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Newsletter

13th October 2023

Week 40

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



Meet your Community Pharmacy team video (New!).

Watch this great video produced by NHS England that illustrates the important work happening in community pharmacy.

[Click here to watch the video](#)



Community Pharmacy Covid Vaccination Site interactive map (new!)

To view an interactive map of all the Community Pharmacy Covid Vaccination sites across Kent and Medway click [here](#).



Kent and Medway ICB Community Pharmacy Contact Points



ICB Primary care and Medicines Optimisation team contacts (New!)

This is key contacts in the ICB which have been uploaded to our website and can be found [here](#).



Hypertension Case-Finding Service: Commencement of PPV activity

From the 9th of October, the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) Provider Assurance Team (PAT) will conduct post-payment verification (PPV) reviews of pharmacy owners offering the Hypertension Case-Finding Service. These reviews, commissioned by NHS England, will look particularly at pharmacies claiming for high volumes of blood pressure checks-

Community Pharmacy England has sought to ensure the verification process is appropriately targeted, proportionate and fair to those pharmacy owners asked to provide records. We encourage the selected pharmacy owners to fully engage with the NHSBSA PAT and provide the evidence requested through the PPV process.

[Click here to find out more](#)



Educational Supervisor Training for the Community Pharmacy Workforce

(New!)

Fully funded, free to access Supervisor training programmes for those supervising the community pharmacy workforce.

The programme includes:

- Training for Educational Supervisors including Designated Supervisors (DS): Both pharmacists and pharmacy technicians can apply for the educational supervisor training.
- Training for Designated Prescribing Practitioners (DPP): Designated Prescribing Practitioners (DPP) supporting supervision of learners from a community pharmacy setting.

[To register click here](#)

Get ahead

With new NHS funded training for community pharmacy

A photograph of a smiling man in a blue shirt, with green and purple geometric shapes overlaid on the image.

Community Pharmacy workforce fully funded training (Reminder!)

Community pharmacists and pharmacy technicians are being offered a range of fully funded, flexible training to expand your clinical skills and improve patient care.

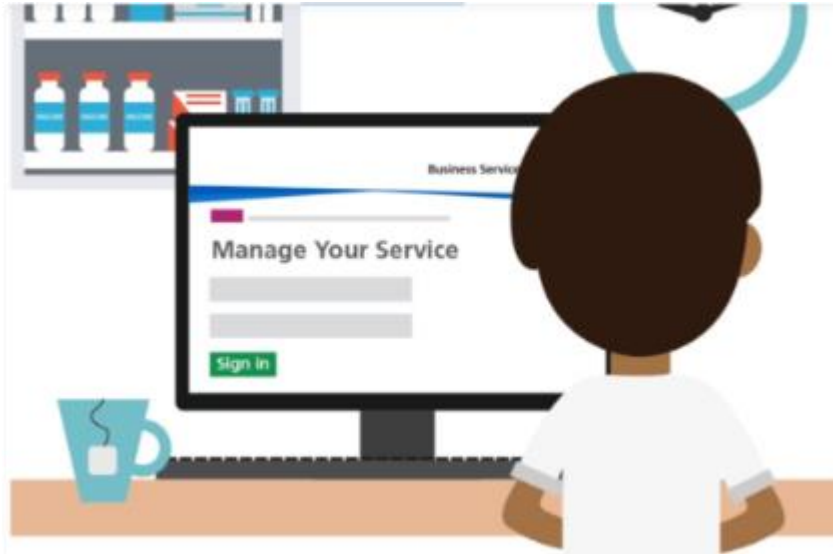
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Dispensing of valproate-containing medicines (New!)

Changes to the Human Medicines Regulations 2023 came into effect on the 11th of October which provides new rules requiring pharmacists to dispense all licensed medicines containing valproate in the manufacturer's original full pack.

The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) published [new guidance for dispensers](#) to support this change.



MYS dashboard updates (New!)

The NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) has announced that from the 12th of October, the layout of the Manage Your Service (MYS) dashboard will be updated based on user feedback. The changes include moving the current tabs to the left-hand side of the page and reordering them in alphabetical order.

[Find out more and view the updated layout here](#)



NHS Kent & Medway Emollient Prescribing Guidelines and Position Statement on Bath and Shower Preparations (New!)

In 2022/23, NHS Kent and Medway spent over £2million on emollients and £265,000 on bath and shower products.

To support the self-care campaign and in line with the latest update to [NICE CG57](#), [NHS England guidance](#), and the [BATHE Study](#), NHS Kent and Medway will be releasing a position statement for bath and shower preparations stating, “bath and shower products should not routinely be prescribed” and patients should be advised to purchase should they wish to use these products.

In addition, NHS Kent and Medway have prepared guidance on prescribing of emollients outlining that emollients should only be prescribed for the management of diagnosed dermatological conditions, such as eczema or psoriasis; or where there is a significant risk to skin integrity in the prescriber’s clinical assessment. The Epimax® range is the preferred choice for patients in Kent and Medway but should these not be effective, there are other cost-effective products included in the guidelines.

The guidelines and position statement will be implemented across Kent and Medway by December 2023 and further communications will be sent out.



**World Pharmacy Technician Day Kent and Medway Celebration Webinar
Tuesday 17th October 2023 1-2pm (New!)**

Join us on Tuesday the 17th of October to hear about the invaluable roles of

pharmacy technicians within Kent and Medway. This year's theme of Pharmacy Technician Day is 'Making an Impact', lets celebrate how Kent and Medway pharmacy technicians are making an impact within our health system.

Chaired by Liz Fidler, Senior Professional Advisor Pharmacy Technician Practice, Chief Pharmaceutical Officers' Office NHS England

Panel members, sharing their exciting roles and career journeys:

Emily Hunnisett, Chief Pharmacy Technician, East Kent Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Lucy Shaw, Pharmacy Technician, Herne Bay PCN

Susan Goss, Pharmacy Technician, Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust

Jonnathan Bell, Pharmacy Technician, Boots Pharmacy Bluewater

All are welcome to this event, please forward the invitation to colleagues, networks, family and friends and any schools and colleges within Kent that you may have links with. We want to encourage the next generation to consider a career as a pharmacy technician!

[Click here to register](#)



**Independent Pharmacy contractor representative vacancy at Kent LPC
(Reminder!)**

A unique opportunity has come up for an independent contractor 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.

Please return this form by 17:00 on the 13th of Oct 2023 to the Returning Officer at the following email address: admin@kentlpc.org.uk.



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