

## Community Pharmacy Kent contractor and PCN lead webinar Wednesday November 15<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm-9pm

Webinar agenda can be view [\(here\)](#)

Please click this link to register to attend [Community Pharmacy Kent PCN lead and Contractor Webinar registration Survey](#)

### Learning outcome of the Webinar...

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- DMS project update
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Completion of the survey is a **mandatory requirement for all pharmacy owners**.  
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**Share your views  
ahead of our  
Committee Meeting  
in November!**

**Closing on 6th November at 11:59 PM**

CCA multiples have a separate survey sent to their head offices, so there is no need for any action at the branch level.

[cpe.org.uk](https://cpe.org.uk)

Community Pharmacy England needs input from pharmacy owners on their experiences during the challenging autumn period and upcoming winter season.

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For independents and non-CCA multiples 👉 <https://tinyurl.com/3zhm24wy>

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## Online Training for Community Pharmacy Teams

# Lateral Flow Device Service

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## Medicine Optimisation newsletter

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## Newsletter

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Week 44

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### **Medicines Optimisation Newsletter Nov 2023.**

Click [here](#) to read The Role of Inclisiran in Lipid Management.

Click [here](#) to read Recommendations on the national supply disruption to ADHD medication.

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Click [here](#) to read Serious Shortages summary.

Click [here](#) to read NICE News Oct 2023.

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