



COMMUNITY PHARMACY HEREFORSHIRE AND WORCESTERSHIRE GENERAL UPDATE 12th June 2025

Information is subject to change and is as accurate as we can ascertain at date published.

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

CPCF UPDATE EVENT 22nd June 2025 10am-2pm. This will be held at The Bank House, Worcester and will cover off the important details of the new contract, local organisational changes, need-to-know advanced services changes, PQS, CPPE training, opportunity to practice otoscope skills and more. These events (and their associated costs) cannot proceed if we don't have enough contractors planning to attend, so if you wish to attend, PLEASE REGISTER NOW! Book [here](#)

CPCF 2024/25 & 2025/26

All of the CPE resources created to support contractors with the new CPCF agreement, including different FAQs, can be found [here](#).

Important Regulatory Changes Affecting Distance Selling Premises (DSP) Pharmacies and Core Opening Hours

From 23rd June 2025, the DSP market entry exemption will close and a more flexible application process will be introduced for changing a pharmacy's core opening hours. A further change to prevent DSP pharmacies from delivering Directed services face-to-face with patients onsite will also come into effect later this year. See more information on the CPE website [here](#).

Sign-up Process Launched for Provision of COVID-19 Vaccinations from October 2025 (Deadline for Submissions is 16th June 2025)

NHSE has opened the procurement process for pharmacies that wish to provide the COVID-19 Vaccination Service from their premises from 1st October 2025. This only applies to:

- Pharmacies not already contracted to provide the service and wishing to apply to provide it from 1st October 2025; and



- Pharmacies already contracted to provide the service but whose contract only runs up until the end of August 2025.

Most pharmacies already providing the service are contracted until 31st March 2026; those pharmacies **do not need** to re-apply in order to continue to provide the service from October 2025, as their contract already covers provision until 31st March 2026. See the CPE website [here](#) for further information.

Future of Pharmacy Workshop, West Midlands (Wednesday 16th July)

This face-to-face event will enable pharmacy owners and their representatives to discuss the next steps for community pharmacy with CPE, which will feed directly into their priorities for the 2026/27 CPCF negotiations and beyond.

Members of the Community Pharmacy England Committee will also be in attendance. Topics for discussion will include:

- The impact of the CPCF settlement for 2025/26;
- Challenges community pharmacies are continuing to face;
- Pharmacy's place in the NHS 10-Year Health Plan;
- Preparations for 2026/27 negotiations; and
- How best to support community pharmacies to plan for the future.

This event is part of a series of regional workshops taking place across the country.

Details:

Location: Warwick Racecourse, Hampton St, Warwick, CV34 6HN

Timings: 8pm – 9.30pm, with doors open from 7pm when a hot buffet and light refreshments will be available, with informal networking and Q&A with the Community Pharmacy England team)

[Register your place here.](#)

This event is free to attend, but you are asked to register in advance. Please note, attendance is for pharmacy owners and their representatives.

Bookings for this event will **close** on Wednesday 9th July, unless they reach maximum numbers earlier.

NHS App National Webinar - July 2025

There is an NHS App Update Webinar taking place on **Tuesday 8th July 2025 at 11.30am-12.30pm** which is now open for bookings. More information about what will be discussed within the webinar can be found [here](#). The session will finish with a Q&A session where you will have the opportunity to have your questions answered by the speakers.

Data Security & Protection Toolkit 2025



Community Pharmacy England has published new guidance to help community pharmacy owners complete the Data Security and Protection Toolkit 2025. The Toolkit is used to make a pharmacy's information governance (IG) declaration and must be completed **by 30th June 2025**.

Key differences in this year's Toolkit include:

- A new question asking if you are using multi-factor authentication with your clinical IT systems
- Improvements to the Toolkit's layout.
- Improvements to the question wording and pharmacy-specific tips.
- The Toolkit displays the answers submitted by the pharmacy in the previous submission for various questions, allowing pharmacy teams to simply confirm that the information remains accurate and adjust this if necessary.

Various resources, including an online webinar, are available from CPE [here](#) to help community pharmacies complete the toolkit.

Independent Pharmacy Awards 2025 Now Open for Entries!

The Independent Pharmacy Awards for 2025 is now open for entries. Please see the documents below for further information on the categories, and how to nominate. The closing date for entries is 15th July 2025.

[IPA 2025 Press Release](#)

[IPA 2025 - Call for Entries](#)

Online CPPE Events

The next set of online workshops are now live for booking. See the documents below for further details on workshops and resources:

[CPPE Workshops – March to July 2025](#)

[CPPE Resources – March to May 2025](#)

NHS England launches vaccine IT system framework

NHS England has announced the launch of a new community pharmacy Point of Care (PoC) IT Supplier Contractual Framework, which will allow pharmacy owners to choose which PoC system they use to make their clinical records for the [Flu](#) and COVID-19 vaccination services during the Autumn/Winter 2025/26 campaign.

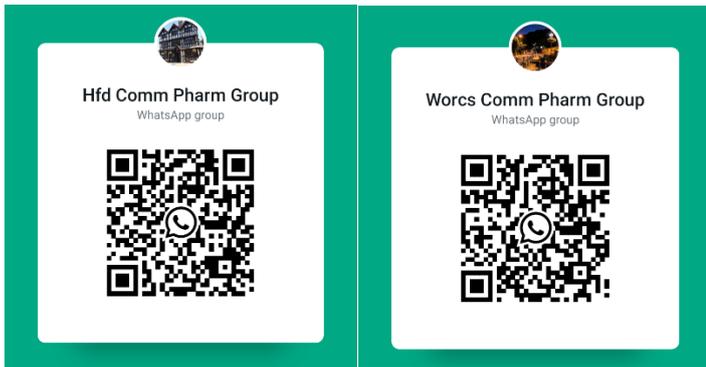
[IT suppliers listed on the new framework](#) have been assured by NHS England as having met specific minimum standards.

Please visit CPE [here](#) for further information and Frequently Asked Questions.



Finally....WhatsApp Groups

Reminder to share the links to our WhatsApp groups for those working in community pharmacies in Worcestershire and in Herefordshire.



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USEFUL LINKS:

[CPA Website](#)

[CPHW Website](#)

[CPE Newsletters](#)

[CPE Payment Timetable and Deadline
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[CPE CPCF Important Dates](#)

[Virtual Outcomes - Pharmacy Training](#)