV Vaccine

The LPC office has received a significant increase in RSV service registration queries from contractors; we have raised this with NHS England who have advised that it is unlikely anymore pharmacies will be commissioned to provide this service until March 2027. We will keep contractors informed if this situation changes before March 2027.



Hypertension Case-Finding Service

NHS England published an updated version of the Hypertension Case-Finding Service (HCFS) specification on 6th August 2026.

[Download the revised service specification](#)

The changes to the service, come into effect on **Thursday 3rd September 2026**.

To better focus the service towards case-finding, the service specification clarifies that any patient who seeks a clinic check, but who is already being treated for hypertension, is not eligible to receive the service.

In line with [NICE guidance](#), there is now a general exclusion of people who have had their blood pressure checked in the last five years.

Signposting from general practice for a clinic check is restricted to adults aged 40 years and over without a diagnosis of hypertension, who have not had a blood pressure check in the last five years.

Other healthcare professionals who have been commissioned to support case-finding (such as optometrists and dentists – not other community pharmacies) can request

ambulatory blood pressure monitoring (ABPM) following clinic checks undertaken at their practices.

Expectations regarding patient consent, clinical judgement, escalation of abnormal findings and health promotion are further clarified.

ABPM requirements have been clarified, covering timing, minimum readings, follow-up of non-attenders and equipment availability.

Advice on record-keeping, claiming, monitoring, post-payment verification and service withdrawal have been aligned with the requirements in other Advanced service specifications.

Service delivery requirements have been clarified, including tighter rules on off-site provision, for which ICB approval must continue to be sought. Previously, NHS England guidance for local commissioners said off-site provision should only be for occasional approval. This has now been clarified in the service specification, with a limit of 4 days off-site provision allowed per financial year.

Guidance has also been added on the process to request off-site provision and to provide visibility on the ICB approval framework for off-site service provision.

Making Every Contact Count (MECC)

Community pharmacies across West & North London are helping patients on their *Journey to Better Health* — through vaccination promotion, Making Every Contact Count (MECC) conversations, signposting and escalation. Following the success of the North West London pilot, the programme is now expanding across North Central London, improving access for underserved communities and supporting the shift from reactive care to proactive prevention. Please see attached the first edition of The Pharmacy Prevention Bulletin, focusing on Community Pharmacy Prevention Programme and MECC Communication & Achievements on behalf of WNL ICB.



Other News

NHS England has published the clinical audit, 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.

[PQS: Clinical audit published – Community Pharmacy England](#)

NHS North West London (NWL) ICB and NHS North Central London (NCL) ICB officially merged on 01 April 2026 to become NHS West and North London (WNL) ICB.

They have taken the decision to consolidate their three legacy mailboxes (nclicb.vaccsandprevention@nhs.net, nclicb.covid-19vaccine@nhs.net and

nhsnwl.immunisations@nhs.net) into one single point of contact for the newly formed NHS WNL ICB Prevention and Vaccination Team.

The new email address is wnlicb.preventionandvaccination@nhs.net

Community pharmacists are invited to take part in a UK burns survey

Community pharmacists are invited to participate in a new UK research study exploring confidence, experience and referral practice when managing burn injuries in children.

Community pharmacies are often a first point of contact for families when a child has a burn injury, yet there is limited evidence describing current pharmacy practice in paediatric burn care. This study aims to help address this gap and inform future education and support.

- ◇ **10-minute online survey**
- ◇ **Anonymous and ethically reviewed**
- ◇ **Open to all UK community pharmacists**

The research is led by the University of Manchester in collaboration with NHS burns specialists and pharmacy partners. Findings will help shape future training resources and improve care pathways for children with burn injuries.

Further information can be found in the [Participant Information Sheet \(PIS\)](#).



Please support this project by completing the survey and sharing it with your pharmacy colleagues via e-mail and social media. ([social media content](#))



Survey QR code:

Survey link:

https://www.qualtrics.manchester.ac.uk/jfe/form/SV_7376fVxC1BFR7gi?Q_CHL=qr

Thank you for supporting this important piece of work.

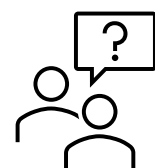
Contact for further information about the study

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Community Pharmacy London Webinars

CPL is standing up a webinar on the third Wednesday of every month until March 2027 between 19:30 – 21:00, and the subjects will be –

16 September – “Neighbourhoods for contractors”.

21 October – “Clinical note taking”.

18 November – “Pharmacy First”.

20 January 2027 – “What does Leadership look like in Community Pharmacy”

17 February 2027– “Soar Beyond training session”

17 March 2027 – “CP Lon End of Year Review”.

Please Note – The topics may be subject to change.

Resources

Please note the attached Wellbeing resources and contacts in England

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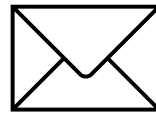
MPG training resources: <https://middlesex.communitypharmacy.org.uk/>

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



Drug Tariff Watch <https://cpe.org.uk/our-news/drug-tariff-watch-august-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/LBvILu5iOfO9vL5FMnPzkg>





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