



Pharmacies across Hampshire & Isle of Wight - important messages to share with your teams this week and any necessary actions.

If you want to read any story in more detail, just click the link to go to the news article. Or for all articles visit: <https://www.cpsc.org.uk/news/latest-cpsc-news>

**1. ACTION: Workforce Survey**

MANDATORY for all Community Pharmacies to complete and will close on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025. <https://cpsc.org.uk/news/latest-cpsc-news/community-pharmacy-workforce-survey-2025>

**2. INFORMATION: Funded Accuracy Checking Pharmacy Technician (ACPT) Programme**

CPPE are now open for applications for the funded ACPT programme. Applications will close when all 240 places have been allocated or at the end of March 2026. Last chance to access this funded programme. <https://cpsc.org.uk/news/latest-cpsc-news/funded-accuracy-checking-pharmacy-technician-acpt-programme-open-applications>

**3. INFORMATION: New Hub and Spoke Regulations**

Regulations permitting hub and spoke dispensing between different retail pharmacy businesses have come into effect. Before starting make sure you have completed the necessary notification. <https://www.cpsc.org.uk/news/latest-cpsc-news/hub-and-spoke-regulation-changes>

**4. INFORMATION: Covid Vaccination Service**

An update from CPE about NBS and eligibility. CPE have also produced some patient facing resources that can be downloaded and shared. <https://www.cpsc.org.uk/news/latest-cpsc-news/covid-vaccination-service>

**5. INFORMATION: Pharmacy First Penicillin Allergy**

Please make sure you check the patient's national care record before supplying against a PGD. <https://www.cpsc.org.uk/news/latest-cpsc-news/pharmacy-first-penicillin-allergy>

**6. INFORMATION: Weight Loss Medication and Contraception**

GLP-1 agonist drugs prescribed for diabetes and/ or weight loss management can interact with some contraceptives and make them less effective. Please read the latest guidance from our Sexual Health Service. <https://cpsc.org.uk/news/latest-cpsc-news/pharmacy-contraception-service-4>

**7. INFORMATION: Creon/ Pangrol Update**

Oxford Pharmacy Store now have stock from a second importer and also have packs of 100 available. <https://cpsc.org.uk/news/latest-cpsc-news/imported-creon-alternative-pangrol>

**8. INFORMATION: Frimley ICB Prescribing Newsletter**

For Pharmacies in North East Hampshire, includes updates from NICE and MHRA. <https://www.cpsc.org.uk/news/latest-cpsc-news/latest-prescribing-newsletter-frimley-icb-12>

**9. WEBINAR: International Pharmacy Technician Day**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October. This virtual event will shine a spotlight on the contributions of pharmacy technicians, showcasing innovation, inspiration, and the evolving future of the profession.

<https://www.cpsc.org.uk/news/latest-cpsc-news/international-pharmacy-technician-day-2025>

**10. HAVE YOUR SAY: Leadership & Culture Programme For Early Career Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians**

Join Hampshire & Isle of Wight ICB in co-designing a new Leadership and Culture programme tailored for early career professionals in pharmacy. Online information sessions during October and November.

<https://www.cpsc.org.uk/news/latest-cpsc-news/leadership-culture-programme-early-career-pharmacists-and-pharmacy-technicians>

**11. REMINDER: Stay up to date**

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**12. REMINDER: Sign up CHIE, the Hampshire & IoW Shared Care Record**

For access to the Hampshire Patient Shared Care Records (known as CHIE), please make sure you have signed up. Open to both employed pharmacists and locums. CHIE can be used instead of National Care Records to see patient records.

<https://cpsc.org.uk/news/latest-cpsc-news/access-chie-care-and-health-information-exchange-hampshire-and-isle-wight-shared-care-record-1>

**13. ROUND UP: Quickly scan the most recent pharmacy news summaries each week from GPhC & CPE**

The CPSC home news page on our website has links to each of the newsfeeds from these organisations, meaning it's the most convenient place to quickly look-up and update yourself in a matter of minutes: <https://www.cpsc.org.uk/news>