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It contains important information for those that work in the community pharmacy sector. | | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | In this update: Flu vaccine 2023/24; Don't miss our September engagement event; NHS Hints and Tips; CPPE programme for pharmacy technicians. | | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Flu vac service spec published NHS England has published the service specification for the Community Pharmacy Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Advanced Service for 2023/24. This announcement brings some notable changes, such as modifications to the patient groups eligible for the service and the mandatory use of an NHS-approved point of care IT system for clinical records and payment claims. While the exact commencement date for the service has not yet been disclosed, it is unlikely to begin on 1st September – a decision that we challenged given the lack of adequate notice given to pharmacy owners.  Alongside the service specification, a PGD and National Protocol have been published. We have also updated the information in our Flu Vaccination Hub, with more resources coming soon.    **Commenting on this, our Director of NHS Services Alastair Buxton, said:** | | | | |  | | --- | | [**Read more**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=34a45356b9&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Save the date: September Engagement Event Community Pharmacy England is holding its first national engagement event for pharmacy owners next month.  This is part of our ongoing efforts to actively engage with the sector.    September’s gathering will be an opportunity for those we represent to participate in discussions on key issues, share views on issues that are important to you and hear more about our work and progress in key areas. Members of our Committee and policy team will also feed back to the sector in our next full Committee Meeting, which will be held the week before.  **Please save the date: Monday 18th September, starting at 7pm** Registration for this event will open later this week. | | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Community Pharmacy England to host Rural Regulations Workshop Community Pharmacy England will be hosting a workshop about rural regulations on **Tuesday 26th September at 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM**,which will be run by Charlotte Goodson, Adviser at Primary Care Commissioning.  This event provides a unique opportunity to explore NHS Pharmaceutical Regulations related to rural issues, covering topics such as controlled localities, reserved locations, and historic rights. This workshop is open to all pharmacy owners and LPCs, but will be of most relevance to those based in rural areas. [Register for the workshop](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=d0f7505016&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | NHS Prescription Services ‘Hints & Tips’ – Issue 52 NHS Prescription Services produces a quarterly newsletter called “Hints & Tips for dispensing contractors”.  The latest edition (Issue 52), which has just been published contains useful information and advice on NHSBSA email, user access for Manage Your Service, voluntary quarterly data submission for New Medicine Service (NMS), and more.  [Read the newsletter](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=fe020b0824&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | CPPE Accuracy checking pharmacy technician programme NHS England has provided funding for the Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education (CPPE) to offer the Accuracy checking pharmacy technician (ACPT) programme to train and assess pharmacy technicians to perform the final accuracy check of dispensed items on prescriptions.   The ACPT programme is available to pharmacy technicians and can be completed over a 3-12 month period with employer support. Applications are now open, with a total of 60 funded places available until March 2024.  [Find out more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=584b73b224&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Twitter](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=68562c9d25&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Facebook](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=52f14efcc9&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [LinkedIn](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=cf70f0f0b6&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Website](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=5684328863&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Community Pharmacy England** Address: 14 Hosier Lane, London EC1A 9LQ Tel: 0203 1220 810 | Email: [comms.team@cpe.org.uk](mailto:comms.team@cpe.org.uk)  Copyright © 2023 Community Pharmacy England, All rights reserved.  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