



Weekly News Digest - 1st August 2024

[August Pharmacy First Monthly Threshold](#)

Please note the minimum number of Pharmacy First Clinical Pathway consultations required to be delivered during August 2024 to secure the fixed payment has been reduced from 20 to 15. [Click here](#).

[Bank Holiday Opening](#)

The NHS SE Commissioning Hub are collating Christmas and New Year pharmacy opening. At this stage they are asking about intentions to open (outside of any Enhanced Service arrangement). Depending on the responses received, they will ask separately (at the end of August) about willingness to open under the Enhanced Service (paid). Please complete the online declaration no later than **20 August 2024**. [Click here](#).

[Accuracy Checking Pharmacy Technician Programme – funded places](#)

The NHS have announced funding for 40 community pharmacy places on the CPPE Accuracy Checking Pharmacy Technician programme (ACPT). The ACPT programme is open to pharmacy technicians who are registered with the GPhC, work in a premises in England, and meet the entry criteria [detailed here](#). To find out more [click here](#).

[NHSmail Multi Factor Authentication \(MFA\)](#)

MFA will soon be mandatory for all NHSmail users, with implementation starting from mid-August 2024. Initially existing users will be prompted to enable MFA, with a 14-day grace period; accounts without MFA by 2nd September will face stricter security requirements. New users setting up personal accounts will be required to enable MFA during sign-up. For more details [click here](#).

[Updated Incident Reporting Approved Particulars](#)

New Incident Reporting Approved Particulars have been published on the NHS England website (as of 23 July 2024). This document replaces the previous Approved Particulars which have been in place since 2012. Contractors should familiarise themselves with the content of this new document to ensure they understand what is required should an incident occur, including being familiar with what is considered an incident. [Click here](#).

[HRT PPC Medicines Removed](#)

From 1st August, three HRT PPC medicines will be discontinued – Bedol® 2mg tablets, Climamor® 5mg tablets, and Clinorette® tablets. As Climamor® 5mg tablets are now discontinued, the generic Medroxyprogesterone 5mg tablets will also be removed from the HRT PPC list. Pharmacy staff are advised to check the NHSBSA website for an up-to-date list of HRT medicines covered by the HRT PPC - [click here](#).

[Cardiovascular Disease Webinars](#)

The Health Innovation Networks are launching a new series of webinars focussing on cardiovascular disease. Open to all healthcare professionals/clinicians with an interest or role in the subject matter, each online webinar will be led by local expert clinical speakers and will include examples of best practice. The 3 sessions will cover Lipid Optimisation, Hypertension and Heart Failure, and will be recorded for those unable to join live. [Click here](#).

[Frimley Prescribing Newsletter](#)

The July edition of the Frimley prescribing newsletter, which provides medicines management updates, as well as details of training and events, is now available – [click here](#).

[NICE Update](#)

The July edition of the NICE monthly newsletter for primary care staff is now available. This includes clinical knowledge summaries, links to news, blog posts, and more. [Click here](#).

Training & Events

[Paediatric Antimicrobial Prescribing in Primary Care](#)

13.00-14.00, 12th September 2024, Online

The aim of this NHS online webinar is to promote the appropriate prescribing of antimicrobials in children. If you are looking to improve your knowledge of paediatric antimicrobial prescribing, join this webinar to find out about the rational use of antibiotics to improve the overall quality of paediatric care. To register [click here](#).

[CPPE Optimising Infection Management](#)

19.00 – 21.00, 26th September 2024, Bracknell Open Learning Centre, RG12 7GR

This face-to-face workshop will support pharmacy professionals in community delivering the NHS Pharmacy First service. It will look briefly at local prescribing data, explore red flag symptoms and self-care advice for sinusitis and urinary tract infections, and identify opportunities to support delivery of the UK Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) National Action Plan. [Click here](#).

[The Future of Pharmacy - CPE Owner Event](#)

19.30-21.00, 26th September 2024, London EC1A 9LQ

This CPE event will give pharmacy owners an opportunity to hear from Janet Morrison, Chief Executive and her team about the work CPE is doing to try to ease the critical pressures pharmacies are facing. Attendees will have lots of opportunity to share their views and put questions to the team. [Click here](#).

[Pharmacy Show 2024](#)

09.00 – 18.00, 13th October 2024 or 09.00 - 16.30 on 14th October 2024

The Pharmacy Show champions the sector and invites all pharmacy professionals to come together for a host of education and networking opportunities. Pharmacists and pharmacy staff are entitled to a free ticket. For more details [click here](#).

[Vaping: a workshop for health and social care professionals](#)

18.00 - 19.15, 7th November 2024, Online

Smoke Free Oxfordshire are offering this free webinar for health care professionals interested in finding out more about vaping as a tool to quit smoking. The training will be carried out online by the National Centre for Smoking Cessation and Training (NCSCT). To register [click here](#).

[Pharmacy First: Clinical Assessment and Examination Skills](#)

Full day workshop, 10th November 2024, Holiday Inn Reading South, RG2 0SL

This CPPE full day in-person workshop has been designed to support pharmacists to develop the knowledge, skills and confidence needed to undertake effective consultations, communications and clinical assessments in order to provide the NHS Pharmacy First service, including ENT and otoscope skills. Booking opens from 18th July at: [click here](#).

[CPPE Workshops](#)

The CPPE Workshop calendar for July to September 2024 includes topics such as: Community pharmacy technician advancing your role reflective practice, NHS Pharmacy First: Clinical assessment – essential skills, Optimising adherence to medicines in asthma, Supporting people living with dementia, Atrial Fibrillation: improve detection and person-centred care, and COPD. For a full calendar and booking links, [click here](#).

Community Pharmacy Thames Valley

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