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Prescribing within the CPCF

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LPC guidance: Please read before deciding whether to sign up

The LPC suggests all pharmacy owners wait for the publication of all the documentation before making a decision on whether to sign up to provide prescribing, in order that they are fully cognisant of all the requirements they will have to comply with.

The information below includes the ICB's declaration process for contractors wishing to express an interest in the national independent prescribing service.

ICB declaration of interest: Action for interested contractors

The Birmingham, Black Country and Solihull ICB Cluster has shared its official declaration form for contractors wishing to express an interest in the national independent prescribing service.

If you wish to submit a declaration of interest, please use the Google form below.

Complete your declaration using the Google form

Important: Please use the Google form above rather than the PCC declaration form available through the NHSBSA link below. The questions are the same, but the Google form has been designed to make completion easier and help ensure that all mandatory fields are provided, avoiding unnecessary delays to approval.

The ICB will collate submissions and send the required information to the NHSBSA.

Submit a declaration of interest

What will prescribing within the CPCF include?

Independent prescribing would be introduced into the CPCF as an extension of Pharmacy First and the Pharmacy Contraception Service (PCS) from the autumn of 2026.

Community pharmacist prescribers will be enabled to:

- Prescribe within the existing Pharmacy First clinical pathways**,** instead of using patient group directions (PGDs).
- Prescribe within the Pharmacy Contraception Service (PCS), instead of using PGDs, with the ability to prescribe existing contraceptive products covered by the PGDs and some alternative contraceptive products, such as patches, vaginal rings and injectable LARC (subject to their being a local service to cover administration of the LARC).
- Provide **five new** Pharmacy First prescribing-only pathways
    - Acute otitis externa – for adults aged 18 years and over
    - Seasonal allergic rhinitis – for children aged 4-11 years
    - Mild to moderate acne – for young people
    - Migraine – low frequency, episodic, adults aged 18-64 years
    - Mild skin and soft tissue infections and scabies
- **Prescription management,** i.e. prescribe an alternative item where there is a need to meet the needs of an individual patient, e.g. where there is a supply chain issue relating to the original prescription or a clinical error, and there are arrangements in place with the original prescriber to allow such an approach.

Pharmacies and pharmacists will need to meet the relevant requirements and be onboarded/authorised by their ICB before providing the service.

Further information and support

- **NHSBSA prescribing guidance**

Read the available service information and guidance:
NHSBSA – NHS Community Pharmacy Prescribing

- **Prescribing Webinar**

NHS Community Pharmacy Prescribing: Clinical support to deliver NHS services | NHS England Events

For queries about the ICB declaration process, please email bcicb.pharmacy@nhs.net

CPE will continue to update its guidance as further information becomes available.

Read the latest CPE guidance

CP BSOL - Contractor Information

For contractor guidance, service updates, local resources, and information to support patients, please visit the CP BSOL website.

Visit CP BSOL Website

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