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Newsletter

2nd February 2024

Week 5

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

Happy Pharmacy First Week!



I was delighted to see 120 contractors at the face to face ENT training last Sunday 28th January 2024.

The feedback of all that attended were brilliant. A special thank you to Sara Ridgeway-green, Regional Manager CPPE South East Coast, and the CPPE team for a phenomenal training session.

Thank you!

There are only SIX spaces left at next Kent LPC/CPPE Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) clinical assessment skills workshop on Sunday 3rd March 2024. The training spaces are only for Pharmacy Contractors in Kent and our locum population (locums will need sign off from a Kent pharmacy contractor).



How to book and next step...

- Email 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 March 2024
- Venue: Mercure Great Danes Hotel, Ashford Road Maidstone ME17 1RE
- Morning Session: 9.30am-12.30pm (Zero spaces remaining out of 60)

- Afternoon Session: 1.30pm - 4.30pm. (6 spaces remaining out of 60)

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Pharmacy supervision

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Kent and Medway Pharmacy Professionals Network Pharmacy Supervision Consultation Webinar

I am delighted to announce that the ICB will be hosting a webinar on Pharmacy Supervision consultation Webinar on Monday 5th Feb 2024.

Webinar details are as below..

- Date: Monday 5th February 2024.
- Time: 13:00-14:00

Please join by clicking this teams link [here](#).



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 11th 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:

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

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

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



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 \(cpe.org.uk\)](#).



ADHD Medicines Supply Disruption update 01.02.24

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has issued a [National Patient Safety Alert](#) on supply disruptions affecting various strengths of the following medications for the treatment of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) on 27th September 2023.

Attached is further information with updated re-supply dates. Not all drugs and strengths are impacted, therefore the individual patient's medication and quantity should be reviewed before signposting.

A gentle reminder that community pharmacies will ONLY be able to dispense what is written on the prescription, therefore new prescriptions will be needed for changes to the drug/dose/strength. This is a legal requirement, please bear this in mind. A phone call to local pharmacies to understand stock levels prior to prescribing is recommended.

We appreciate that the supply disruption will cause anxiety for patients and their families, NHS Kent and Medway has set up a non-clinical helpline for patients who would like more information on the supply disruption (01634 335095 option 3 then

option 3, ADHD Medicine Shortages). This may help you to support the messaging for patients.

Kent and Medway guidance is available [here](#).



Reporting stock issues

Please ensure all staff are aware of the pathway to follow for reporting any medicines stock /price issues via [Community Pharmacy England](#).

The link to the reporting page is below:

<https://cpe.org.uk/dispensing-and-supply/supply-chain/problems-with-obtaining-a-generic-medicine/>.



If you want to find out more email
kentcft.oralhealthkent@nhs.net



With many families struggling to access NHS Dentistry you may find you are often asked for advise with dental problems. Our Oral Health resources are useful for parents, adults and professionals. The webpage is packed with information and has accessibility tools to translate the pages or read out loud. The Oral Health resources page will also guide as how to access KCHFT dental services. Please feel free to print the [poster](#) to display for customers and staff.



Online Training for Community Pharmacy Teams

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



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

To read the Kent & Medway Safeguarding Adults Board Newsletter click [here](#).

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