

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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The Repeat Prescribing Toolkit

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society and the Royal College of GPs have produced a repeat prescribing toolkit which you can view using this link [Repeat Prescribing Toolkit \(rpharms.com\)](https://rpharms.com). This tool kit was Commissioned by NHS England following the National Overprescribing Review recommendations and is a framework for all involved in repeat prescribing including Community Pharmacies.



Pharmacy First Update

At the Pharmacy Show it was announced that the thresholds for the monthly Pharmacy First payment have been adjusted. The revised thresholds are below:

- November and December 2024 20 clinical pathway consultations
- January and February 2025 25 Clinical pathway consultations
- March 2025 30 Clinical pathway Consultations

Medicines Optimisation website

Last month we introduced the updated Medicines Optimisation website for Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB which can be viewed here: [Nottinghamshire Medicines Optimisation Team - Nottinghamshire Medicines Optimisation Team \(nottinghamshireremedicinesmanagement.nhs.uk\)](https://nottinghamshireremedicinesmanagement.nhs.uk).

This includes a Community Pharmacy section. This section now links to previous Community Pharmacy newsletters, the working together to manage shortages document and other useful information.

As part of this useful information there is a link to the brands and branded generic ICB position statement which states that the ICB *does not support the routine prescribing of brands and branded generic medication in primary care, unless there is a clinical reason to prescribe by brand, or if there is a significant sustainable saving for the NHS,* and explains when we would endorse recommending a brand rather than generic. These principles will be used going forward when adding new medicines to the Preferred Prescribing list (PPL), and the branded recommendations

already on the PPL will be reviewed and eventually removed if they do not meet the principles. You can read more using this link here; [Short Title: \(nottinghamshireremedicinesmanagement.nhs.uk\)](https://nottinghamshireremedicinesmanagement.nhs.uk)

The hints and tips prescribing newsletter is also linked into the Community Pharmacy section. The August hints and tips prescribing newsletter includes some information that 7 day prescriptions should only be issued if there is a clinical need which you can view here, [pht-august-24.pdf \(nottinghamshireremedicinesmanagement.nhs.uk\)](https://nottinghamshireremedicinesmanagement.nhs.uk/pht-august-24.pdf).

There are also links to the Community Pharmacy section on the ICB website which includes a leaflet called “managing your medicines” which may also be helpful in conversations with patients and practices about various methods to help patients take their medicines. This leaflet can be viewed here; [Managing your medicines - NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB](#)

If you have any further suggestions about content that would be useful to Community Pharmacy Teams, please email Rebecca.Dickenson7@nhs.net.

ENT training

Leicester and Leicestershire and Rutland have opened up a face-to-face session to Community Pharmacies outside of their geography. This session will be held at Loros Hospice, Groby Lane, Leicester, LE3 9QE on Thursday 29th October. This is in Leicestershire, but we wanted to make pharmacy teams aware in case this is accessible to anyone. The link to book is below.

Tuesday 29th October from 6:30am-9:15pm Pharmacy First ENT training sessions (face to face) To register click here; [Eventbrite](#).

Community Pharmacy Independent Prescribing Pathfinders



This is a national pilot with each ICB in England having a small number of pathfinder Community Pharmacy sites with pharmacist independent prescribers. The aim is to produce learnings to enable the development of a national service. In Nottingham and Nottinghamshire, we have 4 sites with Evans at East Leake currently the first to be live using paper prescription and Brinsley Pharmacy is one of the first in the country to be live using the EPS service CLEO.



In Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB, the first model is minor acuity on the day conditions within the individual Independent Prescriber's competencies. Prescribing is to follow both national and local guidelines including the formulary. Patients can be referred by other healthcare professionals or contact the sites directly.

Covid Vaccinations for Front Line Healthcare Staff

Front line staff are eligible for covid vaccinations at Community Pharmacy sites offering covid vaccinations. Community Pharmacies near to NHS trust sites may see higher footfall, please contact SSVOC on this email nnicb-nn.nottssvoc@nhs.net if there are any capacity problems.

If you would like social media adverts for this service, please email Rebecca.Dickenson7@nhs.net



For Community Pharmacy Teams who are not offering the covid vaccinations please encourage front line healthcare workers to access the national booking system – the link can be viewed here [Do you know your NHS number? - Book a coronavirus vaccination - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

Community Pharmacy Economic Analysis

An independent economic review has been agreed as part of national pharmacy contract negotiations. As part of this Community Pharmacy owners are being invited to take part of the analysis. If you are interested in being part of this please fill in the form accessed by the following the link [Economic Analysis of Community Pharmacy - Expression of Interest \(office.com\)](https://office.com)

World Pharmacy Technician Day

The 15th October was World Pharmacy Technician Day. Thank you to all the wonderful in Community Pharmacy Technicians in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB area.

There are lots of opportunities for technicians in Community Pharmacy outside of dispensing including the hypertensive case finding service and we look forward to further exciting developments for technicians.

If you have celebrated World Pharmacy Technician Day or wish to celebrate a pharmacy technician, please get in touch so we can include in future newsletters.

Help Shape the Future of Community Pharmacy – Complete the Workforce Survey Today

Message from Pharmacy Workforce Faculty

As a valued member of the community pharmacy workforce, your input is essential in shaping the future of our profession.

We are reaching out to encourage you to complete the Community Pharmacy Workforce Survey, which is critical to understanding the current workforce landscape and planning for the future. By participating, you will directly contribute to important decisions that will influence workforce planning, resource allocation, and the transformation of pharmacy services not only nationally, but also at a local level.

Why Your Participation Matters:

- *Workforce Planning: Your responses will provide data that help identify staffing needs, skills gaps, and opportunities for training and development. This ensures that the workforce is adequately supported to meet evolving healthcare demands.*
- *Transformation of Services: As healthcare services continue to evolve, community pharmacies play an ever-increasing role in delivering patient care. Your input is crucial to shaping strategies that support the growing responsibilities of pharmacy staff.*
- *Advocating for Change: Data collected will be used to advocate for resources, policy changes, and support systems that are tailored to meet the needs of community pharmacies and their teams.*
- *Creating a more supportive work environment: the survey will help us to gather valuable data on the diversity of the workforce and guide the development of inclusive workforce strategy for pharmacy staff from different backgrounds, regardless of gender, ethnicity, disability or background.*

Please take the time to complete the survey by 11th December 2024 using the link in the invitation email. Use the pharmacy ODS code (included in the invitation email) to identify your pharmacy. Please include the F at the start of your ODS code. If you need, you can check your ODS code here:

<https://odsportal.digital.nhs.uk/Organisation/Search>

Your participation is greatly appreciated, and we thank you for your continued dedication to the profession and to the health of the communities we serve.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out and email f.karimjee@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.

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