

## Community Pharmacy Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB News

A newsletter for Community Pharmacy Teams in Nottingham,  
Nottinghamshire and Bassetlaw

### Purpose of this newsletter

The purpose of this newsletter is to share news from across the health system with Community Pharmacy Teams. Please share this newsletter with everyone in your pharmacy team including any locum staff.

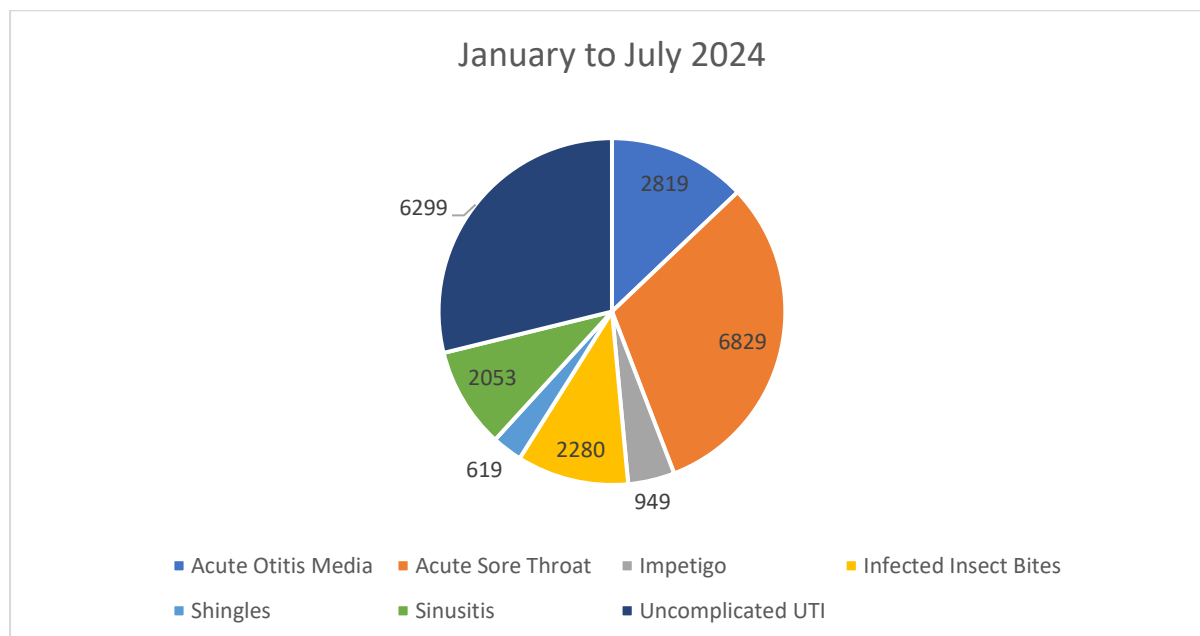
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## Pharmacy First Update

Thank you for all the hard work, Community Pharmacy teams have done to deliver over 43, 000 consultations.

The breakdown of the seven conditions in our area is shown in the pie chart below:



Community Pharmacy England have also published some myth busters to support Community Pharmacy Teams which you can view here: [National Pharmacy Services Archives - Community Pharmacy England \(cpe.org.uk\)](https://www.cpe.org.uk/national-pharmacy-services-archives)

Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education continue to provide materials to help with the provision of Pharmacy first and have training such as the NHS Pharmacy First: Clinical assessment – essential skills online workshop. The link for booking this workshop can be viewed on the CPE website here [NHS Pharmacy First: Clinical assessment – essential skills online workshop : CPPE](https://www.cpe.org.uk/nhs-pharmacy-first-clinical-assessment-essential-skills-online-workshop)

## Heart of Our Community Tackling Heart Health in Nottingham City

For Community Pharmacy Teams in the Nottingham City Area, you may be interested in an event focused on improving heart health and reducing CVD related health inequalities.

This event is being held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 12:30-4:30pm at the The Indian Community Centre Association (ICCA) 99 Hucknall Rd, Nottingham, NG5 1QZ. Lunch and refreshments are being provided. If you wish to book on this event please use this link [Heart of our Community: tackling CVD together in Nottingham City \(office.com\)](https://www.office.com/Heart-of-our-Community-tackling-CVD-together-in-Nottingham-City)

## Podcasts from the Area Prescribing Committee (APC)

The twelfth episode of the APC podcast about Pharmacogenomics is available on Spotify, and can also be found on the APC website in the [Podcast section](#).

## Community Pharmacy PCN engagement lead Expressions of Interest

Expressions of interest are being sought for Community Pharmacy PCN engagement leads to work across the four Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB places:

- Nottingham City
- South Notts
- Mid Notts
- Bassetlaw

The purpose of this function is to help increase engagement with Pharmacy First Services. More information and how to express interest will be sent by email to Community Pharmacy NHS net emails. **The date for expression interest has been updated to 9<sup>th</sup> September.** If you have not received the email, please use the following email address [Rebecca.Dickenson7@nhs.net](mailto:Rebecca.Dickenson7@nhs.net)

## Independent Prescribing courses 2024-25 – NHS England training offer

The information below is from NHS England.

*We are pleased to announce that applications for independent prescribing courses for Pharmacists are now open. Courses are available until end March 2025, with several universities offering multiple dates for cohort intakes. Start dates will depend on the university provider.*

*We encourage pharmacists from across sectors, including community pharmacy and locums, to seize this opportunity.*

*Independent Prescribing training is available to pharmacists who meet the eligibility criteria. Tuition fees are fully funded by NHS England. Pharmacists that are successful in applying to one of the approved universities will be allocated a fully funded place directly by the university. They do not need to apply to NHS England for funding separately.*

*Please visit the [NHS England website](#) to find out more about this crucial offer, including eligibility criteria, list of approved universities and frequently asked questions.*

*For any further enquiries, please contact [england.pharmacyteam@nhs.net](mailto:england.pharmacyteam@nhs.net)*

## Questions and feedback about this newsletter

If you have any questions, please email the ICB Community Pharmacy Clinical lead; Rebecca Dickenson using the email address [Rebecca.Dickenson7@nhs.net](mailto:Rebecca.Dickenson7@nhs.net).

Please send feedback as it helps to tailor this newsletter for you and your team.