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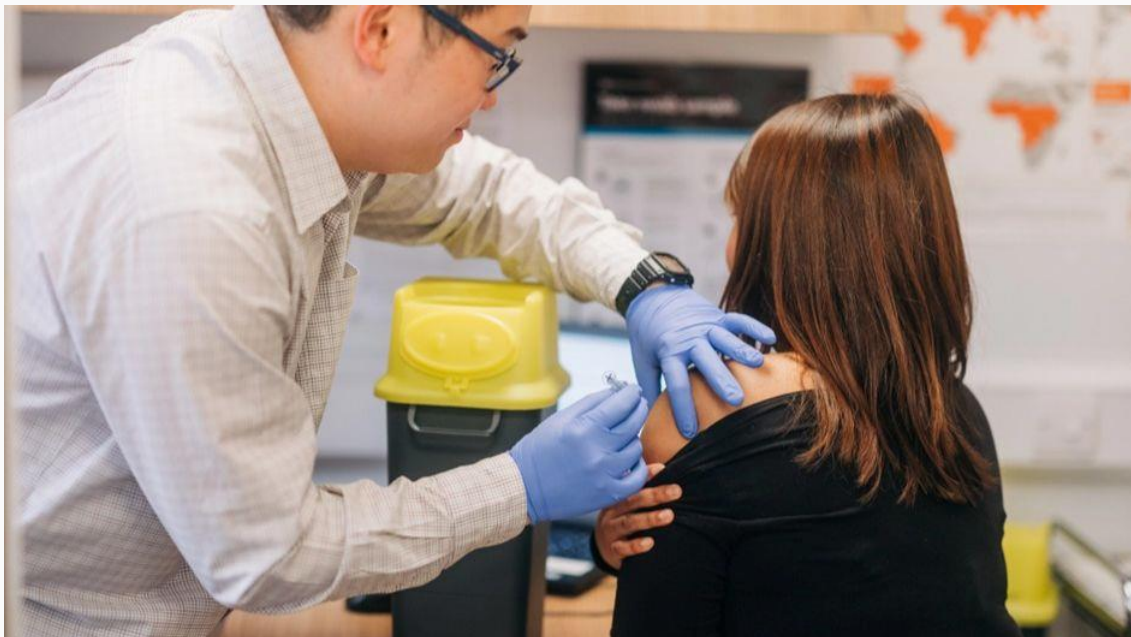
This newsletter contains useful information for community pharmacy owners in Kent

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.



C-19 vaccination programme brought forward in response new BA.2.86 variant of COVID-19 (New!)

Due to the risks presented by the new BA.2.86 variant of COVID-19, the NHS has been asked by the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) to bring the COVID-19 vaccination programme forward, to start earlier, and to accelerate delivery of the programme to vaccinate eligible people more quickly. The Government would like as many people as possible to have been vaccinated by the end of October. Click [here](#) to read more.

The Expression of Interest process for pharmacies will remain open until **5pm on Monday 4th September**. Click the link for EOI [Coronavirus » Community Pharmacy Enhanced Service COVID-19 vaccination programme: September 2023 to March 2024 \(england.nhs.uk\)](#)

Click CPE link [here](#) for more information on changes to COVID vaccination service delivery including increase in payment.

Medway Hospital Pharmacy Outpatient Closure (New!)

The Pharmacy department at Medway hospital will be replacing its ageing pharmacy dispensing robot with a new more technologically advanced robot.

In order for these works to be carried out the pharmacy will be closing the pharmacy outpatient area between the:

4th September 2023 and early December 2023.

During this time please expect to see an increased volume of hospital FP10 prescriptions presented to Community Pharmacy for processing. Medications that can only be supplied through a hospital pharmacy are still going to be processed by Medway Hospital.

We have also asked our prescribers to include their contact details on the bottom of their prescriptions so that any potential clinical queries that you have can easily be resolved.

Please be aware that there may be requirement to order in medications not commonly received on prescription in community pharmacy. Please be assured that the majority of medications supplied by Medway Hospital can be obtained via normal wholesalers, suppliers or manufacturers.

If for any reason you are unable to obtain any medications after exhausting all normal supply routes please contact Medway Pharmacy on the number below:

07957 337 291

Many thanks for your help and understanding during this time.



Community Pharmacy Kent Annual General Meeting (AGM) (Reminder!)

Our AGM will take place virtually on Wednesday 27th of September 2023 7.30pm-8pm.

The AGM report, agenda and voter card have already been emailed to you.

Completed vote card can be emailed back to admin@kentlpc.org.uk by 12noon on 25th September 2023.

You can register to attend the AGM using this [link](#). A teams link to join the meeting will be sent to you once registered.



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.

Community Pharmacy Kent committee meeting dates (Reminder!)

I would like to encourage contractors to attend CPK committee meeting which is open to observers from 2pm to 4.30pm. Our meeting dates are as below.

- Tuesday September 12th, 2023
- Tuesday November 14th, 2023
- Tuesday January 16th, 2024
- Tuesday March 12th, 2024

Email: admin@kentlpc.org.uk if you would like to attend.

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.

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 \(cpe.org.uk\)](#) .



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.


Health Education England

Claiming the Foundation trainee pharmacist grant (New!)

NHS England and the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) are putting in place a new procedure for payment of the Foundation trainee pharmacist grant (formerly the pre-registration training grant), which removes the previous need for pharmacy owners to submit a claim to their regional NHS England team, who would then process the claim and authorise its payment.

The new procedure involves an electronic registration process via the NHSBSA's Manage Your Service (MYS) portal and NHS England has told us that it will go live on **Thursday 14th September 2023**.

Click here for more information <https://cpe.org.uk/our-news/claiming-the-foundation-trainee-pharmacist-grant/>

Newly Qualified Pharmacist pathway for 2023/2024 (New!)

This offering from NHS England aims to link the initial education and training reforms to a continuum of development into post-registration.

About the Newly Qualified Pharmacist pathway

The Newly Qualified Pharmacist pathway aims to support newly qualified pharmacists to experience a smooth transition into being an independent practitioner. There are four core elements of the pathway:

- **E-Portfolio:** Supports learners to assess their learning needs, develop an action plan, and reflect upon their experiences. The e-Portfolio provided is mapped to the RPS Post-registration foundation pharmacist curriculum and will enable newly qualified pharmacists to develop through reflection on their practice, using work-based formative assessment and validated supervised learning events. Learners may use alternative e-Portfolios, provided they are mapped to the correct curriculum.
- **Curriculum:** The [RPS Post-registration foundation pharmacist curriculum](#) is designed to support pharmacists progress from meeting the initial standards of education and training through to being confident practitioners who can provide increasingly complex care.

- **Learning resources:** Curated resources have been mapped against the curriculum domains. This virtual library will support the professional development of newly qualified pharmacists, based on their individual learning needs, and can complement resources available locally. [The learning resource library is available online.](#)
- **Access to supervision:** We will support access to supervision for all pharmacists on this pathway. Please see the [Newly Qualified Pharmacist pathway](#) webpage for more information.

The RPS Post-registration foundation pharmacist curriculum learning outcomes have been designed to develop prescribing competence. This means that the NHS England Newly Qualified Pharmacist pathway, using these learning outcomes, helps newly qualified pharmacists to develop the skills and competence they need to prepare for a prescribing course.

Further information about eligibility, timelines, funding and enrolment can be found on the [Newly Qualified Pharmacist pathway](#) webpage and in the attached Briefing for employers and key stakeholders.

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