



**Community  
Pharmacy  
Leicestershire  
& Rutland**

**REGIONAL & LOCAL NEWS**



Friday 19th June



7:00 PM 10:30 PM



THE LITTLE CLUB BAR & GRILL  
21 Anstey Ln, Leicester LE4 0FF

We're excited to announce that our **Annual Community Pharmacy Curry Night** is back again this year — and it's always one of the highlights of the calendar!

This informal evening is a great opportunity to **connect with fellow contractors, pharmacy teams, and colleagues from across LLR**, share experiences, and unwind in a relaxed and friendly setting.

Whether you're looking to catch up with familiar faces or build new connections within the sector, this is the perfect chance to step away from the day-to-day and enjoy an evening together.

**⚠ Spaces are limited to just 50 attendees and always fill up quickly — early booking is strongly recommended. To book your space please click**

Book Now



## LLR Committee Update – April

Our April Committee meeting took place at the end of the month and provided an important opportunity for the Committee to come together to reflect, discuss key priorities, and look ahead.

A particular highlight was taking the time to thank and say goodbye to **Lindsey Fairbrother**, our regional Community Pharmacy England representative, for her support and contribution to the sector.

The Committee also covered a number of important topics, including:

- An update from **Paul Gilbert, Community Pharmacy Clinical Lead for LLR ICB**, who provided valuable insight into the current ICB landscape and system priorities
- Discussion around the **mounting pressures facing contractors**, and how these are being captured and fed back to Community Pharmacy England
- Updates from the **Chief Officer**, including ongoing system working and engagement across LLR

The session provided a valuable space for open discussion, ensuring that local contractor challenges continue to be represented at both regional and national levels.

May 2026

## 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.

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# MENOPAUSE EDUCATION EVENING

An informative and exclusive session for  
Community Pharmacy IPs or those  
working towards their IP only.



Session delivered by  
**Anthony Singh**  
BMS-accredited Menopause  
Prescribing Pharmacist



**DATE**  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June



**TIME**  
6:30pm – 9:30pm



**VENUE**  
Marriott Hotel,  
Grove Park Leicester  
LE19 1SW



**Dinner will be  
provided**



To register please email  
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today,  
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tomorrow.”

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| Better health for all.

# Advancing Your Practice: Menopause Care in Community Pharmacy for IPs

We are pleased to invite **Independent Prescribing Pharmacists, or those currently working towards their IP qualification within community pharmacy**, to an upcoming **Menopause Education Event**. This session is specifically designed to support the expansion of clinical expertise in women's health and menopause care.

The event will be delivered by **Anthony Singh**, a BMS-accredited menopause prescribing pharmacist, who will provide practical insights into menopause management, prescribing considerations, and how community pharmacy can play a greater role in supporting women through this stage of life.



**Tuesday 16th June**



**6:30pm – 9:30pm**



**Leicester Marriott Hotel Grove Park Leicester**



Dinner will be provided- maximum 25 delegates

This event is a **valuable stepping stone for those looking to expand their area of expertise**, build confidence in menopause care, and understand how this aligns with local service development. It also offers an opportunity to explore how community pharmacy can further improve access and outcomes for women across our population.



**Please note: This event is exclusively for Independent Prescribers or those actively working towards their IP qualification within community pharmacy.**



## Annual Complaints Report 2026 – Now Live

Contractors are reminded that the **Annual Complaints Report 2026** is now due for submission. With early May Bank holiday (Monday 4th May) occurring in the first five days of May 2026, pharmacy owners will be

## End of Month submission Bank Holiday

Please ensure you review the attached letter and complete your report using the **Summary of Complaints** Template, which has been provided to support you in capturing all required regulated information accurately.

**Important:**

- A submission is required from **all pharmacies**

afforded an extra day, Wednesday 6th May, to submit their FP34C declaration via the MYS portal.

For information on monthly submission deadlines and advance payment dates please see our '*Timing of monthly payments*' tab on the following page: [Monthly payments - Community Pharmacy England](#)

- If no complaints were received We will be publishing a new article later this week during the reporting period of the extended submission deadline (to zero) for this April still to be submitted activity declaration.

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**Submission deadline:**

30 May 2026



**Submit to:**

england.eastmidspharmacy@nhs.net

Timely and accurate submission is essential to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements and to support wider system learning.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.



## Independent Prescribing Training – Fully Funded Opportunities Available

Pharmacists who meet the eligibility criteria are now able to apply for **Independent Prescribing (IP) courses** through universities included in the national provision. This is a significant opportunity to further develop your clinical role and support the delivery of NHS services.



**Key points:**

- Pharmacists can apply to a **university of their choice**, provided the provider is listed on the NHS England website
- **Course fees are fully funded by NHS England** — no separate funding application is required
- Start dates and delivery models vary by university

## Who can apply?

Eligible cohorts include:

- Community pharmacists (including locums)
- Pharmacists working in General Practice (not enrolled on PCPEP or in ARRS roles) and those delivering primary care services
- Health & Justice pharmacists
- Pharmacists enrolled on the **CPPE Primary Care Pharmacy Education Pathway (PCPEP)** who meet progression criteria
- Pharmacists working in NHS Trusts (acute or mental health) and Integrated Care Boards (ICBs)

## What you will need:

- A **Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP)**
- Access to a suitable **practice-based learning environment**
- Evidence you meet the **university's entry requirements**
- A commitment to use your prescribing qualification to support **NHS clinical service delivery**

📌 Applicants must be working in England, and university availability varies depending on your sector.

## How to apply

Universities and course options are listed on the **NHS England website**. Successful applicants will be allocated a fully funded place directly by the university.

✉ For further information: [england.pharmacyteam@nhs.net](mailto:england.pharmacyteam@nhs.net)

Call to action



## Call for Case Studies – Community Pharmacy & General Practice Conference

Contractors, pharmacy teams and GP colleagues are invited to share **real-life examples of collaboration** between community pharmacy and general practice for the **Hall of Heroes Networking Zone** at the upcoming conference (21–22 June, Birmingham).

This is a great opportunity to **showcase innovative work, celebrate impact, and inspire**

others across the UK — from local pilots to system-wide approaches. Selected submissions will be developed into **professionally designed posters**, with opportunities to feature in **networking discussions and lightning talks**.

 **Submission deadline:** Thursday 28th May

**Enquiries:** [M.Lennox@npa.co.uk](mailto:M.Lennox@npa.co.uk)


Please share this opportunity across your local networks and help highlight the fantastic collaborative work happening across LLR.



## New Minor Illness & Injury Service Launch – Rutland

A new **Minor Illness and Injury Service** has now launched at **Rutland Memorial Hospital**, replacing the previous urgent care centre and minor injury unit.

 **Location:** Cold Overton Road, Oakham, LE15 6NT

 **Opening hours:** 1pm – 9pm, 7 days a week

This is primarily a **bookable appointment service**, with patients advised to access care via:

- Their **GP practice (first point of contact)**
- **NHS 111** when the practice is closed

A limited number of **walk-in slots** will be available for minor injuries only, with patients likely to be offered a later appointment on the day if they attend without booking.

 A range of **supporting resources** are available via the

[online promotional toolkit](#)

Including brochures, posters, social media assets, digital displays, PowerPoint slides, and text templates.

Pharmacy teams are encouraged to familiarise themselves with this new pathway to support **appropriate patient signposting and access to care** across Rutland.


## National News




### Funding Opportunity: Community Pharmacy Technician Apprenticeship Programme 2026

Applications are now open for the **Community Pharmacy Technician Apprenticeship Programme (CPTAP) 2026** training of Pre-registration Trainee Pharmacy Technicians (PTPTs) in community pharmacy.

 **Funding available:** £15,505 per trainee, per year (for 2 years)

 **Application deadline:** Monday 18 May 2026 (midday)

This programme enables pharmacies to develop a **work-based training pathway**, supporting trainees to achieve GPhC registration and contribute to service delivery and wider healthcare priorities.

 **How to apply:** Applications must be submitted via the online form (open from 27 April).

**Support available:** National and regional MS Teams sessions are running to guide applicants through the process.

**Enquiries:** [england.wtepharmacy.mids@nhs.net](mailto:england.wtepharmacy.mids@nhs.net)



To apply for funding in the Midlands [click here](#)

This is a valuable opportunity to **grow your workforce and strengthen future service delivery capacity** within community pharmacy.



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