

SEPTEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

Keeping London contractors informed, connected and ready for what comes next...

Highlights from the following CP London led events...



MONTHLY VIRTUAL CP LON CEO MEETING > 18 SEP 2026

INDEPENDENT PRESCRIBING, NEIGHBOURHOOD HEALTH AND LONDON-WIDE INFLUENCE

- ⇒ **Independent Prescribing** remains a major concern. Leaders questioned whether national implementation plans fully reflect contractor costs, workforce requirements, technology needs, funding and patient access.
- ⇒ Community Pharmacy London is seeking direct engagement with NHS England on funding, service design, contractor support and lessons from **Pharmacy First**. Attendees expressed concern that current implementation support may not match the scale of change.
- ⇒ Positive progress is being reported in London systems, including greater **pharmacy representation** on strategic primary care and medicines optimisation forums, particularly in Northwest London.
- ⇒ **Neighbourhood health** remains a strategic priority. Pharmacy must be represented in local place and system discussions if it is to influence future commissioning and service development.
- ⇒ **Current CP London activity** includes governance and incorporation work, contractor drop-ins and webinars, representative committees, leadership networks and stronger primary-care relationships.
- ⇒ **Discussions with Pfizer** include PCV20 pneumococcal vaccination promotion, homeless vaccination programmes, educational resources and potential prevention funding opportunities.
- ⇒ 2 November 2026, A CP London board meeting will centre around “Neighbourhoods” with participation from PPL, NHS Alliance, Healthwatch England and Community Pharmacy London members.



CP LONDON WEBINAR 1 > CPL: 18 MONTHS OF PROGRESS> 19 AUG 2026

BUILDING INFLUENCE, LEADERSHIP AND A STRONGER VOICE FOR LONDON PHARMACY

- ⇒ CP Lon now represents approximately 1,300 contractors through eight London LPCs and has strengthened relationships with Community Pharmacy England, NHS England, trade bodies, ICBs and other primary-care partners.
- ⇒ **The Community Pharmacy Leaders Forum** and the first **London Community Pharmacy and General Practice Summit** have helped bring primary care professions together.
- ⇒ **CP Lon is positioning pharmacy within neighbourhood health structures** and engaging directly with national neighbourhood health leaders. Pharmacy's accessibility and trusted local relationships remain central strengths.
- ⇒ **The Modern Community Pharmacy programme** will support a shift from a predominantly supply function towards a more clinical role, with stronger leadership, workforce development, training and integration.
- ⇒ Work is progressing on shared data dashboards, benchmarking, data access, workforce planning and a Digital Workforce Hub with Soar Beyond.
- ⇒ A **London-wide Primary Care Leadership Forum** brings together community pharmacy, general practice, dentistry and optometry to strengthen collective influence.
- ⇒ **Incorporation plans** are intended to strengthen governance, enable partnerships and research, manage risk and prepare London pharmacy for future provider and commissioning opportunities. This is intended to complement, not replace, LPCs' statutory representational role.

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CP LONDON WEBINAR 2 > NEIGHBOURHOOD HEALTH: A MAJOR OPPORTUNITY >

16 SEP 2026

WHY EARLY ENGAGEMENT MATTERS FOR COMMUNITY PHARMACY

- ⇒ Neighbourhoods will typically serve populations of around 30,000–50,000 people, with Integrated Neighbourhood Teams bringing together health, social care and voluntary-sector organisations.
- ⇒ Future commissioning may increasingly operate at neighbourhood level. **Pharmacy should be embedded in local planning and delivery rather than having services designed without its input.**
- ⇒ **Community pharmacies already deliver many neighbourhood-health objectives:** accessible care close to home, daily contact with local populations, prevention, early intervention, long-term-condition support and reduced pressure on GPs, urgent care and hospitals.
- ⇒ Important questions remain about funding flows, contract holders, formal pharmacy involvement, the role of Single and Multi-Neighbourhood Providers, and the balance between national and local commissioning.
- ⇒ Contractors were encouraged to **strengthen GP relationships**, understand local neighbourhood plans, identify gaps pharmacy can address and share intelligence with LPCs.
- ⇒ Leadership and representation are needed at neighbourhood, borough, place and system levels. **Local pharmacy champions can help shape NHS planning.**
- ⇒ Existing services remain the foundation: Pharmacy First, NMS, Hypertension Case-Finding, Contraception, Smoking Cessation and DMS. **Consistent delivery, good clinical records and professional communication will help demonstrate pharmacy's value.**
- ⇒ Contractor feedback included better referral routes to GPs, closer collaboration with practices and managers, local networking events and bringing all primary-care stakeholders together.
- ⇒ **Key message:** engage early, build relationships and demonstrate value while neighbourhood commissioning develops.



NEW: COMMUNITY PHARMACY LONDON WHATSAPP VACCINATION GROUP

PEER SUPPORT, UPDATES AND BEST PRACTICE FOR CONTRACTORS

- ⇒ A dedicated vaccination peer group has been set up for contractors to share updates, resources and best practice on vaccination services.
- ⇒ The group is managed by Hitesh Patel, Community Pharmacy Vaccination Lead.
- ⇒ Contractors are invited to join the WhatsApp group and use it to exchange practical information and support one another.
- ⇒ LINK TO JOIN [HERE](#).

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Community Pharmacy London will continue to share opportunities, updates and ways for contractors to influence neighbourhood health and NHS reform.