



COMMUNITY PHARMACY ARDEN GENERAL UPDATE 22nd January 2026

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If your pharmacy is part of a larger organisation (CCA, IPA), please consult with your HO in relevant matters.

LOCAL/LPC NEWS

Vacancy: Community Pharmacy Integrated Neighbourhood Teams Ambassador

Funding has been allocated to support the integration of Community Pharmacy into Integrated Neighbourhood Teams (INTs). Five Ambassadors/Leads are being sought—one each for Coventry, North Warwickshire & Rugby, South Warwickshire, Worcestershire, and Herefordshire.

Each Ambassador should be able to commit to approximately three days (21 hours) per month, for a period of at least six months and up to twelve months. There is flexibility for candidates who can offer only two days per month. Due to the number of INTs, Worcestershire may require additional support, which will be reviewed as needed. Ambassadors are expected to provide their own laptop and phone.

Reporting will be to an agreed Lead on behalf of CPA and CPHW. The aim is to recruit and start in March 2026, with induction, planning, and training sessions—both in-person and via MS Teams—scheduled for March before Ambassadors begin engaging with their local teams. Closing date for applications: **5th February 2026**.

The full job description, person specification and the application process can be found on the link below:

[Job Description – Community Pharmacy Integrated Neighbourhood Teams Ambassador \(Lead\)](#)

REGIONAL/ NATIONAL NEWS

CD Reporting: important change regarding concerns and incidents

Please note that following a review of reporting patterns, it has been decided that the majority of submissions categorised as “concerns” should in fact be reported as “incidents”. In order to improve accuracy, streamline processes and ensure appropriate follow-up, the Concerns module on the CD reporting website will be disabled. All future reports must be submitted as incidents. CD Reporting will continue to provide an option to submit anonymous concerns for whistleblowing purposes.

Please find more details about this in a communication sent on behalf of NHS England Midlands CDAOs [here](#).



Data Security & Protection Toolkit Guidance

CPE has published new guidance to help community pharmacy owners complete the annual Data Security and Protection Toolkit (DSPTK), which is used to make a pharmacy's information governance (IG) declaration and must be completed **by Tuesday 30th June 2026**. Full guidance to the toolkit can be found [here](#).

Pharmacy owners can also sign up for a related workshop for further support:

[DSPTK 2026 Workshop – 11th February 2026](#)

Pharmacy First National Health Campaign starts soon

The second national health campaign of 2025/26 starts on **Monday 2nd February 2026**, and all community pharmacies are required to take part by promoting the Pharmacy First service to the public. This campaign runs until Sunday 22nd February and aligns with an NHS England advertising push using updated materials based on previous Think Pharmacy First campaigns.

Pharmacies can meet campaign requirements by using posters, leaflets, website updates, social media posts, or patient communications. Existing promotional content already in use will count, but if you need some more materials, a range of resources are available on the CPE website [here](#).

[Full details here](#)

Reminder: Registration for C-19 Vaccinations deadline approaching

Registration to provide COVID-19 vaccinations during the Spring 2026 campaign as part of the Seasonal Vaccination Services is now open. The deadline to register is **2nd February 2026**. Pharmacy contractors can continue to register for the COVID-19 Vaccination Service after 2 February 2026, but they are not guaranteed to receive supplies of the COVID-19 vaccine for the start of the spring campaign.

If you wish to register to provide COVID-19 vaccinations, you must complete the electronic registration declaration using [this form](#).

Further details can be found on NHS England [here](#).

Important Dates for 2026

Don't forget to check the CPE website for upcoming important dates [here](#).



Advance payment timetable for 2026

CPE has published an Advanced Payment Timetable for 2026, which you can find [here](#).

Latest Supply Issues: Shortages and SSPs

You can find all the latest supply notifications and SSPs [here](#).

Reminder: New Patient-facing Website and Facebook Page for CW



[Pharmacy Coventry & Warwickshire Website](#)

[Pharmacy Coventry and Warwickshire Facebook Page](#)

This website promotes pharmacy services to the general public with interactive maps showing pharmacy locations and opening hours so patients can find their nearest pharmacy providing specific services.

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



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USEFUL LINKS:

[CPA Website](#)

[CPHW Website](#)

[CPE Newsletters](#)

[CPE Payment Timetable and Deadline Tracker](#)

[CPE CPCF Important Dates](#)

[Price Concessions](#)