

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



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From the Left Zoe Long, Mr Mandeep Sandhu and Mrs Sandhu, Katie Lamb and Mark Anyaegbuna.



From the Mark Anyaegbuna, Aisha Cuthbert and Lewis Appleton

Kent LPC CEO Pharmacy Visits

I am delighted to have visited Kamsons Pharmacy on Quartz Way in Sittingbourne and Coxheath Pharmacy in Coxheath with prospective parliamentary candidates .

A special thank you to Mr Mandeep Sandhu and Mrs Sandhu (Owners of Coxheath Pharmacy) and Lewis Appleton (Pharmacy Manager at Kamsons Pharmacy) for the warm welcome and the thorough description of the current state of our pharmacies.

These types of engagements with prospective MPs are crucial in ensuring that there is a good understanding of the sector and its challenges. If you are planning a visit with a prospective MP, please let the LPC office know so we can support the visit.

Guidance to support pharmacy owners with engaging prospective parliamentary MPs can be found here [Engaging with politicians - Community Pharmacy England \(cpe.org.uk\)](https://www.cpe.org.uk/engaging-with-politicians)

A promotional banner for the Pharmacy Advice Audit. The main text 'Pharmacy Advice Audit' is in a large, dark green serif font. To the right, a purple box contains the text 'Help gather critical evidence' and 'Take part between 3rd and 16th June 2024' in white. At the bottom left, there is a logo with orange and purple squares and the URL 'cpe.org.uk/adviceaudit'. At the bottom right is the 'Community Pharmacy England' logo, featuring a green cross and the text 'Community Pharmacy England' in orange and green.

Pharmacy Advice Audit

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 [cpe.org.uk/adviceaudit](https://www.cpe.org.uk/adviceaudit)

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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.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Please complete the audit using this [template](#).

Deadline for completion has now been extended to **28th June 2024**.

The more pharmacies that take part, the bigger the impact it will have to help drive lobbying efforts and support the case for more funding for community pharmacy.



DSP Toolkit Declaration deadline reminder

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**.



Community Pharmacy Assurance Framework (CPAF) screening questionnaire

Pharmacy contractors should soon receive confirmation from NHSBSA that the CPAF screening questionnaire will go live on **1 July 2024** and will be available for completion until midnight on **31 July**.

Users of the [NHSBSA's Manage Your Service \(MYS\)](#) portal will be able to complete this year's CPAF by logging in. The very small number of contractors who do not have a sign in for MYS will be able to complete the questionnaire online and will receive email details on how to do this.

Completion of the screening questionnaire is compulsory, and the results of the questionnaire will form the basis of which contractors will be asked to complete the full CPAF survey and may be visited later.



Lateral Flow Device Updated service specs

The service specification for the [Lateral flow device tests supply service for patients potentially eligible for COVID-19 treatments](#) (LFD service) has had some minor amendments made to it following discussions between Community Pharmacy England and NHS England.

The changes to the specification have been made to make the eligibility criteria section clearer to understand, as well as emphasising that patients eligible for the service do not need to have symptoms of COVID-19 to obtain a free box of LFD test kits under the service. Wherever possible, eligible patients should obtain LFD tests via the service in advance of developing symptoms.

The [service page](#) on our website has been updated to reflect the changes and updated resources have also been published for use by pharmacy owners.

[Read the updated service specification](#)

**Kent and Medway Pharmacy Professionals Conference 8th
September 2024**

Register to attend, nominate colleagues for awards and submit your posters

You are all invited to **Kent and Medway's first face-to-face Pharmacy Professionals' Celebratory Conference on 8th September, Hosted by Medway School of Pharmacy.**

This event will be an opportunity for pharmacy professionals from across the system to come together, hear about local initiatives and collaborative working, celebrate success with awards, share project posters and network to build stronger links.

1. **Save the date and register for your free place** using the link <https://buytickets.at/nhskentandmedway1/1281519> or QR code: (See attached poster for details)



2. **Nominate your colleagues or yourself for an award** using the link: <https://forms.office.com/e/pCTtqw2uWg> or QR code:



Winners will be presented with an award at the conference, 5 categories to choose from.

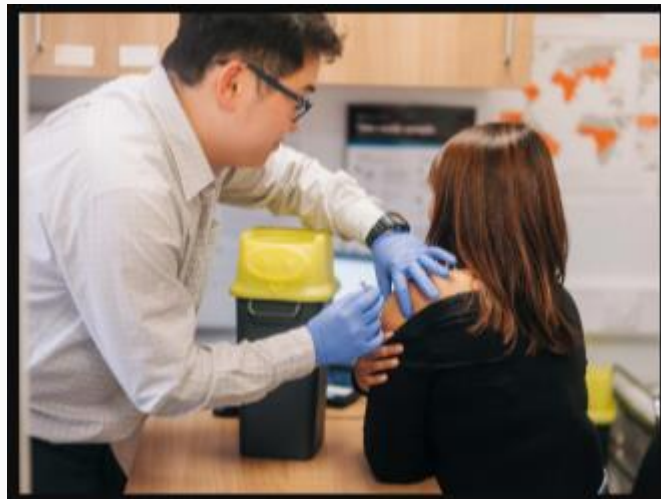
3. **Submit a poster of a recent project** to showcase your success and share your learning. Use the poster submission form attached

and if you have not yet created a poster, use the attached suggested template as a guide. Live voting for best poster and runner up on the day.

If you have any questions about the event or award or poster entries, please email mariastaines@nhs.net

Click [here](#) for suggested poster template.

Click [here](#) for poster submission form.



Flu Vaccination ACTION TO TAKE

QIVr flu vaccine not available for 2024/25 flu vaccine programme

Sanofi have confirmed that, due to an unexpected manufacturing issue, the recombinant quadrivalent influenza vaccine (QIVr) will now not be available for this year's adult flu vaccination programme. Sanofi will also contact their customers directly about this.

As a result of this issue, an amendment has been made to the [National Flu Immunisation Programme 2024-2025 letter](#) setting out the alternative vaccines that providers can order for the adult programme based on JCVI recommendations. The amendment also signposts [to the updated list of influenza vaccines](#) marketed in the UK for 2024/25 which includes

manufacturers' contact details.

To note that for older adults this now includes use of the high-dose quadrivalent influenza vaccine (QIV-HD) which will be available in 2024 to 2025 in the UK market. Alternatively, further orders of other first line vaccines, the adjuvanted quadrivalent influenza vaccine (aQIV) for those aged 65+ and cell-based quadrivalent influenza vaccine (QIVc) for those under 65 years, should be made.

The full amendment to the annual flu letter is available here: [National flu immunisation programme plan 2024 to 2025 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/118442/national-flu-immunisation-programme-plan-2024-to-2025.pdf)

Providers are responsible for securing alternative supplies of vaccine and should order first line vaccines where possible. This will be reimbursed by NHS England in the usual way. If second line vaccines are ordered, regional commissioning teams may still request evidence that providers have exhausted every attempt to secure alternative first line vaccines before reimbursement is agreed.

As QIVr is only licensed for those aged 18 and over, there is no impact on the children's vaccination programme.

Preparing for the 2025/26 Foundation Training Year



Medicine supply notification

1. Tier 2 Medicine Supply Notification (MSN) for: Erythromycin 250mg gastro-resistant tablets as [attached](#).

2. Tier 2 Medicine Supply Notification (MSN) for: Quetiapine 150mg, 200mg, 300mg tablets as [attached](#).
3. Tier 2 Medicine Supply Notification (MSN) for: Clomethiazole 192mg capsules as [attached](#).
4. A Tier 2 Medicine Supply Notification (MSN) for: Co-trimoxazole 40mg/200mg/5ml oral suspension sugar free as [attached](#).
5. A Tier 2 Medicine Supply Notification (MSN) for: Imiquimod (Aldara®) 5% cream and podophyllotoxin (Warticon®) 0.5% solution and 0.15% cream as [attached](#).

National patient safety alert: Shortage of pancreatic enzyme replacement therapy (PERT)

A [national patient safety alert \(NPSA\) for pancreatic enzyme replacement therapy \(PERT\)](#) has been issued. It supersedes the medicine supply notification (MSN/2024/054) which was issued on 9 May 2024.

There are limited supplies of PERT.

- Creon® 10,000 and 25,000 capsules are in limited supply until 2026.
- Nutrizym® 22 capsules are out of stock until mid-August 2024.
- Pancrex V® capsules and powder remain available but are unable to support an increase in demand.

There is further consensus advice available [on the Pancreatic Society website](#) which is a position statement on the supply issues written by a number of professional bodies. This gives advice on optimisation of doses and symptom control.



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

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