



COMMUNITY PHARMACY ARDEN GENERAL UPDATE 10th August 2023

Information is subject to change and is as accurate as we can ascertain at date published.

Covid-19 Vaccines: Expressions of Interest

NHS England has launched an expression of interest process for pharmacy owners to participate in the upcoming autumn COVID-19 vaccination service. The process allows more pharmacies to join the service, but the fee for vaccinations has been reduced by 25% to £7.54. CPE has raised concerns about the reduction of fees. Those interested in participating must review the [guidelines](#) and submit their expression of interest by **5pm, 29th August 2023**. Find out more on CPE [here](#).

Flu Vaccine Service: Specification and PGD Published

NHS England has published the [Service Specification and PGD](#) for the Community Pharmacy Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Advanced Service for 2023/24. This announcement brings some notable changes, such as modifications to the patient groups eligible for the service and the mandatory use of an NHS-approved point of care IT system for clinical records and payment claims. While the exact commencement date for the service has not yet been disclosed, it is unlikely to begin on 1st September. Find out more on CPE [here](#).

Campaign to prevent delay to flu vaccination start date

Following the publication of the flu vaccination service specification, CPE is actively urging the Government to prevent the delay to the start of the service. Community Pharmacies and LPCs have been asked to contact our local MPs to support the commencement of this service from September 1st to avoid the negative implications of any delay. CPE has issued an [MP Briefing](#) and a [Letter Template](#) to assist this communication.

Please support this initiative by contacting your local MP if you can. You can look up your local MP's contact details [here](#). Please find further details about this campaign on CPE [here](#).

Temporary closures: business continuity plans required from 31st July

Pharmacy owners will be required to have a business continuity plan dealing with temporary closures from 31st July. These business continuity plans will be a mandatory Terms of Service requirement and must be ready to be actioned for a temporary suspension of service when uncontrollable factors such as illness arise.

To support pharmacy owners in meeting this requirement, CPE has developed a number of useful resources, which you can find [here](#).

Reminder: Hypertension Case-Finding Service - IT requirements from September

NHS England has announced that pharmacy owners will need to use an NHS approved clinical IT system to make their clinical records and payment claims for the Hypertension case-finding service from **1st September 2023**. Find out details on CPE [here](#) and in the following [NHS briefing](#).



August Bank Holiday Pharmacy Opening Hours

NHSE has published the planned pharmacy opening hours for the upcoming Bank Holiday on Monday 28th August. We have produced a printable A4 sheet with this data for Coventry and Warwickshire – you can download it [here](#).

Please remember that pharmacy premises must exhibit a notice, based on information provided by NHS England, at times when the premises are not open. Where practicable the notice should be legible from outside the pharmacy premises, specifying the addresses of other NHS pharmacies and the days on which and times at which drugs and appliances may be obtained from those addresses. An updated list of pharmacies will also appear on the NHS website [here](#) (at the time of publication of our newsletter, this link hasn't been updated yet).

Pharmacy contractors are expected to have updated their own NHS UK and DoS profiles. If DoS Profile has not been updated, pharmacies will need to request emergency profiling changes by the DoS team by phoning **0300 0200 363**.

Controlled Drugs: Feedback from CDAO Team

Most issues relate to unreported missed doses to the Drug User Service Team, infrequent balance checks, dose errors, delays in arranging appropriate destruction of patient returns or out of date CD and detecting fraudulent prescriptions. Please be vigilant to prevent future issues.

Please remember that the CD reporting tool website is cdreporting.co.uk where you should:

- Report an incident relating to controlled drugs
- Report a concern relating to controlled drugs
- Complete a controlled drug declaration
- Apply to be a temporary authorised witness to witness the destruction of controlled drugs
- Record controlled drugs that have been destroyed
- Request support for destruction of controlled drugs

You can find CD guidance on our website [here](#).

Reminder: Independent Committee Member Vacancy

We have one vacancy for an Independent Contractor and are seeking expressions of interest from across Coventry and Warwickshire. Please read the [attached](#) and if interested return the completed form to **fionalowe@nhs.net** no later than 14th August 5pm.

Ideally, you will need to be available to attend the online CPA meeting on September 7th in the morning to meet Members and share ideas etc.

Work Force Survey Results

The results of the 2022 Community Pharmacy Workforce Survey have been published by NHSE. The survey aims to provide information to support workforce planning and advocate for education and training investment in the sector. You can read CPE's analyses of the findings [here](#).



Upcoming CPE Events and Webinars

- Price Concession Webinar (Tuesday, 5th September) [Find out more](#)
- National Engagement Event (Monday, 18th September) Save the date!
- Rural Regulations Workshop (Tuesday, 26th September) [Find out more](#)

CPPE Training News

- Accuracy Checking Pharmacy Technician (ACPT) Programme [Find out more](#)
- Independent Prescriber e-course [Find out more](#)

Virtual Outcomes: Acute and Chronic Diarrhoea

A new module has been added to the Virtual Outcomes training library. You can view the flyer [here](#) and access the training on the following [link](#).

If you have any questions or comments regarding this update, please contact the LPC Team.

Copies of our previous newsletters can be found [here](#).

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USEFUL LINKS:

[CPA Website](#)

[CPHW Website](#)

[CPE Newsletters](#)

[CPE Payment Timetable and Deadline Tracker](#)

[CPE Important Dates and Checklist](#)