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## Newsletter

12th January 2024

Week 2

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



### **LPC meeting 16.01.2024 (NEW)**

We have our LPC meeting next week on Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> of January.

The meeting is open to observers that may wish to attend from 2.30pm.

Please email or contact the LPC office if you would like to attend

[admin@kentlpc.org.uk](mailto:admin@kentlpc.org.uk) or contact the LPC on 01634 649101 (option1).



### **Additional 120 ENT Clinical assessment skills workshop (NEW)**

I am delighted to announce that we have a provisional date for the next Kent LPC/CPPE Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) clinical assessment skills workshop on Sunday the 3rd of March 2024.

The additional 120 training spaces will only be open to Pharmacy Contractors in Kent and our locum population (locums will need to be signed off by a Kent Pharmacy Contractor).

### **How to book and next step...**

- Email [admin@kentlpc.org.uk](mailto:admin@kentlpc.org.uk) or contact the LPC on 01634649101 (choose option 1).
- Please have your full name, GPHC no, Pharmacy ODS code and contact number.
- Specify role... Resident Pharmacist or Locum
- Specify the session that you want... Morning or Afternoon.

### **Workshop details are as below...**

- Date: 3rd of March 2024
- Venue: Mercure Great Danes Hotel, Ashford Road Maidstone ME17 1RE
- Morning Session: 9.30am-12.30pm (60 spaces available)

- Afternoon Session: 1.30pm -4.30pm. (60 spaces available)

**I am looking forward to seeing contractors that have booked their training on  
28<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

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### **Kent Pharmacy Contractor Webinar (NEW)**

The LPC will be holding a contractor teams webinar on the 24th of January 2024. This will be a listening and service update webinar to help us ensure all contractors across Kent have what they need to make a success of all the newly commissioned services.

#### ***Draft agenda are as below:***

- Pharmacy First
- Contraception service - *We will run through our local ICB contraceptive formulary*
- Hypertension Case finding

#### ***Webinar details are as below...***

- Date: 24 January 2024
- Time: 7.30pm -9pm
- Team link: [https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_OWU2M2Q2N2Q2OTNjMS00N2EyLTgzNjMtNzI2MjdkYzlKZDI5%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%225d6ba29e-40ce-](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_OWU2M2Q2N2Q2OTNjMS00N2EyLTgzNjMtNzI2MjdkYzlKZDI5%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%225d6ba29e-40ce-)

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#### **On-demand webinars and digital guides (useful)**

[Click this link](#) to watch on demand webinars on Contraception, Pharmacy first and hypertension case finding service [Our webinars - Community Pharmacy England \(cpe.org.uk\)](#)

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#### **Useful links for contraception advice**

Contraception: [Contraception | Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust \(kentcht.nhs.uk\)](#)

HIV treatment and support: [HIV treatment and support | Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust \(kentcht.nhs.uk\)](#).

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### **Recruitment of Trainee Pharmacists via Oriel - webinar and online support sessions (Reminder)**

As you are aware, all trainee pharmacists for 2025/26 must be recruited via the National Recruitment Scheme, Oriel. **The National Recruitment Scheme opens for employers on Thursday the 11th of January 2024 and will remain open until March 1st 2024.**

We are series of online support sessions throughout January and February. These will be **ad-hoc online drop in support sessions** for you to discuss any specific issues and questions you may have relating to Oriel and registering your training programmes. The times and links are below:

**[Thursday 18th January 7pm - 8pm](#)**

**[Tuesday 23rd January 1pm - 2pm](#)**

**[Friday 2nd February 12pm - 1pm](#)**

**[Tuesday 13th February 7pm - 8pm](#)**

**[Thursday 22nd February 1pm - 2pm](#)**

**[Monday 26th February 1pm - 2pm](#)**

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### **Community pharmacy technicians advancing your role information session (Reminder)**

The Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education has launched two webinars focussing on their new training course called community pharmacy technicians - advancing your role. The course is aimed at pharmacy technicians working in community pharmacy in preparation for the profession to play a larger role in clinical service provision in that setting.

There is one remaining session running in January on Tuesday, 16 January, 7 to 8pm. [Sign up.](#)

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### **Update to NPSA alert on GLP-1 RA (NEW)**

*As you are aware, on the 3rd of January 2024 the DHSC updated the National Patient Safety Alert (NPSA) on glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonists (GLP-1 RAs).*

Key updates are as below:

- NatPSA update: [click here](#)
- Kent and Medway Update to NPSA alert on GLP1: [click here](#)

- Kent and Medway GLP-1 RA NPSA shortage guide: [click here](#)

*The Specialist Pharmacy Service (SPS) should also be used for up to date information on supply, which can be found here [Prescribing available GLP-1 receptor agonists – SPS - Specialist Pharmacy Service – The first stop for professional medicines advice.](#)*

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### **Expression of Interest: NHS England Pharmacy Workforce Group for Genomics (NEW)**

**Are you a pharmacist or pharmacy technician with expertise in genomic medicine? Would you like to help shape the future of pharmacy workforce planning and education activity related to genomics? We invite you to submit an expression of interest to join the NHS England Pharmacy Workforce Group for Genomics!**

The pharmacy workforce play an integral role in the realisation of personalised medicine and medicines optimisation driven by genomic and diagnostic characterisation. As the NHS Genomic Medicine Service (GMS) evolves and becomes embedded across clinical specialties we need to ensure we have a multi-professional workforce ready to deliver the service for the benefit of patients and their families. In addition, the government strategy 'Genome UK:

The Future of Healthcare' highlights the need for all pharmacy staff to have a knowledge of genomics relevant to their role, and the recent NHS England "Accelerating Genomic Medicine in the NHS" strategy begins to capture when and where pharmacy will support the delivery of genomic medicine to patients, to

ensure they get the best outcomes from their medications.

The NHS England Genomics Unit, working jointly with the NHS England National Genomics Education programme, established the Pharmacy Workforce Group for Genomics in 2021 to drive forward key workforce priorities to embed genomics into pharmacy practice. Please see the group terms of reference attached in this email.

The NHSE Pharmacy Workforce Group for Genomics are seeking to recruit five new members. To express an interest in joining the group please read the attached role description and commitment document and apply via the MS Forms link [here](#). The closing date for expressions of interest is **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024**.



To read the latest edition of the NHSE Primary Care Bulletin click [here](#).

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