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## Newsletter

26th April 2024

Week 17

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



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



### **Early May Bank Holiday Poster 2024**

Bank Holiday Poster for Monday 6th May detailing which pharmacies will be open on the bank Holiday across Kent can be found on LPC website by clicking [here](#).

Please ensure that your DoS and NHS.UK profiles are updated with your opening hours if you are open on Monday 6th May 2024. This can be done via the new NHS Profile Manger tool.

To access the NHS Profile Manager tool please use this [URL](#). Further details and how to register can be found [here](#)

A map of the pharmacies that will be open on the Bank Holidays can be found [here](#).

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### **New LPC team member**

Please join me in welcoming Natalia Bejan our new LPC PA/ Office administrator. Natalia has worked as a Dispensing Assistant for various

community pharmacies and has good understanding of our sector. She has already made a positive impact since joining the LPC.

Please join me in welcoming her to the team. Her email is: [natalia.bejan@kentlpc.org.uk](mailto:natalia.bejan@kentlpc.org.uk)

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### **LPC webinar recording**

Thank you to all who attended our NHS commissioned services update webinar on April 16th, 2024. If you missed the webinar, don't worry, you can catch up by watching the on- demand recording by clicking [here](#).

We encourage ongoing participation in these webinars as they are announced, as your views are essential for us to provide robust representation. Your engagement ensures that we address your needs effectively.

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## Pharmacy contraception service de-registration

Following conversations and agreement with NHS England, in response to queries from pharmacy owners and some LPCs regarding pharmacies that were de-registered from the Pharmacy Contraception Service, the NHBSA has sent the [attached](#) communication, by email, directly to all 381 pharmacies that were de-registered from the service, to offer them the chance to re-register.

Please email [admin@kentlpc.org.uk](mailto:admin@kentlpc.org.uk) If you need further guidance and support.

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**The NHS Prescription Charge  
from 1 May 2024 is**

**£9.90**  
**per item**

### [Prescription charge to rise to £9.90 on 1 May 2024 \(Reminder\)](#)

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has announced that from **1st May 2024**, the NHS prescription charge will **increase to £9.90 per prescription item** (note: some items may incur more than one charge). For [prescriptions dispensed in April 2024](#), the NHS prescription charge will remain at £9.65.

For poster and to read more click this link [Prescription charge to rise to £9.90 on 1 May 2024 - Community Pharmacy England \(cpe.org.uk\)](#)

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## Data Security and Protection Toolkit 2024 (Reminder)

Pharmacy owners are required to submit their pharmacy's Data Security and Protection Toolkit by **30th June 2024**.

You can now view a recorded version of the CPE workshop and the slides used via the links below:

For webinar recording click [here](#)

For webinar slides click [here](#)

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## **Independent Pharmacy Awards (Reminder)**

This year's **Independent Pharmacy Awards** programme is now open for entries, with the event itself taking place on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September for all finalists at the House of Commons.

- Link to the Entries Leaflet in flipping book format [here](#) . It is downloadable from that link in pdf format if you wish.
- Link to the awards for entering: [Independent Pharmacy Awards 2024](#)

The LPC will support any of our independent contractors that choose to enter this award.

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## **CPPE learning opportunity for Community Pharmacy technicians**

### ***CPPE Pharmacy technician impact groups – now open for bookings!***

CPPE have a limited number of places on three pharmacy technician impact groups starting in May 2024. These are a series of small group sessions designed to support pharmacy technicians to build their confidence and develop their leadership skills further. They enhance the ability to undertake a professional approach to practice and lifelong learning. They also provide a networking opportunity with other pharmacy technicians in practice.

The sessions run over a 12-month period where groups meet six times at approximately eight weekly intervals. They are facilitated by a CPPE tutor who is specially trained in an action learning approach. The impact

groups are open to any pharmacy technician in England, in any sector of practice, who deliver or support the delivery of NHS Services.

Click [here](#) to find out more information about the Pharmacy technician impact groups, or how to book a place. Please note, there are a limited number of places and demand will likely be high so act fast if you want a place for yourself or an employee.

If you have any questions, please email North West Regional

Tutor: [joanne.nevinson@cppe.ac.uk](mailto:joanne.nevinson@cppe.ac.uk) or [info@cppe.ac.uk](mailto:info@cppe.ac.uk)

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### **NHS England Southeast Discharge Medicine Service (DMS) Webinar 4th June.**

NHS England are inviting stakeholders to a Regional DMS event on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024, from 10am-1pm via MS Teams.**

There will be the opportunity to hear from a number of speakers including a Trust that has successfully embedded the service, as well as discuss enablers and barriers to delivering the service. This will include break-out meetings to discuss topics like digital solutions and barriers to the delivery of the service.

Please email [admin@kentplc.org.uk](mailto:admin@kentplc.org.uk) or phone on 01634649101 if you would like to attend.

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### **C difficile webinar invitation 2nd May**

#### ***Impact of C. Difficile Infections and Management Update – 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024***

The KMICB Medicines Optimisation Team would like to invite all health care professionals involved in the management of *C Difficile* infection to a Teams webinar on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 from 1pm – 3pm. The webinar will include presentations from local and national experts in the field around the current challenges in Kent and Medway, the impact of infection on patients' quality of life and an update on management.

You can register for the webinar here: [C. Difficile webinar registration](#)  
This meeting is organised and funded by Tillotts Pharma UK.

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**Supply issues with Daktacort®hydrocortisone1% miconazole 2% cream and Mesalazine Asacol® 400mg MR gastro-resistant tablets**



Please find attached below;

- **[A Tier 2 Medicine Supply Notification \(MSN\) for: Daktacort® \(hydrocortisone 1% / miconazole 2%\) cream](#)**
- **[A Tier 2 Medicine Supply Notification \(MSN\) for: Mesalazine \(Asacol®\) 400mg MR gastro-resistant tablets](#)**

The contents of this MSN can be viewed on the [Medicines Supply Tool](#). The Tool also details any changes to resupply dates and updates to the entries. To access the Tool you will be required to register with the SPS Website: <https://www.sps.nhs.uk/>

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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](#).

To read the latest edition of Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board newsletter click [here](#)

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