



COMMUNITY PHARMACY HEREFORDSHIRE AND WORCESTERSHIRE GENERAL UPDATE 8th January 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

Vacancy: Community Pharmacy Integrated Neighbourhood Teams Ambassador

Funding has been allocated to support the integration of Community Pharmacy into Integrated Neighbourhood Teams (INTs). Five Ambassadors/Leads are being sought—one each for Coventry, North Warwickshire & Rugby, South Warwickshire, Worcestershire, and Herefordshire.

Each Ambassador should be able to commit to approximately three days (21 hours) per month, for a period of at least six months and up to twelve months. There is flexibility for candidates who can offer only two days per month. Due to the number of INTs, Worcestershire may require additional support, which will be reviewed as needed. Ambassadors are expected to provide their own laptop and phone.

Reporting will be to an agreed Lead on behalf of CPA and CPHW. The aim is to recruit and start in March 2026, with induction, planning, and training sessions—both in-person and via MS Teams—scheduled for March before Ambassadors begin engaging with their local teams.

The full job description, person specification and the application process can be found on the link below:

[Job Description – Community Pharmacy Integrated Neighbourhood Teams Ambassador \(Lead\)](#)

Temporary Closures in Case of Adverse Weather Conditions

There's a range of resources on our website to guide you through possible closures due to potential heavy snow fall this winter. You can find them [here](#).



PharmOutcomes - GP Connect Access Record

We have had reports that some patients were getting several supplies of Nitofurantoin as part of the Pharmacy First service within a 12-month period. Please note that there's a requirement within the service specification for the patient's GP record to be checked by the pharmacist with the patient's consent to avoid such occurrences.

The PDF below explains how registered pharmacy professionals can view read-only information from the patient's GP record (medications, investigations, observations) via PharmOutcomes.

[PharmOutcomes - GP Connect Access Record](#)

REGIONAL/ NATIONAL NEWS

Registration for C-19 Vaccinations Spring 2026

Registration to provide COVID-19 vaccinations during the Spring 2026 campaign as part of the Seasonal Vaccination Services is now open. The deadline to register is **2nd February 2026**. Pharmacy contractors can continue to register for the COVID-19 Vaccination Service after 2 February 2026, but they are not guaranteed to receive supplies of the COVID-19 vaccine for the start of the spring campaign.

If you wish to register to provide COVID-19 vaccinations, you must complete the electronic registration declaration using [this form](#).

Further details can be found on NHS England [here](#).

Advance Notice: Updated SCS service spec and PGDs

Draft documents have been published to provide advance notice of the upcoming changes to the Smoking Cessation Service for pharmacy owners and their teams, and additionally to support IT system suppliers in developing the necessary changes to their systems.

The commencement date for the revised service will be announced by NHS England in due course; a provisional start date has not yet been agreed.

[Download the DRAFT documents from the NHSBSA website](#)

Find out more from CPE [here](#).



CPE Regional Roadshow 2026

Community Pharmacy England will be holding a series of regional roadshow events across the country in June/July 2026, which is an opportunity for pharmacy owners to speak directly with peers and members of the CPE Executive Leadership Team and Committee to share views, ask questions, and engage in discussion sessions about the many issues that matter most and reflect the priorities and challenges you face as pharmacy owners.

All events will be held from 7.30pm -9pm, with doors open from 6.45pm when a hot buffet and light refreshments will be available. Attendance is for pharmacy owners or their representatives only, with places made available on a first come first served basis. The events are funded by Community Pharmacy England and free to attend.

Registration link for the West Midlands Roadshow is below:

[Tuesday 30th June 2026, Birmingham](#)

More information about the events can be found on CPE [here](#).

CPE February 2026 Opinion Poll

Take part in CPE's opinion poll about patient abuse and other daily challenges. Your feedback will help build vital evidence to push for funding uplifts and other improvements for community pharmacy.

[Respond to the questionnaire](#) (closes 22nd January at 23:59)

Note: CCA multiple branches do not need to respond, as their head offices have been contacted separately.

January Important Dates

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](#).



Recall: Nestle SMA Infant and Follow-On Formula

Nestlé has issued a precautionary recall for several SMA infant and follow-on formula products, due to potential contamination with cereulide toxin – a heat-stable toxin produced by *Bacillus cereus*. Pharmacy teams should review their stock for affected products.

Find details on CPE [here](#).

Finally.... WhatsApp Groups Reminder to share the WhatsApp groups with others who work in community pharmacy within Herefordshire and Worcestershire.



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USEFUL LINKS:

[CPA Website](#)

[CPHW Website](#)

[CPE Newsletters](#)

[CPE Payment Timetable and Deadline Tracker](#)

[CPE CPCF Important Dates](#)

[Price Concessions](#)