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Newsletter

29th September 2023

Week 39

This newsletter contains useful information for community pharmacy owners and staff in Kent



Octobers deadline tracker can be found [here](#). (New!)

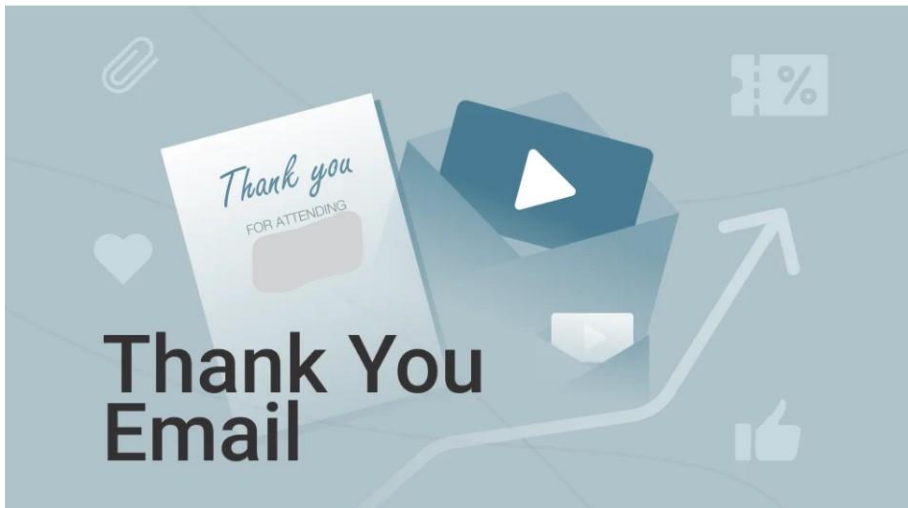


Independent Pharmacy contractor representative vancacy at Kent LPC (New!)

A unique opportunity has come up for an independent contactor to join the LPC.

If you are interested in becoming a committee member, please complete the Expressions of Interest (EOI) form by following this [link](#).

To learn more about the work of the committee email chair@kentlpc.org.uk.



PCN leads and Community Pharmacy Kent contractor webinar (New!)

It was great to see majority of you at the PCN leads and contractor webinar last week Tuesday 19th Oct 2023.

A recording for the webinar can be found here [here](#).

Key action form PCN leads:

- Complete form B (**Title of Form B- roll out progress**): Completion is by 11.55pm on Tuesday 10th October 2023.

Please email Karen.luxford@nhs.net if you have any questions.

Click [here](#) for the full list of PCN leads and pharmacies.



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

We were delighted to see some of you at our AGM on Wednesday 27th of September 2023 7.30pm-8.30pm.

The Community Pharmacy England recording for our AGM by Janet Morrisson (CEO) can be found [here](#).

The logo for BBC Radio Kent is a purple rectangle with the text "BBC Radio Kent" in white, bold, sans-serif font. Below the main text, the words "Radio station" are written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

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BBC Radio Kent interview (New!)

Our CEO, Mark Anyaegbuna, was on BBC Radio Kent with Pat Marsh promoting pharmacy and participating in the conversation around penicillin allergy. You can listen the interview by clicking this [link](#).

(You will need to scroll to 16.23.26 that's when the interview starts).



Launch of a pilot inhaler recycling scheme across East Kent in October 2023 (New!)

We are delighted to announce the launch of a pilot inhaler recycling scheme across East Kent in October 2023. During this short session we would like to share with you the details of this exciting initiative.

The session will be held on: October 19th 2023

Location: Zoom (a link will be sent once registered on Eventbrite link below)

Time: 19:30-20:30

If you have any issues booking with the Eventbrite link, please contact us at kmpcth@nhs.net.

[To register for the webinar click here](#)



PQS 2023/24 training (New!)

Online PQS 2023/24 training is now live and free for all contractors across Kent and Medway.

Click [here](#) for a full list of courses.



Community Pharmacy Technician Survey (Reminder!)

Calling all pharmacy employers to complete this short survey on the roles of Pharmacy Technicians within your pharmacies. NHS Kent and Medway are keen to know which community pharmacies have pharmacy technicians and roles that they are carrying out to understand the landscape and workforce needs and to share good practice.

Deadline for completion 31st October 2023.

To complete the survey, please click [here](#).

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**Independent Prescriber (IP) and Designated Pharmacy Professional (DPP)
(Reminder!)**

The NHS Kent and Medway ICB Independent Prescribing Workforce Survey is now live.

Are you an IP working within Kent & Medway? Please complete the survey to help inform workforce planning. The deadline for completion is 8th October 2023

The survey can be accessed via QR code or the link [here](#).



We are trying to collate data regarding the number of independent prescribers in our local workforce so that we can provide ongoing support and development opportunities to meet the needs as outlined in the NHS Long Term Workforce Plan.

The NHS Long Term Workforce Plan includes increasing the number of independent prescribers from all professions. In the future all newly qualified pharmacists will be independent prescribers and NHS England are also supporting 3,000 existing pharmacists to develop these skills to ensure they and the wider pharmacy team can play a greater role as part of multidisciplinary clinical teams.

Everyone undertaking the independent prescribing programme requires a supervisor.

Historically, this could only be a medical practitioner. However, professional regulatory changes in 2018/19 have allowed for a wider variety of prescribing healthcare professionals to take on a supervisory designated practitioner role during the Period of Learning in Practice.

The Designated Prescribing Practitioner is required to be an experienced prescriber, normally with at least 3 years prescribing experience and should meet the requirements of the [Royal Pharmaceutical Society DPP Competency Framework](#). The increase in the number of professionals undertaking the independent prescribing programme will increase the need for supervisors.

Click the link [here](#) for NHS Futures for IP and DPP Network.



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