

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



Pharmacy First – When can you claim?

We have received queries about when it is appropriate to make a claim for a Pharmacy First consultation and when a clinical record needs to be created.

There are many scenarios within the Pharmacy First service therefore to help pharmacy owners and their teams know when you can make a claim for a payment, Community Pharmacy England (CPE) have published a resource to assist with this. The below resource lists the different scenarios, whether you need to make an entry in your Pharmacy First IT system for that scenario and whether you can claim payment:

[The Pharmacy First service – When can you claim?](#)

Ensuring that you are claiming for all appropriate consultations is especially important going forward as the minimum number of clinical pathway consultations that cross the Gateway point increases to ten per month from May 2024; this is the minimum number that needs to be achieved for pharmacy owners to be eligible for the monthly fixed payment of £1,000.

Further information on the Pharmacy First service can be found on our **Pharmacy First webpage**.

We hold weekly meetings to review pharmacy-first referrals into community pharmacy. Please continue your efforts to foster collaboration with your local GP practices to enhance patient access.

If you need support, please email admin@kentlpc.org.uk or contact 01634649101.



Community Pharmacy Kent (Kent LPC) committee meeting

We have our face-to-face LPC meeting next Tuesday 14th May 2024. The meeting is open to observers attend from 2pm-4.30pm.

Committee meeting venue is as below:

Holiday Inn Maidstone/Sevenoaks
London Road
Wrotham Heath
Sevenoaks
Kent
TN15 7RS

Please email admin@kentlpc.org.uk if you would like to attend or want any point to be raised at the meeting .



Bradford mock registration exam- now open for bookings for Trainee pharmacists

The University of Bradford Mock Registration exam is now open for bookings. We put all of our TPs onto this exam but I know that most southern trainee pharmacists are unaware of it. You may wish to put something in your next newsletter stating:

Trainee Pharmacists- The University of Bradford mock Registration Exam is now open for bookings.

Details are available at:

<https://estore.bradford.ac.uk/product-catalogue/faculty-of-life-sciences/pharmacy/pre-reg-mock-exam/bradford-mock-pharmacy-registration-assessment-2024>



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**.



Medicines supply issues are a daily battle, Pressures Survey confirms

Community Pharmacy England has today released a national report confirming the severe impact of the **worsening medicines supply situation** on patients and community pharmacies across England.

The [Pharmacy Pressures Survey 2024: Medicines Supply Report](#) sets out what pharmacy owners and their teams have told us about just how critical the situation has become. The report, which is being shared with national media, MPs and other pharmacy advocates this week, is based on views shared by the owners of over 6,100 pharmacy premises in England and 2,000 pharmacy team members in our recent Pressures Survey.

Issues with medicines supply, drug shortages and market instability are now at the worst that pharmacies have ever seen, and these issues have become the highest point of concern for many across the sector.

Click [here](#) to read more

Pharmacy owners can help raise awareness of this issue using our new resources:

- [Medicines Supply Poster and Digital Screen files](#) (for display in your pharmacy)
 - [Social Media Assets](#) (for use online)
 - [MP Briefing](#) (to share with local politicians)
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Practical Management of Hypertension - Webinar in support of May Measurement Month

In support of the **May Measure Month**, Public Health Directorate NHS England South East Region will be running an online lunchtime webinar on management of hypertension for Health Care Professionals in Kent Surrey Sussex on the 21st May 2024 from 1pm to 2pm

The webinar is aimed at all MDT Health Care Professionals across Kent Surrey Sussex working in Primary Care, Secondary Care and Community Pharmacies

Webinar details:

Online via MS Teams

Date: **Tuesday 21st May 2024**

Time: **1pm-2pm**

Register to attend through this link: [Register here to attend Hypertension Management Webinar](#)

May Measurement Month

The British & Irish Hypertension Society is supporting the ISH initiative to measure over 25 million blood pressures around the world during the month of May.

May Measurement Month - British and Irish Hypertension Society | Registered UK Charity No. 287635 (bihsoc.org)



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.



VIRTUAL
OUTCOMES

Online Training for
Community Pharmacy Teams



FREE Virtual Outcomes Training: Common Skin Conditions Modules Available

New online training modules around [Fungal Infections](#) and [Acne](#) are now available to access for all pharmacies in Kent.

Click the links above to read more about these new modules.

Follow the simple steps below to access Virtual Outcomes:

1. Visit the link [below](#);
2. Enter your pharmacy F Code
3. Click on the training menu for the course you wish to view
4. Click "Start Course"
5. Complete the registration form



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:

[ADHD Update](#)

[Brand and Generic](#) names of eye drops used to treat glaucoma.

[NICE News](#)

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