

## Weekly News Digest - 21st March 2024

### [Easter Bank Holiday Opening](#)

Posters and a link to a map showing Thames Valley pharmacies open on Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Easter Monday are [available here](#).

### [Pharmacy First Data](#)

NHSBSA have advised that the declaration data issue has now been resolved. If you previously submitted an accurate declaration you need do nothing further. If you previously made an inaccurate submission, please log in to MYS and check your new totals as soon as possible. If you haven't yet made a submission, please do so before the revised deadline of Monday 25th March. [Click here](#).

### [LFD Test Supply Eligibility Update](#)

From 1 April, the lateral flow device (LFD) tests supply service for patients potentially eligible for COVID-19 treatments will be updated to include some additional groups, including those aged 85 and over. For full details [click here](#).

### [Minor Ailment Scheme](#)

The local Minor Ailment Scheme, open to pharmacies in the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West (BOB) ICB area, has been extended to the end of June 2024. The ICB is particularly keen to encourage applications from pharmacies in the Reading, High Wycombe, Oxford City and Banbury areas. For more information [click here](#).

### [Otosopes for Pharmacy First](#)

A reminder that, from 1st April 2024, pharmacy owners must ensure they have an otoscope available, and all clinical pathways must be accessible in physical pharmacies registered for the Pharmacy First service. [Click here](#).

### [2024 Pharmacy Pressures Survey](#)

CPE are keen to hear from Pharmacy Owners and Pharmacy Teams in this year's pressures survey, the results of which will be used directly in their negotiations. The survey should take no more than 10-15 minutes to complete, and closes on 2nd April 2024. [Click here](#).

### [NHS Profile Update](#)

A reminder to update your NHS Profile Manager ahead of the 31st March 2024 deadline, to ensure your pharmacy's NHS website and Directory of Service (DoS) profile information is up to date. In particular, please check your Easter Opening Hours and current provision of services such as LFD. [Click here](#).

### [Trurapi Insulin](#)

We have been asked to raise awareness of Trurapi Insulin, a rapid acting biosimilar equivalent to Novorapid insulin which pharmacies will start to see more prescriptions for across Frimley and BOB. For details and contact information for stock issues [click here](#).

### [Blood Pressure Check Printed Toolkit](#)

There are still some printed toolkits available for pharmacies providing the NHS Blood Pressure Check Service. The pack comprises a counter display unit, posters, briefing document, post-consultation cards and bag inserts. To place an order, visit the [DHSC campaign resource centre](#).

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## Training & Events

### [CPPE Workshops](#)

The CPPE Workshop calendar for April to June 2024 has been released. This includes the following new topics:

- NHS Pharmacy First: Clinical assessment – essential skills online workshop
- Lewy body dementia
- Optimising adherence to medicines in asthma
- Supporting people living with dementia
- Neurology in primary care
- Preparing to train as an independent prescriber

For the full calendar and booking links, [click here](#).

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