



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

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**1. INFORMATION: Pharmacy Pressures Survey**

Have your say now and feed into current contract negotiations. Deadline to complete now extended until 13<sup>th</sup> April. <https://cpsc.org.uk/news/latest-cpsc-news/pharmacy-pressures-survey-2026>

**2. INFORMATION: Recent Chronic Kidney Disease Campaign – Hampshire & Isle of Wight ICB**

Following the recent Hampshire and Isle of Wight ICB Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) campaign pharmacies need to complete feedback. Your response is expected by the ICB, and it should only take a few minutes to complete. <https://cpsc.org.uk/news/latest-cpsc-news/feedback-required-recent-chronic-kidney-disease-campaign>

**3. INFORMATION: Easter Bank Holidays Posters**

Please print and display the relevant information to signpost patients to their nearest available pharmacy. <https://www.cpsc.org.uk/news/latest-cpsc-news/pharmacy-provision-easter-weekend-bank-holidays>

**4. INFORMATION: Meningitis B Outbreak in Kent**

Local Kent clinics are currently offering prophylaxis. If an individual has returned home and not already received prophylaxis, they should be directed to their home GP surgery for a prescription. Post on the signs and symptoms available. <https://www.cpsc.org.uk/news/latest-cpsc-news/outbreak-meningitis-linked-university-kent-and-area-canterbury>

**5. INFORMATION: Changes to some Income Based Exemptions**

From the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026, Income Support (IS) and Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) will end and move to Universal Credit. Make sure patients are selecting the correct box/ exemption. <https://www.cpsc.org.uk/news/latest-cpsc-news/prescription-exemption-changes>

**6. INFORMATION: Covid Vaccination Service**

The PGD for the spring campaign starting on 13<sup>th</sup> April has been published. NBS will open for patients to book on 7<sup>th</sup> April. <https://www.cpsc.org.uk/news/latest-cpsc-news/spring-2026-covid-19-vaccination-campaign>

**7. INFORMATION: Opioid Treatment Programmes Bank Holiday Readiness**

The Community Pharmacy Patient Safety Group (CPPSG) has released resources aimed at supporting with the delivery of Opioid Treatment Programmes during weekends. <https://www.cpsc.org.uk/news/latest-cpsc-news/new-bank-holiday-resources-supporting-opioid-treatment-programmes>

- 1. INFORMATION: CPPE Leadership Programme**  
The next cohorts of the programme start in April, with workshops across the spring and summer, so now is the time sign up. <https://www.cpsc.org.uk/news/latest-cpsc-news/cppe-leadership-programme>
- 2. INFORMATION: Regional NHS Visit to Copnor Pharmacy**  
Read about the recent visit to Copnor Pharmacy by the South East Regional Director for Primary Care Commissioning. Press release from Hampshire & Isle of Wight ICB. <https://cpsc.org.uk/news/latest-cpsc-news/copnor-pharmacy-leads-way-integrating-primary-care-pharmacy>
- 3. TRAINING: CPPE Workshops**  
Details of CPPEs workshops (face to face and online) for spring and summer including a new workshop on Menopause prescribing perspectives. <https://cpsc.org.uk/news/latest-cpsc-news/cppe-workshops-spring-summer-2026>
- 4. REMINDER: Stay up to date**  
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- 5. 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>