



## COMMUNITY PHARMACY ARDEN GENERAL UPDATE 16th November 2023

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

### Breaking News: Pharmacy First service agreed

Community Pharmacy England has reached agreement with Government and the NHS on the launch of a new national Pharmacy First service as well as other changes to pharmacy funding and services. Find details on CPE [here](#).

Two briefings have been published by CPE:

[Briefing 029/23: Recovery Plan agreement – Summary and FAQs for pharmacy owners and LPCs](#)

[Briefing 030/23: Funding for Pharmacy First, and other funding-related changes in the Recovery Plan deal](#)

In addition, there are two webinar dates coming up in November to talk you through the details:

[Monday 27th November \(7pm\): Book now to attend our Pharmacy First and the Recovery Plan webinar](#)

[Tuesday 28th November \(12.30pm\): Book now to attend our Pharmacy First and the Recovery Plan webinar](#)

### Tell your MP about critical winter pressures on pharmacies

CPE along with other national pharmacy organisations will be holding a Parliamentary event on 5<sup>th</sup> December to reiterate to MPs the enormous pressures that community pharmacies are under and the crippling effect that this is having on businesses of all shapes and sizes. More information [here](#).

Community Pharmacy Arden is in the process of sending letters to all our non-ministerial local MPs requesting their attendance and asking for their help with getting more support for pharmacies, as well as explaining to them just how much pharmacies are doing to support patients and the wider health service.

If you can, please help us raise these pressures by asking your MP to come along to the event using the template letter [here](#). You can look up the contact details of your local MP [here](#).

### Foundation trainee pharmacist funding from 2025/26

NHS England (NHSE) has announced that from 2025/26, to support provision of an equitable offer to all foundation trainee pharmacists (previously known as pre-reg pharmacists), the funding available to all foundation training sites will be harmonised. The level of funding for each site employing a foundation trainee pharmacist in the 2025/26 training year will be £26,500 per trainee. This funding will be consistent across all sectors of practice and all regions of England. Find more details on CPE [here](#) and on HEE [here](#).

In addition, pharmacies in the Midlands have also received the following communication from NHS England Workforce, Training & Education – Midlands:

[IETP reform 2025-26 Funding harmonisation for foundation trainee pharmacists](#)

Please contact [england.wtepharmacy.mids@nhs.net](mailto:england.wtepharmacy.mids@nhs.net) with any queries.



### **Training: Clinical Examination Skills Training for Community Pharmacists**

Community pharmacists can now sign up for one or more NHS funded Clinical Examination Skills specialist modules including ENT, paediatrics, cardiology and dermatology.

Learn flexibly online with new, fully funded training tailored to individuals' skills, experience and learning requirements. 1,000+ places are also available for optional, regional training days, offering community pharmacists the chance to practise new procedures and techniques in real-life scenarios. More information [here](#).

### **Training: Virtual Outcomes Lateral Flow Device Service**

A new training module is available from Virtual Outcomes, which explains everything about this new Advanced Service. The course flyer can be downloaded [here](#). The training can be accessed by logging in to your Virtual Outcomes account [here](#).

### **November Newsletter from NHS Midlands Regional Pharmacy Leadership Team**

Find the latest issue of the Script Newsletter on the following [link](#).

### **Reminder: Young people's drug and alcohol services – COVENTRY ONLY!**

Where relevant, please complete the two surveys shared in our previous communication and remember there's a stakeholders' meeting on 27th November in central Coventry. See details in our previous newsletter [here](#).

### **Reminder: Mandatory Workforce Survey Deadline 17th December 2023**

Don't forget to complete the mandatory workforce survey by 17th December! You can access the survey via the following link: [Access the 2023 workforce survey](#). More details on CPE [here](#).

### **Reminder: Contraception Service Webinar: Tuesday 28th November 2023**

NHSE Midlands are hosting a contraception service webinar on Tuesday 28th November from 19:00 – 20:15. See details in our previous newsletter [here](#).

### **Reminder: Bank Holiday Opening Intentions & EOI (Easter & Spring Bank Holidays)**

Please complete the form below NO LATER THAN the deadline of 27 November 2023:

<https://forms.office.com/e/wY8Tpv42b4>

See details in our previous newsletter [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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[CPHW Website](#)

[CPE Newsletters](#)

[CPE Payment Timetable and Deadline Tracker](#)

[CPE Important Dates and Checklist](#)