

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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What is the ICB?

Welcome to the first issue of Our Community Pharmacy Newsletter. Let's start with some introductions to the Integrated Care Board or ICB.

There are 42 ICBs in England and they took over the responsibilities of the former Clinical Commissioning Groups, which are to commission services for the population – in our case people living in Nottingham, Nottinghamshire and Bassetlaw. As part of this the responsibility for commissioning Community Pharmacy Services moved from NHS England to the ICB in April 2023.

For further information about the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB you can look at the public facing ICB website [Home - NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB](#) and this website also has a dedicated Community Pharmacy page here [Community pharmacy - NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB](#)

If you need to contact the ICB for contractual matters, please email england.eastmidsparmacy@nhs.net.

“No clues” Blood pressure campaign

Community Pharmacist Deepak Bilakhia from Carrington Pharmacy has been helping to promote the “No-clues” Blood pressure campaign. Here is Deepak checking the blood pressure of the TV presenter Gloria Hunniford. Thank you so much Deepak.



For resource Community Pharmacies can register on this website [Hypertension \(High Blood Pressure\) | Help Us Help You - Heart Attack, Stroke and Hypertension | Campaign Resource Centre \(dhsc.gov.uk\)](https://www.dhsc.gov.uk/campaigns/no-clues).

How did this campaign work for your pharmacy? Did you see an increase in blood pressure checks? Please share any good news stories.

Pharmacy First News

- The NHS Business Services authority have emailed contractors to let them know that the deadline for submission for the February Pharmacy First claims is now 11:59pm on Thursday 21st March 2024.
- Please remember that the Seven Clinical pathways can be walk in as well as referral. There have reports of some Community Pharmacies sending patients back to the GP for a referral.
- Locum Pharmacist sign up to the Pharmacy First PGDs with a particular pharmacy can be electronic, but records must be kept.
- There is an exclusion and inclusion one pager designed for GP staff to identify suitable referrals for the seven clinical pathways. GP surgeries can access this via their communication portal called teamnet but a copy has also been attached to the email with this newsletter for your convenience.

Language line

Do you ever have concerns communicating with patients whose first language isn't English? Have you ever found yourself using web-based translation services on your

phone? NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire commissions a translation service in the form of language line to help pharmacy teams communicate more efficiently. For access to this service please email england.eastmidspharmacy@nhs.net.

[Nottinghamshire Medicines Optimisation Website](#)

For the ICB Medicines Optimisation website please look at [Nottinghamshire medicines management website](#). This website includes a document entitled “Working together to minimise the impact of shortages” which you can view here; [shortages workingtogether v1.pdf \(nottinghamshireremedicinesmanagement.nhs.uk\)](#) and also a monthly hints and tips newsletter which can be viewed here; [Prescribing Hints and Tips NewslettersaltText: "Nottinghamshire Shared Medicines Management Team"\) \(nottinghamshireremedicinesmanagement.nhs.uk\)](#)

February’s hints and tips includes a reminder of the potentially fatal interaction between tramadol and warfarin and an update that omega 3 can cause atrial fibrillation.

[Nottinghamshire Area Prescribing Committee Website](#)

The area prescribing website can be viewed here; [Home - Nottinghamshire Area Prescribing Committee \(nottsapc.nhs.uk\)](#) and includes clinical guidance and links to the formulary.

[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.

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