



# Factsheet: CP ITG update (Summer 2026)

The CP ITG held its main quarterly meeting in June to advance key digital priorities for community pharmacy. Below is a summary of related items, many of which are outlined within the new IT bulletin.

## Ambient scribing tools

Community Pharmacy England has published a new web hub for [ambient scribing tools](#) in pharmacy, setting out how they may support community pharmacy and the safeguards required for their use. Ambient scribing tools can help reduce the time spent writing consultation notes. Some IT suppliers are seeking inclusion on an NHS list of assured suppliers, demonstrating that they meet the relevant standards.



## IT supplier selection survey

NHS England researchers are seeking pharmacy input on how clinical IT systems are chosen and compared (e.g. the Pharmacy First system), and what pharmacy teams would like to know before such decisions are made. This important 5-minute survey will help pharmacy owners and decision-makers shape future approaches around clarity, usability and reducing burden.

[Take part in the system selection survey](#)

## Medicine pack survey

NHS England is inviting pharmacy team members and CP ITG representatives to complete a short survey on the impact of incomplete or inaccurate barcode data on patient safety and day-to-day workflows.



[Complete the NHS England survey](#)



## EPS nomination standards updates

NHS England has updated its [national standards](#) on how pharmacy teams and IT system suppliers process EPS nominations. This follows renewed scrutiny of [nomination](#) practices and reinforces the principle that patients must be able to set or change their nomination freely, without pressure or unwanted intervention.