

This newsletter contains useful information for community pharmacy owners in Kent



### **Community Pharmacy Kent Contractor and PCN lead Webinar 19.09.23 (Reminder!)**

The LPC and ICB are holding Community Pharmacy PCN leads and Contractor virtual webinar on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm-9pm.

The webinar agenda can be found [here](#).

#### *Learning outcomes of the Webinar...*

- Update PCN leads on form B completion as part of hypertension case finding project.
- Flu and COVID vaccination service update
- Community Pharmacy Independent prescriber and Designated Pharmacy Practitioner support.
- ICB Primary care strategy update

#### *Webinar details:*

- To register click [here](#) to give us an idea of attendees.
- To join the webinar click here: [Click here to join the meeting.](#)

Meeting ID: 312 326 146 099

Passcode: MkdKGG

For more information on PCN leads please contact [karen.luxford@nhs.net](mailto:karen.luxford@nhs.net).

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

Our AGM will take place virtually on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> of September 2023 7.30pm-8.30pm.

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](mailto:admin@kentlpc.org.uk) by 12noon on 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) (Reminder!)

[Aspiration Payment claim Window is now open](#)

The aspiration payment must be claimed between 09.00 on 4th September 2023 and 23.59 on 29th September 2023 via [NHSBSA's MYS application](#).

*Domain 1 support:* Medicine Safety and Optimization.

Palliative and End of Life Care: If you need the list of pharmacies that stock the 16 palliative care medicines then email [adenyinka@jolaoso@kentlpc.org.uk](mailto:adenyinka@jolaoso@kentlpc.org.uk).

He will also send you a support brief for this domain.

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## NHS Profile Manager: Add flu vaccination bookings details to your NHS web profile (New!)

NHS Profile Manager now allows pharmacy owners to update their profiles with appointment booking information for NHS flu vaccinations. Promoting online appointment booking details in this way can help reduce phone queries, with patients able to book online through the pharmacy's NHS website profile from 1st September 2023 to 31st March 2024.

[Learn more](#)

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## COVID vaccination EOIs- Update from NHS England team (New!)

"We would like to thank you for taking the time to submit your expression of

interest(s).

If you submitted your expression of interest before the original portal closure deadline of 5pm 29 August, your relevant NHS regional team or system will have reached out to you by 5 Sept (as outlined in the Community pharmacy expression of interest process guidance). We are aware that due to the acceleration of the programme in response to the new Covid-19 variant, the teams are working under additional pressure, and there may be isolated incidences where an expression of interest has not been responded to by the regional team/system.

If you submitted your expression of interest after the original deadline (and before the final deadline of 5pm 4 Sept), then you should expect to hear from your relevant NHS regional team/system by 12 September.

For the EOI C (for sites away from the pharmacy) the deadline to have heard back from your region/system is 23 October.

If the above dates have passed and the appropriate team has not reached out to you, we apologise for the delay. Please let us know via the messaging centre so that we can ensure your expression of interest is processed correctly.

Kind regards,  
The NHS England Team”

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**Foundation Training Grant Payments (Community Pharmacy Only): Go-live and submission dates reminder (New!)**

A reminder to all contractors that the new Community Pharmacy Foundation Training grant submission portal via Manage Your Service (MYS) goes live on **Thursday 14 September 2023**.

### **Preparing for the launch**

For an indicative preview to the grant registration and trainee submission pages, please see [here](#) for screenshots.

You will need to register each foundation trainee pharmacist you need to make payment claims for and confirm their individual details when you make a claim.

For registering a foundation trainee pharmacist, you will need to tell us:

- their name
- their date of birth
- their GPhC registration number
- their training start date
- their Designated Supervisor's name
- their Designated Supervisor's GPhC registration number

**Important:** In order to make payments as soon as possible for contractors with trainees who started in July, the NHSBSA will create an exception to the payment process for the July payment only. **For any submissions made between 14<sup>th</sup> September and 23:59 on 21<sup>st</sup> September**, the NHSBSA **will process the July payment immediately** and contractors will receive their funding allocation in early October.

**Action: Please submit your grant application as soon as possible.** Those contractors with trainees who started in July 2023 and who submit between 14<sup>th</sup> September and 23.59 on 21<sup>st</sup> September will receive their July payment in October.

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### **Funding to support expansion of pharmacy technician workforce - Guidance, webinar recordings and Expression of Interest Online Form (Deadline!)**

We have had a number of exciting conversations over the past month, with employers who are looking to submit an expression of interest, to support the expansion of the pharmacy technician workforce. This is a reminder that the application window to submit your applications is quickly approaching and will close on **Sunday 17 September, 23:59**. We will not accept applications beyond this date, or in any other format than the online form.

### **Pharmacy Technician Workforce Expansion Expression of Interest (Eoi)**

Once you have reviewed the guidance, and where applicable, formed your partnerships for a multi-sector submission, please complete the [online Eoi](#).

If anyone missed the webinar which NHSE Pharmacy South East team provided around this programme and expressions of interests, the recording can be viewed [here](#).

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### **FutureNHS platform page development (New!)**

Kent and Medway pharmacy professionals network NHS Futures page has launched. The aim of this page is to provide a space for pharmacy professionals to network across the system, to share news stories, CPD and career opportunities and for a forum to enable members to ask questions and share practice.

Perhaps you want to share a project or success story for something you have been involved with, perhaps you are struggling with something and want to ask others if they have experience to share in that area. If you have a webinar to advertise or a programme to recruit to, this page will be the perfect place to lead people to your

event. This page will be open to all sectors and is an opportunity for pharmacy professionals to come together, meet others and become more connected.

The link to join is [here](#).

Please do join and forward this invite to other pharmacy contacts and colleagues within your networks so that this can become a really valuable tool for the pharmacy community in Kent and Medway.

I have been developing this page over the past couple of months and really want it to suit the needs of members so please do get in touch if you have any suggested articles, content or events that you would like promoted. [mariastaines@nhs.net](mailto:mariastaines@nhs.net).

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### **T.Level placements to provide community pharmacy work-based learning to students at Mid Kent College (Reminder!)**

Mid Kent College is teaming up with NHS Kent and Medway to offer students undertaking science and health T.Levels placement experiences within pharmacy.

Pharmacy employers within Kent and Medway are being sought to provide part time (2 days per week) work-based experience for students in their first year of study. The total number of hours commitment we are looking for from an employer is 315 hours. No salary is provided to the students, the primary aim for them is to achieve experience in the working environment within a pharmacy to build knowledge, skills and confidence to equip them for a potential future career in pharmacy.

One student who completed a placement in a community pharmacy in Gillingham

had a great experience which has now resulted in them becoming employed by the pharmacy part time as a dispenser and the student is now looking to develop further by applying to undertake the MPharm degree.

For more information and to express an interest in taking a student from February 2024, please contact Maria Staines [mariastaines@nhs.net](mailto:mariastaines@nhs.net) deadline for expressions of interest 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

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### **Class 3 Medicines Recall: Theramex HQ UK Ltd, Evorel Sequi, EL (23)A/34 (New!)**

Theramex has informed the MHRA that some cartons of Evorel Sequi contain the incorrect combination of patches. An error at the packaging site means that a limited number of packs have the incorrect combination of Evorel 50 and Evorel Conti patches. Only the batch listed in this notification is affected. The remainder of the batch is being recalled as a precautionary measure. The batch is comprised of 150,132 packs. So far 24 packs have been confirmed to contain the incorrect combination and the investigation has concluded that the issue is limited to a small number of packs only.

#### **Advice for healthcare professionals**

Stop supplying the above batch immediately. Quarantine all remaining stock and return it to your supplier using your supplier's approved process.

If a patient presents with the incorrect patches, they should be dispensed a correct pack from another batch. Theramex has confirmed that all other batches are unaffected and that there is no impact on supply.

For prescriptions written within the last 6 months, check the pack being returned by the patient and the dispensing record (Summary Care Record may be checked with the patient's consent). Following advice from the Department of Health and Social Care, this is considered a correction to the original prescription and a further



prescription would not be necessary. Follow your company's returns procedure through your wholesaler to arrange a credit note or contact Theramex (see Further information and contact details below).

[Class 3 Medicines Recall: Theramex HQ UK Ltd, Evorel Sequi, EL \(23\)A/34 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Because of ongoing supply issues, we are extending the Serious Shortage Protocols (SSPs) currently in place for Estradot® 100mcg patches (SSP057) and Jext® 300mcg adrenaline auto-injectors (SSP058).

The new end date for SSP057 is Friday 13 October 2023.

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The SSPs are available to view on the NHS Business Service Authority (BSA)'s [dedicated SSP web page](#).

If you have any questions regarding the SSPs please contact the NHS Prescription Service.



### **UKHSA - Urgent public health message - outbreak of food botulism in France involving a number of British nationals**

This is an urgent public health message to all front-line clinicians regarding an outbreak of food botulism involving a number of British nationals. The outbreak has been linked to consumption of home-prepared sardines served by a restaurant in Bordeaux, France called the Tchin Tchin Wine Bar, between 4 and 10 September 2023.

Symptoms of foodborne botulism include vomiting and diarrhoea, followed by constipation which might precede neurological symptoms.

Please see the following link which contains further information including symptoms, testing and referral: [Food botulism: outbreak in France involving British nationals - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/food-botulism-outbreak-in-france-involving-british-nationals)

NHS Trusts, please bring this to the attention of your Emergency Departments, neurologists and medical teams in particular.

This safety message has been issued to the following CAS lists:

- NHS Trusts
- ICBs / CCGs
- Out of hours GP services
- GP Practices
- Community Pharmacies
- Primary Care Networks
- Social Care Providers (registered with CAS)
- Territorial CMOs NI, Scotland and Wales
- Directors of Public Health/Regional DsPH
- NHS Regional Offices
- Independent healthcare providers (registered with CAS)
- Out of hours contact addresses (across all providers) that are registered with CAS

For more information click [here](#).

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