

Forever problems

Changing prescription nominations

Each week we continue to get a few complaints from pharmacies that another pharmacy has changed a patient nomination without their (informed) consent, invariably this is because a patient attended a new pharmacy for an acute/out of hours prescription or other service that the previous pharmacy couldn't offer at that time. The "old" pharmacy accuses the "new" pharmacy of changing nomination without consent, the "new" pharmacy confirms that they asked the patient if they wanted to change, and the patient doesn't really understand what they have agreed to.

We have a longer piece from March on our website here

<https://cpesx.org.uk/our-news/prescription-nomination-consent-or-informed-consent/>

Multi-dose Compliance Aids/Blister packs/Dosette boxes.

No 7 day prescriptions, no requirement to do them unless you have assessed the patient, no change to the recommendations or guidance.

<https://cpesx.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/124/2020/01/The-Essex-LPC-ultimate-guide-to-Monitored-Dosage-Systems.pdf>

Temporary Manual MYS Claiming for RSV and Pertussis Vaccinations

You may have already seen the news that NHS England and the NHSBSA integration of the API connecting point-of-care systems directly to MYS for RSV and Pertussis vaccinations has been delayed. This was sent to your premise nhs.net mailbox.

What You Need to Do

- **Continue Manual Entry:** Please continue to manually input all RSV and Pertussis vaccination activity directly into the MYS platform for the time being.
- **Go-Live Date:** The automated API integration is now scheduled to go live in the new year for **February 2027** activity.
- **Transition Plan:** Claims for February 2027 will automatically transfer from your point-of-care system via the API to pre-populate MYS. You will be able to review and submit these claims for payment starting **1 March 2027**. All pharmacy contractors will transition to the automated system simultaneously on this date.

NHS England apologised for any inconvenience caused by this delay.

RSV and Pertussis Vaccination

We have had a flurry of queries from pharmacies enquiring about offering the RSV and Pertussis vaccination programme, who were perhaps not in a position to offer this when the initial Expression of Interest went out in 2024.

At this time the regional vaccination team have no plans to commission further sites in Essex, as cover is deemed adequate. Focus instead is on rollout to other regions. While we know this might be disappointing, it is because the service is commissioned based on overall need, and there is additional provision through GPs and midwifery services.

BOOK YOUR PLACES - Community Pharmacy Essex Conference – Sunday 13th September 2026

Join us for the upcoming Community Pharmacy Essex Conference on **Sunday 13th September 2026**.

This event will bring together community pharmacy colleagues from across Essex. The full agenda, timings, and session details has recently been circulated. To book your places please email office@cpesx.org.uk

On-Demand Workshop: Stress Management & Building Resilience

Pharmacy life can bring unique daily pressures, but you don't have to navigate them alone. We've partnered with **Pharmacist Support** to re-open access to **Stress Management and Building Resilience** workshop, available on-demand on our website until **5th September 2026**.

This interactive recorded session offers practical tools to help pharmacy owners, teams, and LPC colleagues manage workplace stress and safeguard personal wellbeing.

What the session covers:

- **Managing Pressure:** Practical techniques based on Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) to handle stressful situations effectively.
- **Building Strengths:** Guidance on identifying your core strengths and using positive thinking and self-reflection to build everyday resilience.
- **Actionable Tips:** Easy-to-implement habits to enhance long-term wellbeing for both you and your team.

Whether you're looking to support your staff or take time out for your own mental health, we encourage everyone across the team to access this valuable resource.

 [Access the On-Demand Workshop via Community Pharmacy England](#)

Changes to the Community Pharmacy Hypertension Case-Finding service

Some of the changes agreed in the 2026-2027 contractual framework included changes to the Community Pharmacy Hypertension Case-Finding service. From 3rd September 2026 GP practices will only be able to refer patients who do NOT currently have a diagnosis of hypertension (ie they will not be able to refer patients for routine monitoring.)

We are working with NHS Essex ICB to ensure these changes are made clear to GP practices, and that patients with a hypertension diagnosis are not referred to you for routine monitoring: You will not be paid for any blood pressure measurements carried out on these patients.

The revised service specification is below.

[NHS England » NHS community pharmacy hypertension case-finding advanced service](#)