

Factsheet: CP ITG update (Summer 2025)

The Community Pharmacy IT Group (CP ITG) held its main quarterly meeting in June 2025 to advance its objectives. The meeting and updates covered many topics, presented below in no particular order of priority are some of the workstream and discussion updates.

Use of Clinical Decision Support (CDS) tools

Clinical decision-making tools are digital resources designed to assist healthcare professionals in making informed clinical decisions during patient care. Clinical Decision Support tools are expected to become more integral to modern healthcare, providing clinicians with evidence-based guidance at the point of care.



The Single Patient Record



Plans are being made for the NHS to drive a significant shift from analogue to digital healthcare through the implementation of the SPR. The SPR aims to consolidate summaries of health information, test results, and letters into one accessible location for patients via the NHS App. This initiative aims to empower patients to take control of their medical history, minimise the need for repetitive information at appointments, and provide healthcare staff with a comprehensive view of a patient's overall health. Community Pharmacy IT Group feedback is being shared to the SPR team.

Digital Clinical Safety

NHS England's Digital Clinical Safety strategy, continues to aim to ensure that digital health tools used within the NHS are safe, effective, and reliable. NHS England's supporting documentation includes key standards and guidelines designed to help health and care workers, system suppliers, and pharmacy owners ensure their systems and use of these are suitable and safe.



Cyber pilots



NHS England and Community Pharmacy England are inviting Community Pharmacy IT Group pharmacy representatives, as well as other interested community pharmacy organisations and a limited number of Local Pharmaceutical Committees, to participate in a pilot programme aimed at strengthening cyber resilience across the sector. This initiative will be underpinned by the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) Small Organisations Guide and will offer participating pharmacies free access to tailored tools, resources, and expert guidance. To apply, please email the CP ITG Secretariat da@cpe.org.uk using the email subject title "Cyber Pilots" by **28th June 2025**.

EPS clinical prescription tracker pilot

Pharmacy representatives can view prototypes and provide suggestions on how an updated EPS Tracker would be most useful and usable. Pharmacy representatives are encouraged to [sign-up for early Tracker access](#) to use it during piloting and early rollout in Spring/Summer.



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