



COMMUNITY PHARMACY ARDEN GENERAL UPDATE 7th September 2023

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

Pharmacy Services Webinar: 27th September (7-9.30pm)

As promised, we now have the details for the Pharmacy Services webinar. Join us for an information packed evening online with all the new updates on local and national services, including: Flu, Covid, CPCS, CCS, DMS, BP checks and AMBP, Oral Contraceptives, IP Pathfinder Pilots and more!

You can find the flyer with the registration details [here](#).

Please see our website for other upcoming [LPC Events](#).

Flu and C-19 Vaccination Services commencing 11th September

Due to the BA.2.86 variant of the COVID-19 virus, the UK government has decided bring forward the start of the autumn/winter booster programme for both C-19 and flu vaccines. It will now begin on **11th September**, with the goal of ensuring as many eligible individuals as possible are vaccinated. Extra payments will be given for C-19 vaccinations administered in September and October. The deadline for the Expression of Interest process for the Covid vaccination service has now passed. More information on CPE [here](#).

If you missed the NHS webinar about the new Covid variant, you can catch the recording on the FutureNHS website [here](#) (log-in required). You can also read the NHS letter [here](#).

National Booking Service: opens 7th September

It has been confirmed that the [National Booking Service \(NBS\)](#) for C-19 and Flu vaccinations will be open from 7th September. Please note the NBS will only be available for pharmacies providing both COVID-19 and flu vaccinations.

While local teams should be contacting providers to confirm onboarding arrangements, for those that have not yet received the Site Mobilisation Blueprint document, you can find it and additional information on the [FutureNHS platform](#) (log-in required). Please look in the Autumn/Winter 2023 Programme Documents section of the COVID-19 Programme Updates and Resources hub page where you will find a copy of the AW23 Site Mobilisation Blueprint.

Independent Prescribers: Pathfinder Programme

Pharmacies will have received an email from the NHSE West Midlands Hub Team about the IP Pathfinder Programme detailing how to express interest via [an online form](#). Your EOI must be submitted using this online form before close of play on **Monday 18th September 2023**. All the information that came with this email has been added to our website [here](#).

There will be a national webinar on **14 September 2023 6:30pm – 7:30pm** – you can find details and the registration link [here](#).



Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) 2023/24

This year's PQS launched on 1 June 2023 and consists of one gateway criterion (NMS) and three domains with annual funding of £45 million to support national health priorities. It builds on previous work around respiratory disease, antimicrobial stewardship and improving access to end-of-life medicines.

To aid contractors, [attached is a document](#) aimed to highlight upcoming important dates and training requirements. The full NHS England guidance can be found [here](#). We encourage pharmacy contractors to review the guidance document to support understanding of the requirements for this year's PQS. CPE guidance can be found [here](#)

Virtual Outcomes pharmacy training is now available about PQS 2023/24. You can view the flyer [here](#) and access the training on the following [link](#).

PQS Aspiration Payment Window Open

Community pharmacy contractors can now make a claim for an aspiration payment for the PQS 2023/24 on the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) [Manage Your Service \(MYS\) portal](#).

This payment is optional and not claiming will not impact a contractor's ability to claim payment for the PQS 2023/24 during the declaration period.

If contractors wish to claim for an aspiration payment, they should review the requirements of the PQS 2023/24 and decide which domains they intend to meet when they make their PQS declaration between 9:00 on 5 February 2024 and 23:59 on 1 March 2024. The full PQS guidance can be found [here](#).

Contractors who wish to claim an aspiration payment must do so **between 9:00 on 4 September 2023 and 23:59 on 29 September 2023**. The aspiration payment will be paid on 1 November 2023.

PQS – TARGET Treating Your Infection (TYI) Leaflets Report and Data Collection Tool

Community pharmacy contractors taking part in PQS will be able to access the TARGET TYI Leaflet data collection tool via the [MYS portal](#) from 1 September 2023. A printable data collection tool will also be available from the [NHSBSA website](#).

Prior to carrying out the data collection, contractors will need to familiarise themselves with the findings and recommendations published in the report from the data collection carried out in the 2022/23 PQS available [here](#).

Pfizer Paxlovid Training/Webinar/Resources:

September 20th Pharmacy meeting: [LINK](#)

September 27th Primary care meeting (includes pharmacist perspective) at 1-2pm and 7-8pm: [LINK](#)

Educational resources & patient materials: [LINK](#)



Pharmacy Technician Training:

PTPT Pre-Reg Trainee Pharmacy Technician – EOI by midnight Sunday 17th September - More info [HERE](#).

Foundation trainee pharmacist grant via NHSBSA – live from Thursday 14th September – More info [HERE](#).

Reminder: AGM 19th October

Community Pharmacy Arden AGM workshop will be on 19th October 2023 at the Holiday Inn Coventry, CV2 2HP (9.30-3.30 – with the AGM over lunch 1-2).

We will be running a series of workshops at the AGMs to outline our priorities going forward and would welcome you coming along for all or part of the day. Facilitated Sessions will include: Fuller – Team of Teams, Workforce and training, New Services, Working with the ICB, Contractor engagement, IT and claiming fees.

AGM – voting papers for accounts will be sent out to Contractors for sign off on 12th September – Accounts are already on our website [here](#) if you wish to view them earlier.

Reminder: Upcoming CPE Events and Webinars

- Pharmacy Owner Engagement Event (Monday, 18th September) [Find out more](#)

- Rural Regulations Workshop (Tuesday, 26th September) [Find out more](#)

Recordings of previous CPE webinars can be found [here](#).

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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[CPE Newsletters](#)

[CPE Payment Timetable and Deadline Tracker](#)

[CPE Important Dates and Checklist](#)