



Newsletter

25th August 2023

Week 33

This newsletter contains useful information for community pharmacy owners in Kent

Community Pharmacy Kent WhatsApp group (Reminder!)

The purpose of the WhatsApp group is to cascade urgent information or deadlines to Pharmacy Contractors across Kent. This is **send only** messaging from the LPC with no chat functionality.

Messages to the group will be between the hours of 9am -5.30pm Monday – Friday.

To sign up to the WhatsApp group, please send your phone number to admin@kentlpc.org.uk.



ICB Primary Care strategy Survey (Reminder!)

Dear Pharmacy Professionals,
NHS Kent and Medway became commissioners of Primary Care Community Pharmacy Services on the 1st of July 2022. Together with the Kent Local Pharmaceutical Committee, we would like to hear from the community pharmacy profession working in Kent and Medway.

Please find a link to short questionnaire [here](#) which will take about 10 minutes to complete. The closing date for responses will be the 10th of September 2023.

The responses are anonymous and will help inform the development of a Kent and Medway Primary Care Transformation Strategy and our community pharmacy

priorities going forward.

Many thanks,

Dr Ash Peshen, Deputy Chief Medical Officer for Primary
Care, Kent and Medway ICB.



28 August Bank Holiday Posters 2023 detailing which pharmacies (Reminder!)

Bank Holiday Posters 2023 detailing which pharmacies will be open on the Bank Holiday across Kent can be found on the LPC website by clicking [here](#).

Please ensure that your DoS and NHS.UK profiles are updated with your opening hours (or if you are closed) on Monday 28th August 2023.

This can be done via the new NHS Profile Manger tool.

To access the NHS Profile Manager tool please use the following

URL <https://www.nhs.uk/our-policies/profile-editor-login/>

Further details and how to register can be found here: [New NHS Profile Manager has launched \(service.nhs.uk\)](#).



VIRTUAL
OUTCOMES

**Online Training for
Community Pharmacy Teams**

**NHS Flu Vaccination Service
Winter 2023/24**

Kent pharmacies can visit the Virtual Outcomes training platform. Sign in using your F Code [Pharmacy Training - Virtual Outcomes](#)

For more information on Flu Vaccination Service click [here](#).

Launch of the expression of interest process for the Covid Vaccination service autumn/winter 23-24 (Final reminder!)

If you would like to express an interest in the covid vaccination programme for Autumn/Winter 2023 [the deadline is 5pm on 29 August 2023](#). Please ensure you submit the EOI as early as possible to take into account any IT issues. The EOI is open for all new and existing sites to apply. The Launch of the sign-up process letter can be found [here](#).

The Southeast Region Community Pharmacy sign up process support webinar slides can be found [here](#).

SCRa portal being replaced by National Care Records Service (NCRS) (Reminder!)

Following [previous announcements](#), the application portal for the Summary Care Record (SCRa) is set to be replaced by a new system known as the National Care Records Service (NCRS) from September 2023.

Until the 29th of September 2023, both the SCRa portal and the NCRS portal will be accessible, but pharmacy professionals are encouraged to start using the NCRS portal immediately and provide feedback through a [short survey](#) to help embed the new system.

SSP issued for Jext® 300micrograms/0.3ml (1 in 1000) solution for injection auto-injector pen

SSP058 enables pharmacists to provide one EpiPen® 300micrograms/0.3ml (1 in 1000) auto-injector pen as a suitable alternative to Jext® 300micrograms/0.3ml (1 in 1000) auto-injector pen. This SSP is **currently set to expire on the 15th of September 2023**.

Note: The injection technique is slightly different. Jext you hold for 10 seconds once activated, and EpiPen just for 3 secs. Click [here](#) for more information.

Book now for Price Concessions Webinar (Reminder!)

Community Pharmacy England will be hosting a webinar on price concessions to help to explain how the concessions system works and what happens when pharmacy owners report increased prices to us, and to answer your questions and hear further feedback for the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC).

Date of webinar: 5th September 2023

Time: 7pm-8.30pm

Click [here](#) to book a place

For more information click the link [Book now for our Price Concessions Webinar - Community Pharmacy England \(cpe.org.uk\)](#).



Alliance Healthcare planned maintenance (Reminder)

Alliance Healthcare UK will be conducting maintenance over the August Bank Holiday weekend (Friday 25th August to Tuesday 29th August). During this period, there will be limited or no deliveries.

Pharmacies are advised to consider their stock needs beforehand, and should note that the cut-off time for placing orders will be revised to 5:30 pm on Friday 25th August. Alliance's customer service phonenumber will remain open to support emergency call-outs.

[Alliance Healthcare planned maintenance - Community Pharmacy England \(cpe.org.uk\)](#).

NHS 111 CPCPCS OPIOD abuse incidence (New!)

Recent CPCPCS data showed a pharmacy had supplied co-codamol 30mg/500mg on six occasions in March exceeding the 5-day supply limit (56-60 tablets). There were also a few supplies in December and January.

Supply date: 01/03/23 | Drug: Zapain 30mg/500mg tablets | Quantity: 60 | Reason for supply: Argument with husband and needed to move out, didn't take medication.

Supply date: 03/03/23 | Drug: Zapain 30mg/500mg tablets | Quantity: 60 | Reason for supply: Lost medication after incident at home.

Supply date: 07/03/23 | Drug: Zapain 30mg/500mg tablets | Quantity: 60 | Reason for supply: Lost medication after incident at home (came in with husband).

Supply date: 23/03/23 | Drug: Zapain 30mg/500mg tablets | Quantity: 56 | Reason for supply | Lost whilst in Wales with wife.

Supply date: 24/03/23 | Drug: Zapain 30mg/500mg tablets | Quantity: 56 | Reason for supply: Lost whilst in Wales with husband.

**Please continue to be vigilant when giving
emergency supply medicine under CPCPCS.**



Post-registration education and training for Pharmacy Technicians in Community Pharmacy (New)

We are pleased to announce a new, fully funded, training programme that will help pharmacy technicians develop the skills and confidence to deliver effective clinical services in community pharmacy. This is to ensure that they have the right post-registration training to enable confident, safe working practices and career development.

Launching in September, up to 840 pharmacy technicians will be able to apply for the training.

About the programme: *Community pharmacy technician: advancing your role* will be delivered by the Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education (CPPE) and is for eligible pharmacy technicians working in community pharmacy across all regions in England.

Duration and delivery mode: This is a 4-month self-directed e-course consisting of six modules, with approximately 4-6 hours of learning per week. The training programme is delivered online and also includes one face to face workshop on clinical assessment skills, facilitated by CPPE.

The programme launches on 28 September and [registration is open now](#).

Who can apply: You will need to follow the CPPE application process and confirm that you:

- are a registered community pharmacy technician
- have access to a pharmacist or other health care professional in practice who is able to observe and sign off your clinical assessment skills practice
- will provide the postcode of your place of work
- will agree to attend one of the mandatory clinical assessment skills face-to-face workshops and one online peer reflection workshop to guarantee your place and gain access to the e-course.

To register and find out more about the programme visit the [CPPE website](#).

To find out more about the Pharmacy Integration Programme, visit the [Health Education England website](#).

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