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Welcome to *WellWellWell* from Seascale and Bootle Surgeries.  
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## Bank Holiday Closure

The surgery will be closed Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April for Good Friday.  
Seascale and Bootle will also be closed Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April. Please check your medicine supplies prior to the closure and order appropriately. If you find yourself without your repeat medication during the closures, you are advised to contact 111 who can assist you and send a prescription to a Community Pharmacy that is open during the bank holiday.



## Income Support and Income-based Jobseekers Allowance

As from the 15<sup>th</sup> of April 2026 we will no longer accept Income support and Income-based Jobseekers Allowance. These exemptions will no longer be valid reasons for free prescriptions after 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026. This is part of the government's ongoing migration from legacy benefits to Universal Credit.

Patients who are in receipt of Income Support or Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance may qualify for Universal Credit. However, it is important to note that Universal Credit does not automatically entitle people to free NHS prescriptions. **To continue being entitled to free NHS prescriptions, patients must meet the Universal Credit criteria for help with health costs based on their last complete assessment period or qualify under another valid exemption category.**

Please note: Income-related Employment and Support Allowance remain a valid exemption category and patients in receipt of this benefit should continue to select Box H on the reverse of prescription forms.

You can check if you are entitled to free NHS prescriptions by using the **NHSBSA eligibility checker**.

**It is your own responsibility to check if this affects you. If the incorrect exemption is selected you could have to pay a penalty charge of up to £100.**

## Prescription Prepayment Certificate (PPC)

There will be no increase in NHS prescription prepayment certificate charges for the 2026/2027 financial year. The standard single prescription charge stays at £9.90.

### **2026/27 Prescription Prepayment Certificate (PPC) Costs (Frozen)**

- **3-month PPC:** £32.05
- **12-month PPC:** £114.50 (patients can spread the cost and pay in 10 monthly instalments)
- **HRT PPC (12-month):** £19.80

## Citizens Advice Copeland

Citizens Advice will be working at Seascale Surgery the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month.

They can help with a range of issues such as-

- Managing debt
- Benefits
- Energy advice
- Housing problems
- Employment issues
- Family/relationship breakdowns.
- Consumer issues
- Immigration

If you need this service, you need to ring citizens advice directly to arrange an appointment time.

Contact details-

Email- [advice@cacopeland.org](mailto:advice@cacopeland.org)

Call- 01946693321



**There is no training this month**

### Upcoming Bank Holiday closures-

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026**



