



**Community
Pharmacy
Leicestershire
& Rutland**

REGIONAL & LOCAL NEWS

Highlights of 2025



Calling all Pharmacists & registered Pharmacy Technicians who want to boost their skills, confidence and impact in the

Pharmacy Contraception Service

21 OCT 2025

7.00PM - 9.30PM

Hilton Hotel, Leicester
M1, Junction 21 - LE19 1WQ

Guest Speakers:
Anthony Singh
Nadya Jethwa



LLR COMMUNITY PHARMACY CONTROLLED DRUGS FORUM WITH CONTROLLED DRUGS ACCOUNTABLE OFFICER

Join us for an insightful forum on **Controlled Drugs**, featuring expert **guest speakers**

- Emerging trends in Controlled Drugs
- Case studies based on real incidents
- Best practice guidance for CD management

Rajshri Owen
Chief officer

Sam Travis
LLR Controlled Drugs Accountable Officer

Date
Sunday, 11th May 2025

Time
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Location
Hilton Hotel Leicester,
Junction 21, LE19 1WQ

Stay informed and connected with industry experts!

PHARMACY CONTRACTORS AND COMMUNITY PHARMACY AGM

THRIVE TO SURVIVE

DATE & TIME
28TH SEPTEMBER 2025, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

VENUE
HILTON HOTEL LEICESTER JN 21 LE19 1WQ

As we come to the end of 2025, we want to express our sincere thanks to all community pharmacy teams across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland for your outstanding hard work, resilience and dedication throughout the year. From delivering Pharmacy First at scale, supporting winter pressures, managing medicines challenges and providing daily compassionate care to thousands of patients, your contribution has been nothing short of extraordinary.

We are incredibly proud of everything you have achieved.

Wishing you and your teams a very happy Christmas and a peaceful, healthy and successful New Year. Thank you for everything you do for our communities, day in and day out. Here's to a positive and impactful 2026 together.

2025 has been a year of incredible progress, resilience and transformation for community pharmacy across Leicester, Leicestershire

and Rutland. Together, we have achieved so much... watch our Highlights Video below !



December 2025 COMMUNITY PHARMACY DEADLINE TRACKER

To help keep LLR community pharmacy teams on track with monthly tasks, quality payments and to meet local and national deadlines. View the latest monthly Community Pharmacy Deadline Tracker.

[READ MORE](#)



Spaces available on CPPE Weight Management workshops

In the new year we are running in-person workshops to help those providing weight management medicines safely, whether the mechanism of supply is prescribing or under a patient group direction. Spaces are free and yours for the taking in [Leicester](#) and the rest of the [East Midlands](#). We can't wait to see you there!

A better future for pharmacy technicians

Our [Pharmacy technician development programme](#) is now open for registration.

It's all about preparing for the future.

Running since October 2025, this flexible course supports pharmacy technicians across all sectors to build clinical confidence, strengthen decision making and prepare for new service delivery. With personalised education supervision and a tailored learning plan, it's designed to fit your career stage and aspirations.

Get to grips with PGDs

Pharmacy technicians are stepping into new responsibilities with patient group directions. Our workshop, [PGDs: Empowering pharmacy technicians to provide services](#), is designed to help pharmacy technicians to build confidence in supplying NHS Pharmacy contraception and smoking cessation services. Featuring peer discussion, practical case work and support in handling consultations, this interactive workshop prepares you for practice. Bookings are open now. Sue Smith will be running a workshop on 10th February 2026 at LOROS Professional Development Centre, Glenfield, LE3 9QE. Booking reference: 62496.

And there's more. To assist pharmacy technicians in consulting with patients more effectively when using PGDs, we are running interactive in-person [Confidence in consultation skills workshops](#) in various locations before the end of the year. If you can't see one local to you, don't worry – dates for 2026 will be announced soon!

Accuracy checking: last chance to get onboard

If you need the accuracy checking qualification for your career, now's the moment to seek out CPPE. Our [Accuracy checking pharmacy technician programme](#) offers flexible learning with e-learning, practice-based tasks and leadership components. You can apply any time, but this is the final NHS England-funded round. Many of the 240 places are already taken. So don't miss out – book now.



Spotlight on Specials 2025

We along with LLR ICB are reinforcing the importance of correct prescribing and endorsement for unlicensed specials.

Why it matters?

- a) Community pharmacies play a vital role in ensuring patients receive appropriate medicines safely and cost-effectively.
- b) Incorrectly written prescriptions for specials can lead to non-reimbursement and delays in supply.

For guidance, please refer to [Community Pharmacy England – How prescriptions for unlicensed specials should be written](#).

We encourage all pharmacy teams to review prescriptions for specials carefully and ensure correct endorsement.



NEW! Condom Scheme across Leicestershire & Rutland

The Condoms Now scheme will be in place across Leicestershire and Rutland to replace the existing C Card scheme as a method of providing individuals with access to free condoms throughout the region. Providers will need to have a lead contact in place who will be the individual contacting myself with any

questions or concerns, submitting monthly monitoring data and requesting stock.

The scheme will not be suitable for compensation or reimbursement.

All of the forms and further guidance are provided by myself to providers once the training for the scheme is complete. These are 1-2hr sessions, typically hosted via Teams (arrangements can be made for me to come and deliver this in person if needed) where individuals will get full details of the scheme, safeguarding information and the opportunity to ask questions where needed. For the actual scheme implementation: providers will be required to host a 10-15 mins consultation with an individual wanting to collect condoms (this will be to evaluate any safeguarding concerns, discuss what type of condom packs they would like, discuss any other contraceptive needs and a general open and supportive environment to discuss healthy sexual relationships). Following this, they will need to fill out the monitoring information on the spreadsheet for every distribution that takes place, and then return this form via email (LRcondomsnow@hcrhcaregroup.com) every month to that we can evaluate site activity.



Willows Health: Christmas service provision & ordering

With the Xmas period and holidays just around the corner, we would like to ensure you have ample time to dispense and have all your patient's medication ready in time for the mad holiday rush.

We at Willows Health, would be grateful if you could send in any requests that cover the Xmas period to be sent in by **11/12/25**. We understand it may earlier than expected, however this would give us time to issue the medication and give you time to dispense your medication, iron out any queries and have the patient medication ready.

Please note with the influx of requests coming in the run up to Xmas period - we will endeavour to process requests within 72 hours however during busy times - may take longer than 72 hours for some requests.

We have also been moving our patients over to Repeat dispensing over time - this is to help reduce the monthly requests that you have to make to the surgery for patients requests. Please do keep a look out for these as well, if you have any patients that you think may qualify for repeat dispensing can you please also let us know via email or on the request.

Please note the following practices are part of the Willows Health Organisation

- Willowbrook Medical Centre - Thurncourt Road + Springfield road
- Willows Medical Centre - Coleman Road
- Pasley Road Health Centre
- Heatherbrook Medical Centre
- Willows Health Evington
- Sayeed Medical Centre
- Clarendon Park Medical Centre
- DeMontfort Surgery
- Canon Street Surgery

Email address for medication requests is : thewillows@nhs.net

Thankyou in advance for your co-operation in this process - and understanding that with the festive period being a busy time for all of us , it is always wise to make this this process smooth as possible.

Call to action

National News

NHSE December Update

The infographic is titled "NHSE Updates December 2025" and features the NHS England logo. It contains several sections: a central text box with updates on funding, educator channels, learning hub resources, employer registration, and a survey; two "Key Resources" boxes for the Learning Hub Catalogue and National Recruitment Service; a "To join the educator's channel" box with an email address; and a row of five boxes for drop-in sessions and a supervisor review, each with a QR code and meeting details.

NHSE Updates December 2025

Foundation Training Funding 2025/26: The funding allocation per foundation trainee pharmacist has increased from £26,500 to £27,295 for all trainees recruited through the National Recruitment Scheme.

DS Educators Channel: is a collaborative space for DSEs, DPPs and EPDs to share best practice and support each other throughout the Foundation Training Programme. To join the network, please email: england.wtepharmacy.mids@nhs.net

Learning Hub Resources: The Learning Hub hosts a wide range of guidance and training materials including the multi-sector toolkit and trainee support guide. Registration is quick and does not require an NHSmail account. All supervisors are encouraged to sign up.

Employer Registration 2027-2028: Registration will begin in January 2026. Please continue to monitor the [National Recruitment Service](#) website for updates.

NETS Survey: The trainee NETS survey closes on **2 December**. Please encourage your trainees to complete this using the barcode provided below.

Key Resources: [Learning Hub Catalogue](#)

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02/12/2025
12:30 - 13:00
[Join the meeting now](#)

E- portfolio drop-in session
10/12/2025
20:00 - 20:30
[Join the meeting now](#)

E- portfolio drop-in session
18/12/2025
12:30 - 13:00
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Supervisor Drop-in Session
The 26-week review
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December 2025 – Key Events

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- Employers will be notified of their allocated trainee in **mid-December**
- E- portfolio drop-in sessions in December

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