



## Newsletter

8th March 2024

Week 10

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



To download the March 2024 Deadline Tracker click [here](#).



**Limited opportunity for funded Pharmacist Independent Prescribing prescribing course places at MSOP June 2024 cohort (short deadline)**

An opportunity has arisen for NHS Kent and Medway to fund a limited number of places for Pharmacists working within Kent and Medway on the Independent / Supplementary Prescribing – PGCert course at Medway School of Pharmacy (June 2024 cohort).

The June 2024 Cohort information can be found via this [link](#). Please note that this cohort is 12 months in duration.

If you have anyone within your organisation who is prescribing ready and would be able to submit an application to Medway School of pharmacy by 25th March, please **email the Pharmacy Workforce Team [kmicb.pharmacyworkforce@nhs.net](mailto:kmicb.pharmacyworkforce@nhs.net) to express an interest in accessing this funding by 18th March.**

If you have anyone within your departments who has already applied to this cohort through self-funding and they would like to have the opportunity to have their funding provided by NHS Kent and Medway, please also express interest in this through the email [kmicb.pharmacyworkforce@nhs.net](mailto:kmicb.pharmacyworkforce@nhs.net) by 18th March.

This opportunity is open to all sectors within Kent and Medway, please direct any questions to the Pharmacy Workforce Team at the previously mentioned email address.

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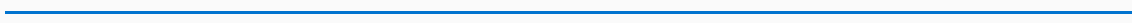
**Pharmoutcomes: Multi-factor Authentication**

Healthcare systems are currently at high risk of cyber attacks. The urgent implementation of multi factor authentication has been taken to eliminate risk, protect patients and keep data safe in line with national guidance.

PharmOutcomes have been advising pharmacies they:

- have implemented Multi-Factor-Authentication (MFA)
- For guidance and process click [here](#)
- For MFA FAQ click [here](#)
- can contact the support line using on 0345 450 6279 for help.
- Advise all contractors to set up individual user access for their organisation.
- For guidance on how to set up users click [here](#)

The LPC is continuing to monitor this issue and will update you as soon we get further update.





### **Ear Nose and Throat Training (Fully Booked)**

We look forward to welcoming you to the *Pharmacy First – Ear, nose and throat clinical assessment skills* workshop on the 3rd of March 2024, at The Mercure Hotel, Maidstone, ME17 1RE.

Please arrive in plenty of time to register and sign a consent form and ensure that you are available for the full duration of the workshop. You will be expected to engage in practising clinical examination skills at the event and **it is essential that you bring an otoscope with you**. Please make sure you have the required batteries for your otoscope and some disposable specula to use during the session.

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### **Pharmacy First Consultations Claims for February 2024**

The NHSBSA has confirmed that the deadline to make claims for February Pharmacy First consultations has been extended **until 5pm on Friday 15th March 2024**.

If you completed any consultations on 31st January 2024, these should also be submitted as part of the February 2024 submission.

Read [here](#) for further guidance  
Claim via [Manage Your Service \(MYS\) portal](#).

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### **Kent Pharmacy First update**

Since the launch of Pharmacy First from Pharmrefer data produced, we have seen over 6000 referrals into Community Pharmacy from GP surgeries. Thank you for all the hard work to make this service a success across our patch.

The LPC have been following the service closely and have some key learnings that we'd like to share:

1. As a reminder, when referring to another pharmacy please be sure to call ahead and ensure that the pharmacy can provide service, this will help facilitate patient experience and prevent delays in care.
  2. In line with NHS national guidance, all pharmacies will need to have an Otoscope before 1<sup>st</sup> April to provide the Otitis Media pathway.
  3. Forging good communication links with local surgeries is critical to help establish an effective collaborative-working strategy, which in turn will provide a great benefit to our patients.
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### **Data Security & Protection Toolkit 2023/2024**

CPE are running this webinar to support with completing your 2023/24 toolkit submission.

"2024 Data Security & Protection Toolkit "

Wednesday 20th March 2024 at 7pm

Sign up [here](#).

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### **Shortage of salbutamol 2.5mg/2.5ml and 5mg/2.5ml nebuliser liquid unit dose vials**

A Medicines Supply Notification (MSN) issued on 14 February 2024, detailed a shortage of salbutamol 2.5mg/2.5ml and 5mg/2.5ml nebuliser liquid.

The resolution date is to be confirmed. The supply issues have been caused by a combination of manufacturing issues resulting in increased demand on other suppliers.

EPACT data shows that we have supplied 132,539 nebules across Kent and Medway in the months Oct-Dec 23. The LPC is working with the ICB to look at how we continue to support patients.

Please click [here](#) guidance on ordering and prescribing unlicensed imports

Click [here](#) for National Patient safety alert action required from you.

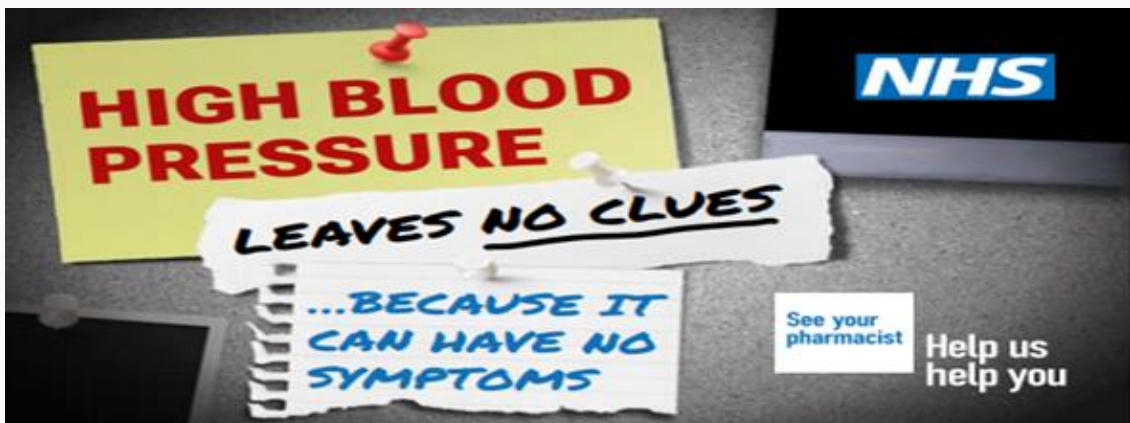
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### No Smoking Day 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024

We are pleased to inform you that a range of resources to help you support No Smoking Day are now available to download from the Campaign Resource Centre. These can be used immediately to help drive awareness and encourage smokers to make a quit attempt as we approach No Smoking Day on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

Click this link for campaign resources: [Better Health Quit Smoking | Campaigns | Campaign Resource Centre \(dhsc.gov.uk\)](#).



### High blood pressure campaign

A new high profile blood pressure testing campaign launches Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March with adverts across TV, social media, PR and billboards, encouraging those 40 and over to get a free blood pressure check at the nearest participating pharmacy.

Click this link for campaign resources [Hypertension \(High Blood Pressure\) |](#)

[Help Us Help You - Heart Attack, Stroke and Hypertension | Campaign Resource Centre \(dhsc.gov.uk\).](https://www.dhsc.gov.uk)

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**LPC Meeting:**

Community Pharmacy Kent (Kent LPC) meeting is next week. Details of the meeting is as below.

**Date:** 12th March 2024

**Venue:** Mercure Maidstone Great Danes Hotel, Hollingbourne, Maidstone ME17 1RE.

**Time:** The meeting is open to all contractors from 2 pm.

For more details, please contact us at [admin@kentlpc.org.uk](mailto:admin@kentlpc.org.uk) or call 01634649101.

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### **Ear Nose and Throat Pharmacy first Training session**

We were delighted to see 120 contractors at the face-to-face ENT training on 3rd March 2024. Special thanks to Sara Ridgeway-green, Regional Manager CPPE Southeast Coast, and the CPPE team for a phenomenal training session.

This marks the second training session, and collectively with Kent LPC in collaboration with CPPE, 295 pharmacists have been trained to enhance the delivery of the Pharmacy First service.

Stay tuned for updates on future training sessions.

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### **Trainee Pharmacist Recruitment via Oriel:**

We appreciate the participation of those who attended the webinar on 28th February 2024.

For those who missed it, you can [here](#) to access the recording.

For further information regarding the recruitment of trainee pharmacists, please contact Maria Staines at [maria.staines@nhs.net](mailto:maria.staines@nhs.net).

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### **New IP supervision resource for prospective DPPs, employers and system leaders**

NHS England are pleased to announce a new multi-professional resource for clinicians considering becoming a DPP and employers and system leaders aiming to support DPP capacity in their workforce, particularly the pharmacy workforce.

The resource consists of a suite of web pages, frameworks, real-life examples and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). It also includes information for prospective DPPs from professions other than pharmacy, wishing to support a pharmacist IP learner.

The resource aims to reduce barriers to the DPP role by ensuring those eligible understand the role, its expectations and where to find advice

and training. This could contribute to an increase in DPP and Independent Prescribing capacity across all sectors, particularly pharmacy primary care settings, including community pharmacies.

The resource can be accessed via the following [link](#).

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

To read the latest edition of the Medicines Optimisation Newsletter click [here](#).

The Medicines Optimisation Newsletter contains:

[NICE News](#)

[Gluten Free Prescribing FAQ](#)

[ADHD Update](#)

[Briefing Statement on OTC medicines for prescribers](#)

[Position Statement Armour Thyroid](#)

[Position Statement on the Prescribing of medicines available to purchase over the counter](#)

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