



## Community Pharmacy North Cumbria Deadline Tracker - October 2025

If you are part of a pharmacy group or multiple, please liaise with your company manager/head office.

	Requirement	Deadline	Action and links	Tick when completed
<b>Pharmacy First Service.</b>	Pharmacy Income		<p>Pharmacy First: Updated Pharmacy First caps check for October 2025.</p> <p>Action: If not already done so, check the <a href="#">NHSBSA website</a> to see what your Pharmacy First cap is for this month.</p>	
<b>Mandatory - Annual Workforce Survey</b>	Contractual & Funding	From 22 <sup>nd</sup> September to 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2025, 11.59pm.	<p><b>How to complete the survey</b></p> <p>The 2025 survey contains the same questions as the 2024 survey, focusing on the number of staff, the number of full-time equivalents (FTE) and any vacancies in each of ten staff categories employed in community pharmacy.</p> <p>As with previous surveys, the data will be collected through two different methods: An online survey which can be accessed via a unique link that the NHSBSA will email to pharmacies or pharmacies can also access the survey by logging into the <a href="#">Manage Your Service (MYS) portal</a>; or Via data collection at Head Office level through an Excel spreadsheet, which the NHSBSA will send to multiple pharmacy groups that submitted their data via that route last year.</p>	
<b>Mandatory - Healthy Living Pharmacy</b>	Contractual & Funding	From 20th October 2025 to Sunday 9th November 2025	<p>The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and NHS England have finalised plans for two national health campaigns that <b>all pharmacies must participate</b> in during 2025/26, which will be <b>Pharmacy First</b>.</p> <p>Pharmacy owners can meet the requirements of the campaigns in several ways, by promoting the Pharmacy First service to the public during the two campaign periods.</p> <p>That could include any of the following ways to promote Pharmacy First:</p> <p>By displaying posters, leaflets or other promotional materials relating to the Pharmacy First service at the pharmacy; Via information on your pharmacy's website; Via information posted on your pharmacy's social media channels; and by including information on the service in emails or SMS you send to patients.</p> <p>Links for resources below</p> <p><a href="#">Think Pharmacy First campaigns.</a>  <a href="#">DHSC Campaign Resource Centre.</a></p>	

<p><b>PQS – Antimicrobial Clinical Audit</b></p>	<p>Pharmacy Income</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> September 2025, to 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026.</p>	<p><b>REMINDER - PQS (Pharmacy Quality Scheme) - Antimicrobial Stewardship: Clinical Audit for 2025/26</b></p> <p>NHS England has released the Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) Antimicrobial Stewardship: Pharmacy First Consultations Clinical Audit for 2025/26.</p> <p>Completion of the audit, sharing anonymised data, and incorporating findings into practice by 31st March 2026 is a requirement under the Patient Safety domain of this year’s Scheme.</p> <p>Pharmacy teams should only begin the audit from <b>1st September 2025</b>, with a start date no later than <b>3rd February 2026</b> to allow for the required <b>eight-week</b> data collection period. Early publication of the paperwork aims to give teams time to review the requirements and plan their approach.</p> <p><a href="#">View the clinical audit on the NHS England website</a></p>	
<p><b>Flu &amp; COVID-19 Vaccination Programme</b></p>	<p>Pharmacy Income</p>	<p>Various</p>	<p>NHS England has outlined key details for this year's autumn/winter flu and COVID-19 vaccination campaigns, confirming eligible patient groups, timings, and booking arrangements Key dates in important info to note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NEW: introduction of a one-season trial of a new flu vaccination service for children aged 2-3 years – <a href="#">Find out more here</a></li> <li>• 18 August: The National Booking Service (NBS) opens participating sites to post appointments</li> <li>• 1 September: NBS open for booking from the public and flu vaccinations begin for pregnant women</li> <li>• 1 October: Flu vaccination starts for all other eligible adults and COVID-19 vaccinations begin <a href="#">Find out more here</a></li> <li>• View the service specification and updates <a href="#">here</a></li> </ul>	
<p><b>Healthy Living Pharmacy</b></p>	<p>Contractual Health Campaigns.</p>	<p>October 2025</p> <p>September 2025 to January 2026.</p>	<p><b>Stoptober</b></p> <p>Thank you to everyone who has been in touch about this year's Stoptober campaign, downloaded resources, and requested editable versions. It's been great to hear about your plans, and we're really excited to see examples of your activity. If you have yet to download the campaign toolkit and resources, you can access them <a href="#">here</a></p> <p><b>Be wise, immunise against flu this winter</b></p> <p>We are asking for your support with this year's Be wise, immunise flu vaccination campaign across the Northeast and North Cumbria. We would be very grateful for your help in sharing campaign messages across your communication channels. A communications toolkit has been developed to make this as easy as possible, with ready-to-use social media assets, posters, videos, newsletter/website content, and resources tailored for eligible cohorts. You can download the full toolkit <a href="https://www.northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/toolkits/flu-vaccinations/">here: https://www.northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/toolkits/flu-vaccinations/</a> If you would find additional resources useful or have ideas to help amplify the campaign locally, please get in touch. From the Pharmacy team Northeast &amp; North Cumbria Integrated Care Board</p>	
<p><b>Pharmoutcomes</b></p>	<p>Contractor Support</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Check Pharmoutcomes a minimum of three times a day for referrals</p>	

<b>COVID 19</b>	Contractor Support	Ongoing	<p>Ensure you keep up to date with the national &amp; local guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">CPE</a> – for the latest news round-up</li> <li>• <a href="#">GOV.UK</a> – for advice for healthcare professionals</li> <li>• <a href="#">CPNC</a> for next steps, links to national information and links to local information (as it becomes available)</li> <li>• Look out for the most up to date information and guidance via your NHS Shared Mailbox.</li> </ul>	
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## Regular Tasks

The following tasks need to be completed on a daily / monthly basis:

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<b>Check Shared Mailbox</b>	Pharmacy Business	Ongoing	<p>NHSE&amp;I regularly send important communications to your NHS Shared Mailbox.</p> <p>Please ensure sufficient staff have access your Mailbox and that it is checked at least once daily.</p>	
<b>Local Services</b>	Pharmacy income	By the 5 <sup>th</sup>	Please claim all your locally commissioned services by the 5 <sup>th</sup> of the month.	
<b>LPC Mailing List</b>	Pharmacy Mailing List	Ongoing	Encourage your locums to join the LPC mailing list to ensure they are up to date with the rapidly changing pharmacy environment.	
<b>Virtual Outcomes</b>	Workforce Training	Ongoing	<p>A new module will be released each month. Pharmacy First Training available. Access training from Virtual Outcomes <a href="#">here</a> with you F Code for FREE.</p> <p>View the new 'Skin rashes in Children' module 2 <a href="#">here</a></p> <p>View the new 'Pharmacy Contract' module <a href="#">here</a></p> <p>View the new PQS modules (Part 1 &amp; 2) <a href="#">here</a></p>	

## If you require support from the LPC please contact us:

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