

This newsletter contains important information for
Community Pharmacy Kent owners and staff in Kent & Medway



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



NHSE opens EOI process for future C-19 vacs service campaign.

NHS England (NHSE) has, today (30th May 2024), announced the start of a new expression of interest (EOI) process for pharmacy owners that wish to take part in future COVID-19 vaccination service campaigns

between September 2024 and March 2026.

NHSE has published the Enhanced service specification for the service, comprehensive guidance on the EOI process and the site sign-up process:

[COVID-19 vaccination Enhanced service specification and guidance on the Community Pharmacy Expression of Interest Process](#)

Any pharmacy owners interested in submitting an expression of interest to provide the service from their pharmacy premises should start by reviewing the content of these documents.

The EOI process opens today (30th May 2024) on the [NHS Business Services Authority's Manage Your Service \(MYS\) portal](#) and for the Autumn/Winter 2024 COVID-19 vaccination campaign, the interim response deadline for submissions is 11.59pm on 27th June 2024.



Community Pharmacy PCN engagement role guidance

Guidance has been published this week to support recruitment for the [Community Pharmacy Primary Care Network \(PCN\) Engagement Lead role](#), which has been established to support the regional implementation of the Primary Care Access Recovery Plan (PCARP).

This [role](#) will help to develop the vital partnership between general practice and community pharmacy, including supporting the implementation of the Pharmacy First Service and expanding the Blood

Pressure Checks Service and Pharmacy Contraception Service.
Funding for the role is being provided as part of the SDF transfers due in June 2024.



KCC Public Health Pharmacist role - now open for applications.

This unique post is situated withing the Kent County Council Public Health Team with strong links to Kent and Medway Integrated Care Board, Community Pharmacy Kent (the LPC), and community pharmacies across Kent.

To apply and lean more click this

link <https://jobsearch.kent.gov.uk/jobs/job/Public-Health-Pharmacy-and-Quality-Lead/10632>



DSP toolkit declaration deadline reminder: Fri 30 June 2024

This is a reminder that the deadline for pharmacies to complete the 2023/24 Data Security and Protection toolkit is **Friday 30 June 2024**. Community Pharmacy England has published a new guidance to help pharmacy owners to complete the tool kit.

Please follow the link [below](#) for the guidance:

Please follow the [link](#) below for the DSP Toolkit:

If you have completed the DSP toolkit, **thank you**.



General Election campaigning begins

The Prime Minister has announced the date for the next UK General Election as 4th July 2024, and Community Pharmacy England is continuing the critical work to build supporters in readiness for the new Parliament.

An election had been expected this year and we have long been gearing up for this. Our influencing and lobbying work in recent months has included briefing numerous politicians and the health policy teams from all parties, raising awareness of core pharmacy issues in the media, and setting out clear asks for the future, including in the joint [#VotePharmacy](#)

Manifesto.

An election campaigning period is a good time to reach out to political parties and prospective candidates to get them thinking about community pharmacies. We have begun contacting a wide list of Prospective Parliamentary Candidates, working with LPCs to arrange pharmacy visits, and are ready to brief new MPs when they take office.

Community pharmacy owners and their team members are encouraged to help amplify our national work by contacting their local election candidates. We are updating our resources and guidance to assist with these efforts.



Pharmacy Advice Audit

Commencing on **Monday 3rd June**, pharmacies will be asked to record data about patients seeking informal advice (outside of the Pharmacy First service) over the course of a single day.

The audit has been designed to be as straightforward for pharmacy teams as it can be and full instructions will be made available shortly. Click [here](#) for more information.



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**FOR ACTION by 2 JUNE 2024 - Annual Complaints Report 2023/24
(Note deadline)**

The annual complaints return for 2023/24 is now **OVERDUE**.

Please complete the MS form via the link below by **2 June 2024**.

[South East Pharmacies: Annual Complaints Report - 1st April 2023-31st March 2024 \(office.com\)](#)

This is a mandatory requirement and failure to comply may result in remedial action.



No Prescription charges for NRT issued to OY Smokefree Patients

One You Kent wanted to send out a gentle reminder regarding no

prescription fees being charged for OneYou Kent Smokefree clients. The team have recently received some client feedback stating that they have been charged a prescription fee for NRT products provided as part of their OneYou Kent Smokefree programme.

From 1st August 2021, the removal of the NRT PGD allowed for all clients on the OneYou Kent Smokefree programme to **no** longer be charged a prescription fee for any NRT medications given throughout their full quit attempt, regardless of their prescription fee exemption status.

The removal of the NRT PGD, ensured pharmacists were no longer required to carry out a consultation for NRT and the blue (PGD) appointment card was replaced with a unique client reference number. From April 2023, with the implementation of Health Manager, clients present voucher numbers to collect their NRT.

Specialised training is no longer required to dispense NRT products. This can be dispensed by any member of your pharmacy team who has access to Health Manager.

In order to prevent any accidental administration errors, the 'fees paid' tick box on the voucher module will be removed.

If prescription charges have been taken in error the provider need to arrange a full refund to the client.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us: kentchft.oythirdpartysupport@nhs.net



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

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