



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: Children's Flu Vaccination Service**

This was a pilot this winter season, have your say on what worked well and what could be improved. Respond by 17<sup>th</sup> April. <https://cpsc.org.uk/news/latest-cpsc-news/evaluation-childhood-flu-vaccination-service>

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

The posters have been updated with some additional pharmacies open. 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**

Use of 'FS' Free Supply script annotation. Prescribers must issue paper FP10 prescriptions. When generating an FP10 paper prescription (printed or handwritten), the letters 'FS' and the prescriber's initials or signature must be added alongside the item being prescribed. <https://cpsc.org.uk/news/latest-cpsc-news/waiving-prescription-charges-ciprofloxacin-meningitis-outbreak>

**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: The Pharmacist's Podcast**

The first full episode, *The fake weight loss jab black market; and what's next for medicines law enforcement?* is available across all major podcast platforms. <https://cpsc.org.uk/news/latest-cpsc-news/new-podcast-pharmacists-launched>

**7. INFORMATION: Preventing Problematic Polypharmacy**

An update from Health Innovation Wessex, supporting safer prescribing in older people and those with frailty. There are a series of webinars available. <https://cpsc.org.uk/news/latest-cpsc-news/health-innovation-network-preventing-problematic-polypharmacy-programme-launch>

**8. INFORMATION: Physical Skills Workshop**

11<sup>th</sup> June at University of Portsmouth. Aimed at early career pharmacists or pharmacy technicians and those who have changed sector in the last year.

<https://cpsc.org.uk/news/latest-cpsc-news/bespoke-pharmacy-physical-assessment-skills-workshop>

**9. TRAINING: Early Careers Pharmacists Local Training**

Hampshire & Isle of Wight ICB are providing a number of webinars on a variety of subjects across May – July. Register to receive the Teams link to join.

<https://cpsc.org.uk/news/latest-cpsc-news/early-careers-pharmacy-professionals-clinical-webinars>

**10. 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>

**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>