

# Newsletter

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



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## <u>Pharmacy Owner Event, South East (Wednesday 24th July 2024)</u> (Deadline!)

Community Pharmacy England will be holding a roadshow for all Southeast pharmacy owners. This is part of a series of regional roadshow event across the country.

*Event details are as below:* <u>Location</u>: Crowne Plaza London - Gatwick Airport, 90 Langley Dr, Crawley RH11 7SX

<u>Timings</u>: **7:30pm - 9pm**, with doors open from 6:45pm when a hot buffet and light refreshments will be available.

The events are all free to attend, but you are asked to register in advance. Please note, attendance is for pharmacy owners only, places are made available on a first come first served basis.

Bookings for this event will close on **Wednesday 17th July**, unless we reach maximum numbers earlier.

**To book to attend** click this link <u>Pharmacy Owner Event</u>, <u>South</u> <u>East (Wednesday 24th July 2024) (office.com)</u>



## Sexual Health Services (THANK YOU)

Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust (KCHFT) Sexual Health Services would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to all community pharmacies across Kent and Medway for their invaluable contribution to the locally commissioned Sexual Health Service contract. Your provision of emergency contraception and chlamydia treatment over the last financial year has significantly benefited the communities that you serve.

Thanks to your efforts, **4,569 emergency contraception and 946 chlamydia treatments** were supplied, allowing our clinics to dedicate more time to patients with complex sexual health needs.

If you have not yet joined the locally commissioned scheme and are interested in learning more, please reach out to Lisa James, Sexual Health Services Business Manager, at <u>Lisa.james@nhs.net</u>.

Once again, thank you for your support of KCHFT and the community of Kent and Medway.



## COVID-19 Vaccination Procurement Process Launch (Deadline!)

Please see the attached Autumn/Winter 2024/25 flu and COVID-19 seasonal campaign letter. The letter outlines the launch of the COVID-19 vaccination procurement process and the newly published contractual documents for September 2024 to March 2026. The deadline to submit a response document is **23:59 on 27 June 2024** to participate in the Autumn/Winter 2024 campaign.

Please ensure you review all documents and submit your responses by the deadline to participate in the upcoming campaign.

#### Important Links:

Letter Access:

• The letter is also published on the website <u>here</u>.

#### Contractual Documents:

• The new published contracts are available on the NHSE website <u>here</u>.

#### Submission Platform:

• The <u>NHSBSA</u> platform for potential suppliers to submit their responses is now live



Pharmacy Advice Audit (Deadline!)

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 <u>here</u> for more information. Please complete the audit using this <u>template</u>

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.



Data Security and Protection (DSP) Toolkit

DSP Toolkit Declaration (Deadline!)

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 <u>below</u> for the guidance:

Please follow the <u>link</u> below for the DSP Toolkit:

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



## <u>Community Pharmacy Assurance Framework (CPAF) screening</u> <u>questionnaire (</u>Reminder!)

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 <u>NHSBSA's Manage Your Service (MYS)</u> 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.

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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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

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



2. Nominate your colleagues or yourself for an award using the link: <u>https://forms.office.com/e/pCTtqw2uWg</u> 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 <u>mariastaines@nhs.net</u>

Click <u>here</u> for suggested poster template.

Click <u>here</u> for poster submission form.



# <u>South East Pharmacy NHS shared email review – response due by 23</u> June 2024 (Deadline!)

The NHS pharmacy commissioning hub team are conducting a review to ensure that all pharmacies are accessing and using their shared NHSmail Pharmacy email in accordance with the pharmaceutical regulations Terms of Service (ToS).

Please note, it is also a requirement in accordance with the ToS Paragraph 35(3), Schedule 4 that pharmacy contractors respond to requests for information from the commissioner in connection with its pharmaceutical services functions in a timely manner.

Use the link below to confirm that you have a shared pharmacy NHS email account and that it is monitored every working day. Response due by no later than **Sunday 23 June 2024.** 

Link: https://forms.office.com/e/0p2v8XVMzH

Your shared mailbox which would look like this: **pharmacy.ODScode@nhs.net** and it must have at least 2 (current pharmacy staff) linked users able to access it.



# <u>Upcoming Strike Action by Junior Doctors (Information)</u>

Strike action by junior doctors is expected to take place across Kent and Medway from **7am on Thursday**, **27 June to 7am on Tuesday**, **2 July**.

We anticipate a spike in Pharmacy First referrals to Community Pharmacy during the strike period. The impact on the sector will be actively monitored by the LPC office.

For detailed information regarding the industrial action and its implications for the public, please visit <u>NHS England's Information on</u> <u>Industrial Action</u>.



Online Training for Community Pharmacy Teams

Common Skin Conditions

See <u>HERE</u> for a full list of courses



To read the latest edition of the NHSE Primary Care Bulletin click here.

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