

This newsletter contains useful information for community pharmacy owners in Kent

What's coming soon...

- I am delighted to announce that we will be launching an NHS Community Pharmacy Services bimonthly newsletter. This will give you area performance/information update on NHS nationally, locally commission services and new service development. Please look out for it!



AGM

Annual General Meeting

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

Our AGM will take place virtually on Wednesday 27th 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 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.

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Thank you to all our PCN leads for all the hard work you have put in to make a success of partnership working. V...

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Community Pharmacy Kent (Kent LPC) Website (New!)

We are constantly updating our new look website to support you in your practice.

You can visit our website by clicking the link [Community Pharmacy Kent \(Kent LPC\) – Community Pharmacy Kent](#).

[If theres something we have missed on the website let us know here](#)



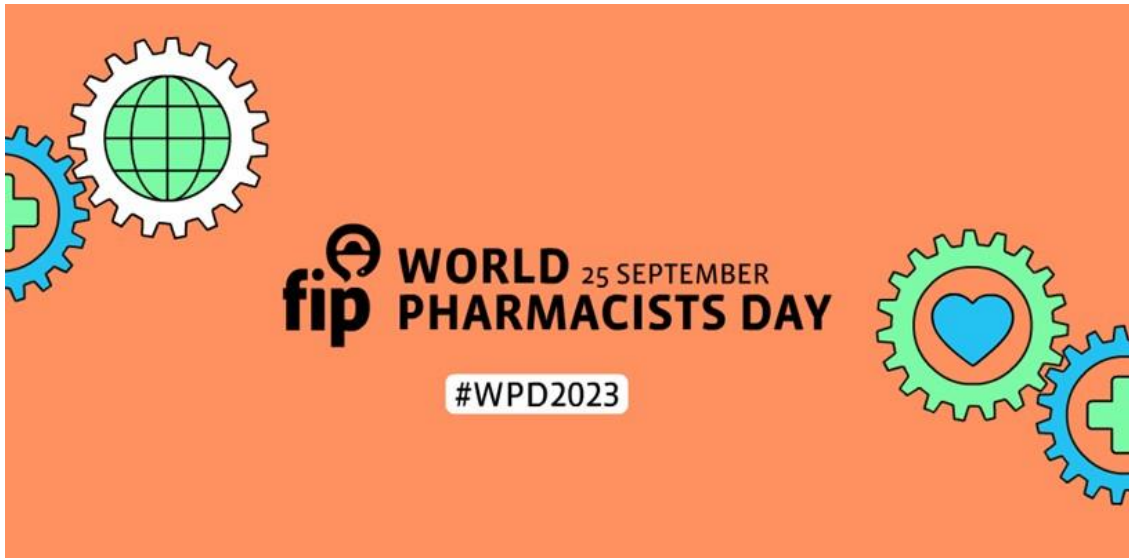
COVID vaccination 2023/24 (New!)

We have 90 pharmacies across Kent and Medway providing COVID vaccination. This is the highest number of pharmacies providing this service compared to other Southeast areas. Thank you for all you do in protecting people in our communities.

For Pharmacy Contractor COVID queries including onboarding email:

england.sepharmacycovidvacc@nhs.net - please ensure you include your ODS code in the subject field when contacting the team.

For local COVID vaccination issues email: kmicb.covidvaccine@nhs.net.



World Pharmacist Day is on Monday 25th September (New!)

To celebrate world pharmacist day please take some time to join a lunchtime webinar 1-2pm on Monday 25th September. The webinar will celebrate the diverse range of roles of pharmacists within Kent and Medway.

The event is open to all, public, patients, professionals and pharmacy staff! So please share widely with all your networks, friends and families. Let's promote what pharmacists do to everyone to raise the profile of their varied and vital work.

Webinar theme: **"Pharmacists strengthening health systems"**.

Inspiring panel members:

- Tase Oputu, Associate Director of Medicines Optimisation, High-Cost Drugs, NHS Kent & Medway and Chair RPS
 - Mark Anyaegbuna, CEO Community Pharmacy Kent (Kent LPC)
 - Crystal Ugwuegbu, Kent PCN ACP Pharmacist
 - Dhalvir Midda, Head of Pharmacy- Cancer and Technical Services, Maidstone, and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust
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Community Pharmacy Technician Survey (New!)

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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Kent and Medway pharmacy professionals network NHS Futures page has launched (New!)

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

<https://future.nhs.uk/KMPharmacyProfessionalsNetwork/groupHome>. 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.



Independent Prescriber (IP) and Designated Pharmacy Professional (DPP) (New!)

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 by clicking [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 [here](#) for NHS Futures for IP and DPP Network.



ICB Primary Care strategy Survey (Reminder! - Extended)

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 below to a short questionnaire here which will take about 10 minutes to complete.

The closing date for responses will be the 10th of October 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.

[To take part in the survey click here](#)

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