

This newsletter contains useful information for community pharmacy owners in Kent

### Community Pharmacy Kent (Kent LPC) contact details

(New!)

Community Pharmacy Kent have a new mailing address and contact number.

Please make a note of these for future contact.

**2017 6-8 Revenge Road**

**Chatham**

**Kent**

**ME5 8UD**

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### COVID vaccination EOI webinar (Reminder!)

NHS England southeast covid vaccination team will hold a webinar on **Monday 21 August at 6pm** to discuss the launch of the EOI and talk you through the EOI process. The invite and agenda will be circulated shortly.

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.

For more information on how to express an EOI click [here](#).

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### **Community Pharmacy Kent WhatsApp group (New!)**

The purpose of the WhatsApp group is to cascade urgent information or deadlines to Pharmacy Contractors across Kent.

This is a 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 me to the WhatsApp group, please send your phone number to

[admin@kentlpc.org.uk](mailto:admin@kentlpc.org.uk).

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### **Save the date (New!)**

Community Pharmacy Kent are holding their Annual General Meeting online on the 27th of September 2023 between 19:30-20:00.

Don't miss this opportunity to attend.

Click [here](#) to book your place.



[Read more](#)

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### **Message from ICB Primary Care strategy Survey (New!)**

Dear Pharmacy Professionals,

NHS Kent and Medway became commissioners of primary care community pharmacy services on 1 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 the [link](#) here to the short questionnaire which will take about 10 minutes to complete. The closing date for responses will be 10 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.

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### **Community pharmacy technician: advancing your role (New!)**

This new NHS England fully funded training programme 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.

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

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### **CPPE Workshops (Reminder!)**

Tutor supported CPPE online and face to face workshops for



pharmacy professionals with booking links included in the document [here](#).

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### **Fully funded places available for the Accuracy checking pharmacy technician (ACPT) programme (Reminder!)**

We are pleased to inform you that the CPPE Accuracy checking pharmacy technician (ACPT) programme is now offering 60 places, fully funded by NHS England, from 1 August 2023 to 31 March 2024.

The Accuracy checking pharmacy technician (ACPT) programme is a 3–12-month training and development programme available to pharmacy technicians, with employer support. The course is designed to support pharmacy technicians in meeting a range of competencies during their training in order to deliver safe and effective patient care.

The programme has been designed to assure employers in each sector that pharmacy technicians who successfully complete the set learning and assessments are able to undertake the role and have the appropriate knowledge, skills and behaviours to deliver high-quality, consistent checks of medicines. It includes tasks that will develop leadership skills to support the team and drive performance.

Our programme offers a blended approach to learning that includes resources for self-directed study, e-learning and practice-based activities. It is flexible so that it meets the needs of stakeholders. Following comprehensive assessment, pharmacy technicians will be able to use this learning to support optimisation of skills in the dispensing process.

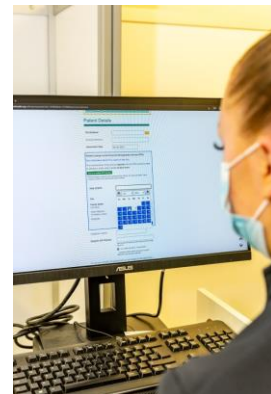
Applications are now open. Up to 20 funded places will be available each month, and will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, including how to book your place, please visit: [www.cppe.ac.uk/career/acpt](http://www.cppe.ac.uk/career/acpt).

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### **Hypertension case-finding service: you must use an IT system from September.**

From 1st September 2023, NHS England will require pharmacy owners to use an approved clinical IT system for the Hypertension case-finding service. Four IT suppliers are on track to complete the assurance of their systems by 20th August.



Pharmacy owners providing the service will need to consider which system they want to use and will then need to enter into a contract with that supplier. Claims for August 2023 should be made manually by September 5th, as only approved IT systems will be accepted thereafter.

Click her to read more [Reminder: Hypertension case-finding service: you must use an IT system from September - Community Pharmacy England \(cpe.org.uk\)](#)  
NHSEngland brief can be found [here](#).

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