



COMMUNITY PHARMACY ARDEN

GENERAL UPDATE 3rd April 2025

Information is subject to change and is as accurate as we can ascertain at date published.
If your pharmacy is part of a larger organisation (CCA, IPA), please consult with your HQ in relevant matters.

CPCF Announcement for 2024/25 & 2025/26

CPE announced on Monday 31st March 2025 the arrangements for the 2024/25 and 2025/26 contract – see [here](#). CPE, DHSC and NHS England have written jointly to pharmacy owners ([here](#)) setting out information on the arrangements.

Resources - CPE has produced several useful resources to outline key aspects of the settlement.

- [*Briefing 010/25: Funding Settlement for 2024/25 and 2025/26*](#)
- [*Infographic: CPCF Settlement 2024/25 and 2025/26*](#)
- [*Animation: Summary of Funding Settlement for 2024/25 and 2025/26*](#)
- [*Indicative income calculator*](#)

To support the implementation process, CPE will be publishing further guidance and resources. Please keep an eye on their website [here](#)! The LPC are planning a series of newsletters covering key topics and need to know information for contractors and their teams from late April. We also are planning a f2f event to update contractors in person for 6th July 2025 (tbc)

CPE Roadshows and Webinars - CPE is hosting a series of online and in-person sessions to help pharmacy owners and their teams understand the new funding and contractual arrangements. Please see dates below and links to register.

- **Webinar:** Monday 7th April 2025 at 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM - [Book here](#)
- **Roadshow Event (Huddersfield):** Sunday 13th April 2025 at 11am – 1pm (registration from 10.30am) - [Book here](#)
- **Roadshow Event (London):** Saturday 26th April 2025 at 2pm - 4pm (registration from 1.30 pm) - [Book here](#)



1. LOCAL



LPC Support Team Vacancy: Services and Administrative Project Support

We have a vacancy within the LPC Team for a Services and Administrative Project Support role! We are a small, dedicated team working with our elected Committee Members to represent and support all the community pharmacies across the geography from an office base in Evesham. Find out more about us [here](#)

Full details of the job description and person specification can be found [here](#).

If you're interested in this job opportunity, please send your CV and covering letter to Fiona Lowe (fionalowe@nhs.net)

Closing Date: 17th April 2025 or sooner if sufficient suitable applications are received.

Shortlisting: 18th – 23rd April 2025

Interview Notifications: By 24th April 2025

Interview Dates: 29th (between 10 AM – 1 PM) or 30th April (between 2 PM – 4 PM) at our Basepoint Business Centre Office in Evesham. Unit 24, Basepoint Business Centre, Crab Apple Way, Vale Park, Evesham, WR11 1GP

Please indicate your preferred date in your application letter, and we will try to accommodate it where possible.

Reminder EOI – Antiviral

An Expression of Interest in providing the CW Antiviral Stockholding Service was sent out to all CW contractors to their NHS shared mailbox in mid-March. In this, contractors were asked to return the EOI to Arran Konkon at the ICB. We kindly ask that this form is resent to Altaz Dhanani Deputy Director of Medicines Optimisation NHS Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board Secure e-mail: altaz.dhanani@nhs.net and cc in the lpc at ahwlpc@gmail.com. The deadline for this EOI is 15th April 2025.

CPPE core NHS Pharmacy Contraception Service event - Thursday 22nd May 2025 – Birmingham

Delivering effective consultations to initiate contraception Event ID: 61568 22 May 2025 19:00 - 21:00 Places left: 27 **The MAC - Midlands Arts Centre** [B12 9QH](#) Lead tutor: **Mandip Rooprai**

This event has only recently gone live on CPPE, pharmacists do not require a keycode to book.

Here is the direct booking link too: [Book a workshop](#)

Coventry – CGL DUS contracts

As previously communicated, please wait and do not send off your new contracts to CGL. We are in discussion with them about some of the terms and should have this resolved by next week. More to follow.



2. REGIONAL/ NATIONAL

Covid – Autumn/Winter registration open

<https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pharmacies-gp-practices-and-appliance-contractors/dispensing-contractors-information/nhs-england-covid-19-vaccination-programme-1-april-2025-31-march-2026-site-sign-process>

The COVID-19 vaccination programme Site Sign-up Process for Suppliers document (the 'Guidance') sets out the stages you must go through to join the COVID-19 vaccination programme.

This process is for new Potential Providers. If you are one of these Providers, you must follow this process and need to submit a Response Document.

Existing providers whose contracts extend to 31 March 2026 do not need to submit a new Response Document. Please read through the Guidance to ensure you only submit a Response Document if you are required to.

NHS England has published its Economic Analysis of NHS Pharmaceutical Services.

<https://www.frontier-economics.com/media/aazb0awt/frontier-iqvia-economic-analysis-pharmacy-final-report-web.pdf>

Reminder: Tax Credit Exemptions End After 5th April 2025

After 5th April 2025, Tax Credit exemption certificates will no longer be valid for exemption from the NHS prescription charge, and the relevant exemption category (EPS code 0013 or 'M' on paper forms) will be removed to reflect this. This change is part of the development of the Universal Credit system, which does not automatically entitle people to help with their health costs. To continue to receive free NHS prescriptions, patients must meet the Universal Credit criteria or qualify under another valid exemption reason. Learn more [here](#).

Online CPPE Events

The next set of online workshops are now live for booking. See the documents below for further details on workshops and resources:

[*CPPE Workshops – March to July 2025*](#)

[*CPPE Resources – March to May 2025*](#)



Bank Holiday Easter Pharmacy Rota

Please find attached details of pharmaceutical provision across Coventry and Warwickshire for the Easter Bank Holidays for your information.

Good Friday 18th, April 2025

Easter Sunday 20th April 2025

Easter Monday 21st April 2025

MAY BANK HOLIDAY ROTA WILL BE SENT SEARATELY.

Additional pharmacies may also be open on this date, and this can be confirmed via the NHS.UK website, where pharmacies can be located by completing a postcode search.

Find a Pharmacy

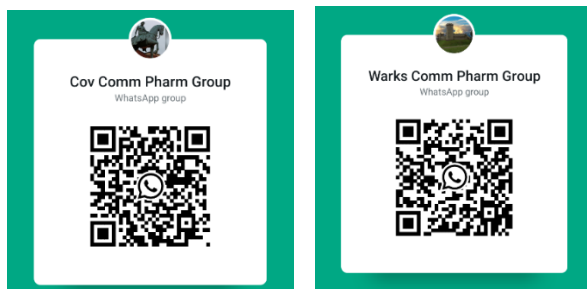
Please remember that pharmacy premises must exhibit a notice, based on information provided by the Office of the West Midlands, of times when the premises are not open. Where practicable the notice should be legible from outside the pharmacy premises, specifying the addresses of other NHS pharmacies and the days on which and times at which drugs and appliances may be obtained from those addresses, (The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services Regulations 2013 Schedule 4, Part 3 paragraph 23 (4) b).

Printable rota for Coventry and Warwickshire (PDF file)

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

NB: If your pharmacy is not listed, or showing no details on the attachment, then NHS have not been notified of the opening hours.

Finally...Whatsapp Groups Reminder to share the WhatsApp groups with others who work in community pharmacy within Coventry and Warwickshire.





Skin Rashes in Children - Module 1

Latest FREE* Online Course



Chickenpox



HAND-FOOT-MOUTH DISEASE SYMPTOMS

Do you know what **the 3 stages** are in the development of chickenpox spots?

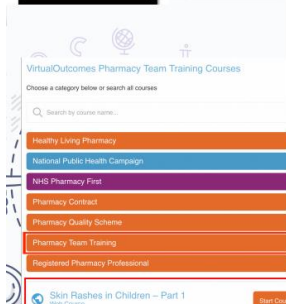
Do you know which children are at **higher risk** of developing complications from **chickenpox**?

Do you know which **times of year** Hand, Foot and Mouth disease (HFDM) is more common?

Do you know that children **can return** to school once they feel better even if the **HFDM blisters** have not healed?

This training will answer **all** these questions and more.

To access the **FREE*** course visit:
<https://www.virtualoutcomes.co.uk/pharmacy-training/>



Skin Rashes in Children - Module 2

Latest FREE* Online Course



CHICKEN SKIN



MEASLES

Do you know what a **mild viral infection** is a common cause of hives in children?

Do you know what **"chicken skin"** is and what advice you can give about it?

Do you know that **one individual** with measles can infect **15-20** other people?

Do you know what **key symptom** may help you **differentiate measles** from other flu-like illnesses (and it **not the rash or Koplik's spots**)?

This training will answer **all** these questions and more.

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USEFUL LINKS:

[CPA Website](#)

[CPHW Website](#)

[CPE Newsletters](#)

[CPE Payment Timetable and Deadline Tracker](#)

[CPE CPCF Important Dates](#)

[Virtual Outcomes - Pharmacy Training](#)