

October 2025

Subject	Start date	Deadline	Action and Links
Pharmacy First	1 st October	31 October	<p>NEWSFLASH! PHARMACY FIRST BUNDLING UPDATE The requirement of one ABPM consultation has been delayed and will NOT be required from 1st October.</p> <p>The final versions of the updated Pharmacy First clinical pathways, protocol, and PGDs are now available. Pharmacy owners can begin using these updated documents immediately.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please read the updated clinical pathways and PGDs here. Check the NHSBSA website for your Pharmacy First cap for this month. <p>To assist with the changes please review this guide</p>
Flu Vaccination Service	1 st October		<p>Vaccination of all eligible groups can start under the 2025/26 Adult Flu Vaccination Service (pregnant women could be vaccinated from 1st September 2025).</p> <p>Vaccination of children can start under the 2025/26 Flu Vaccination Service for children aged 2-3 years. Promotional resources</p>
COVID-19 Vaccination Services	1 st October		<p>COVID-19: Vaccination of all eligible groups can start under the autumn/winter 2025/26 COVID-19 Vaccination Service. Promotional resources</p>
Pharmacy Contraception Service	29 th October		<p>A provisional date has been set for the expansion of the service to include oral emergency contraception (EC), with pharmacy technicians also permitted to deliver it from that day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NHS England will confirm the start date via the Primary Care Bulletin, pending IT system updates. Updated draft service specifications and PGDs for oral contraception, levonorgestrel, and ulipristal are on the NHSBSA website. <p>Pharmacy teams should review these documents ahead of the launch.</p>
NMS	29 th October		<p>Provisional date for the service to expand to include depression as an eligible therapeutic area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NHS England will confirm the commencement date via their Primary Care Bulletin, subject to receiving confirmation

			<p>that the necessary changes to the clinical IT systems will be made on schedule.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The draft updated NMS Eligible Drug List and service specification are available to download from the NHSBSA website to provide advance notice of the changes to pharmacy owners. Subcontracting of NMS will no longer be permitted, only pharmacists employed by the pharmacy owner may provide NMS, and not via remote consultations from off-site locations.
PQS	1 st September	31 st March 26	<p>The Antimicrobial Stewardship – Pharmacy First consultations clinical audit can be conducted from 1st September 2025 and completed no later than 31st March 2026.</p> <p>Read the clinical audit paperwork and decide when you will start the clinical audit if you are participating in PQS and are aiming to meet the requirements of the Patient safety domain.</p> <p>PQS Deadline tracker PQS Presentation and Resources</p>
Hub and Spoke	1 st October		<p>Hub and spoke dispensing Terms of Service come into force.</p>
Advanced and Enhanced Services	1 st October		<p>Distance selling premises (DSP) pharmacies will only be able to deliver Directed services (Advanced, National Enhanced, and Enhanced services) remotely from the distance selling premises, similar to their delivery of Essential services OR, if the service specification permits, face-to-face with the patient, off-site.</p> <p>The administration of COVID-19 and Flu vaccinations on the distance selling premises, as part of an Advanced, National Enhanced, or Enhanced service, continues to be permitted until 31st March 2026.</p>
End of month claiming			<p>To support pharmacy teams with completion of their end of month tasks we have attached a template for pharmacy use. For information on nationally commissioned services see Payment timetable and deadline tracker.</p>
Emergency Hormonal Contraception Workshop		6 th October	<p>We are holding a workshop on Thursday, 9th October, 7-9pm at Holiday Inn Reading-South, M4, JCT.11 by IHG Basingstoke Road Reading RG2 0SL Registration link.</p>

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Women's Health Conference		27 th October	The LPC are running a Women's Health Training event on Sunday, 2nd November at Holiday Inn , High Wycombe. Join us from 10am - 2pm with coffee and light refreshments included. Registration link
Pharmacy NHS mailbox	Information and support	Now	Ensure at least 2 staff have linked NHS emails to your pharmacy shared NHS Mailbox. How to information here
PharmOutcomes Access	Information and support	Now	Check that pharmacy staff have access to PharmOutcomes during all opening times, especially when locums are on duty; set up additional account if needed. See here for instructions.

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