



COMMUNITY PHARMACY ARDEN GENERAL UPDATE 5th February 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

Announcement: CEO Designate for CPA and CPHW



Our CEO, Fiona Lowe is retiring after more than 10 years leading the LPCs on 30th June 2026. Following a successful recruitment process we are pleased to confirm that Conor Price will join us in April 2026. There will be three months handover period, at the end of which Conor will assume the role of CEO on 1st July 2026.

Conor brings senior leadership experience across Community Pharmacy and the wider primary care system, with a strong focus on collaboration, influence and delivery at place and system level. He has worked closely with general practice, community pharmacy, and system partners and is also Chief Exec across Community Pharmacy London, building strong national relationships and credibility to represent the sector effectively.

Conor has also worked across three local acute hospitals and two GP Federations, helping to strengthen primary care together, improve alignment, and position Community Pharmacy as a core partner in integrated neighbourhood teams.

Local Mandated Health Campaign: Only Order What You Need

NHS Coventry and Warwickshire ICB have launched a medicine waste campaign that aims to reduce the number of medicines prescribed unnecessarily. It's estimated that 1.6 million prescription items are wasted unnecessarily in Coventry and Warwickshire each year. This costs the NHS over £13m a year, money that could be spent on other vital local services.

The 'Only Order What You Need' campaign hopes to encourage people on repeat prescriptions to check what medicines they have at home before they order and to only order the medicines they need.

The campaign runs throughout February and March 2026. Details and requirements can be found [here](#).

Please note, this is a mandatory campaign – all Coventry and Warwickshire community pharmacies are required to participate.



Reporting

All pharmacies are required to collate the requested data using the tally chart provided and submit totals using the link below **on or before 10th April 2026**.

[CPCF Local Health Campaign 'Only Order What You Need'](#)

Any questions relating to this campaign should be directed to **cwibc.mot@nhs.net**

Please note this local campaign is different from and is in addition to the currently running mandated National Health Campaign.

REGIONAL/ NATIONAL NEWS

Seasonal Vaccinations Service Specs Updated + Webinar recording

NHS England has made a small number of crucial updates to the service specification of seasonal vaccinations. These relate to COVID-19 vaccine supply, offsite locations, and terminology regarding immunosuppressed patients.

[Read the service specification.](#)

A recording of the recent webinar on the new Seasonal Vaccination Service, covering COVID-19 and adult flu vaccinations for 2026/27 is now available to access. Run jointly by CPE and NHS England, the session explained how the service will operate and the requirements that will need to be met first.

[Watch the recording now.](#)

Reminder: Data Security & Protection Toolkit Guidance and Workshop

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 has started

The second national health campaign of 2025/26 started 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](#)

NHS App Campaign 2026

The 2026 NHS App campaign is part of a major, nationwide effort by NHS England to pivot towards a “digital-first” model of care, aiming to make the app the primary “front door” to services. A new national campaign launched in January 2026 aims to boost adoption, increasing awareness of the app’s functionality and driving knowledge of its key benefits.

Public libraries are playing a key role in the 2026 NHS App campaign by acting as local, trusted hubs to help citizens—particularly those facing digital exclusion—access online health services. As part of a partnership with the National Health Literacy Partnership, over 1,400 libraries across England are providing in-person support to boost NHS App adoption.

You can find more details about Pharmacy’s role in this campaign and links to resources on our website [here](#).

NHS Sexual Safety Charter

Whilst not a mandatory requirement, the [NHS Sexual Safety Charter](#) and completion of a self-assessment checklist against the Charter's principles have been developed as support for NHS organisations and may help pharmacy owners get ahead of incoming amendments to the Employment Rights Act. [Learn more](#)

Reminder: Rybelsus New Formulation

As the old formulation of Rybelsus tablets are now likely exhausted, patients need to have their prescriptions reviewed and changed over to the equivalent strength of the new formulation. As with the original formulation, the new formulation of Rybelsus should be taken on an empty stomach with a small glass of water. No other food, drink or medicines should be taken for at least 30 minutes afterwards.

Details on our website [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](#).

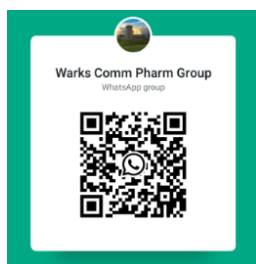
CPA Patient-facing Website and Facebook Page



[Pharmacy Coventry & Warwickshire Website](#)

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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](#)