



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

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**IMPORTANT DATES THIS WEEK:**

2<sup>nd</sup> February Deadline to register to provide Covid vaccinations for the spring campaign in April.

2<sup>nd</sup> February Start of the Mandatory National Health Campaign promoting Pharmacy First.

2<sup>nd</sup> February PQS Declaration window opens.

**1. INFORMATION: Engaging with local MPs about Business Rate Increases**

Community Pharmacies Face Increased Pressure as Business Rate Rise Announced for April 2026, we're asking everyone to write to their MP about these unfair increases for pharmacy. Teplate letter available to use. <https://cpsc.org.uk/news/latest-cpsc-news/increase-business-rates>

**2. INFORMATION: Covid/ Flu vaccination Service Updates**

Various updates to support delivery of the service including a recorded webinar available and a small number of crucial updates to the service specification. <https://cpsc.org.uk/news/latest-cpsc-news/seasonal-vaccination-service-202627>

**3. INFORMATION: Pharmacy Contraception Service**

Viral claims that the World Health Organisation (WHO) has "just classified the pill as a group one carcinogen" are flooding TikTok. This is not a new risk, but that of the known increased risk of breast cancer. <https://cpsc.org.uk/news/latest-cpsc-news/pharmacy-contraception-service-5>

**4. INFORMATION: Pharmacy Quality Scheme**

The Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) 2025/26 declaration period opens on MYS at 9am on Monday 2 February 2026. <https://cpsc.org.uk/news/latest-cpsc-news/pharmacy-quality-scheme-declaration-window>

**5. INFORMATION: Sexual Safety Charter**

NHS England has tasked Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) to encourage primary care providers, including community pharmacies, to sign up to get ahead of legislative reforms. This is not yet a mandatory requirement. <https://cpsc.org.uk/news/latest-cpsc-news/nhs-sexual-safety-charter>

**6. INFORMATION: SystemOne Update**

A new updated SystmOne formulary version will reach practices in the next few days. Please take extra care with repeat prescriptions coming through. <https://cpsc.org.uk/news/latest-cpsc-news/systemone-updates-gp-surgeries>

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

For Pharmacies in North East Hampshire, includes updates from NICE and MHRA. <https://cpsc.org.uk/news/latest-cpsc-news/latest-prescribing-newsletter-frimley-icb-15>

**8. INFORMATION: CPPE EHC Workshop**

Face to face event for Pharmacists AND Pharmacy Technicians now available to book. Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March, Solent hotel Whiteley. <https://www.cpsc.org.uk/news/latest-cpsc-news/local-cppe-ehc-workshop>

**9. INFORMATION: Medicines Supply Notices**

Further supply notices have been issued this week, please make sure you are aware. <https://cpsc.org.uk/news/latest-cpsc-news/medicines-supply-notifications-53>

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

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**11. 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>