

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



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Pharmacy Vaccination Training- Kent LPC (useful!)

Please note that we will pull this training if we get less than 20 contractors that sign up to the training by Friday 5th July.

Community Pharmacy Kent (Kent LPC), in collaboration with ECG, has organized a comprehensive vaccination training for Community Pharmacy Contractors, GPHC registered Technicians and locums. The training is scheduled for **Sunday, 14th July 2024**, and will take place at Mercure Maidstone. This training session is open to both individuals new to vaccinations and those needing a refresher course.

Training Coverage:

- Practical skills required to vaccinate adults and children over the age of 2.

What is Required from You:

- **Venue Cost:** Paid by the LPC.
- **Trainer Cost:** Between £38-£49, depending on the number of sign-ups.
- **Session Choice:** Attend either a morning or afternoon training session.
- **Spaces Available:** 40 (20 per session).

Training Details:

- **Date:** 14/07/2024
- **Venue:** Mercure Maidstone Hollingbourne, Maidstone ME17 1RE
- **Morning Session:** 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM (20 delegates)
- **Afternoon Session:** 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM (20 delegates)

Registration: To register, please email Natalia Bejan at admin@kentlpc.org.uk or call **01634 649101** with the following details:

- Full Name
- Pharmacy Name
- Email Address

- Mobile Number

Note for Locums: You will need authorization from your Area Manager or Pharmacy owner.

Course Outcomes: By the end of this course, you will be able to:

- Deliver intramuscular and subcutaneous injections into the deltoid and thigh.
- Reconstitute vaccines.
- Draw up multi-dose vial injections.
- Deliver intranasal vaccination.
- Provide CPR.
- Recognize and treat anaphylaxis using adrenaline for children and adults.

Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your vaccination skills.



Pharmacy Owner Event, South East (Wednesday 24th July 2024)
(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:

Location: Crowne Plaza London - Gatwick Airport, 90 Langley Dr, Crawley RH11 7SX

Timings: **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 [Pharmacy Owner Event, South East \(Wednesday 24th July 2024\) \(office.com\)](#)



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 [here](#).

Contractual Documents:

- The new published contracts are available on the NHSE website [here](#).

Submission Platform:

- The [NHSBSA](#) platform for potential suppliers to submit their responses is now live



DSP Toolkit Declaration (Deadline!)

I am delighted to announce that we have just 25 contractors left to complete the DSP tool kit. Well done everyone.

We have been in contact with all the outstanding contractors so we can get our area to 100% completion.

Deadline for completion is **Sunday 30th July 2024**

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 (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 [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.

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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 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.



Pharmacy advice audit completion update

Thank you, team, for the brilliant engagement on Pharmacy Advice audit.
Top 7 in the country is a great place to be. Well done!
We have done our part to provide data to support national Pharmacy Contract negotiations.

Today is the last day to run the audit, however contractors can upload their data onto PharmOutcomes until Wednesday 3rd of July to give people time to complete the data entry.

Guide on how to upload the data on pharmoutcome:

Log on to Pharmoutcome → Services → Audit → CPE pharmacy advice audit data entry

Ranking		Number of respondents	Completion rate
1	North Cumbria LPC	31	49%
2	Devon LPC	97	48%
3	Avon LPC	90	47%
4	South Yorkshire LPC	139	46%
5	Derbyshire LPC	84	42%
5	Gateshead & South Tyneside LPC	30	42%
6	Hampshire and Isle of Wight LPC	125	40%
6	North Yorkshire LPC	49	40%

7	Cornwall and Isles of Scilly LPC	39	39%
7	Kent LPC	122	39%
	National ranking	3,339	32%



CPPE – Save the date

CPPE are pleased to confirm that we have now arranged a further face to face, full day, [NHS Pharmacy First: Clinical assessment and examination skills workshop](#) in the South East which will be held at the Holiday Inn Reading South (RG2 0SL) on [Sunday 10th November 2024](#).

This will support pharmacists to develop the skills and confidence needed to effectively deliver the NHS Pharmacy First service.

The workshop combines history taking, red flags and safety netting with clinical assessment and examination skills (including ENT clinical assessment skills).

It will be open for booking after the middle of July 2024 – we will let you know when it is available.



Outstanding GP notifications on Pharmoutcome (Important!)

Most Service Level Agreements (SLAs) require GP practices to be notified of consultation within 24-48hours.

When a service template is completed, the notification to the patient's registered practice is sent automatically by email where a verified email is confirmed. For practices that have not verified their email address, the notification will not be sent by email and the pharmacy must ensure the notification is sent via an alternative method e.g. Print and deliver to the practice.

If there are outstanding notifications that have not been sent by secure email for your pharmacy, users will see a warning message banner in PharmOutcomes > Service. From there you can click through to see a full list.

To read the full message click [here](#)

How to record notification as sent manually. For a short SOP the following text could be used:

If the GP has not verified their email address in PharmOutcomes:

1. Produce a pdf copy of the record using the link near the bottom of the notification
 2. Either send the pdf by email or print and send/take to the GP surgery
 3. In PharmOutcomes go to 'Reports Letters and Reminders' (in the left hand column)
 4. Mark the record as 'Sent manually'
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ADHD Medicines Supply Disruption update 21.06.24

Considering the Medicine Supply Notification (MSN):

Lisdexamfetamine (Elvanse®) capsules (08/05/24), ADHD service providers and specialists should:

- recommence initiating new and deferred patients on Elvanse® capsules, utilising a 30mg, 50mg & 70mg titration schedule, where possible;
- use their clinical judgment when initiating patients who may require titration at 10mg increments;
- take into account that Elvanse® 40mg, Elvanse Adult® 40mg and Elvanse® 60mg doses may be unavailable at times, which will limit titration options;
- offer advice to primary care teams seeking advice/opinion on the management of individual patients. This includes those known to be at a higher risk of adverse impact of these shortages. For example, those with co-morbidity autism, mental health or substance misuse ; and
- consider prescribing unlicensed products only where licensed alternatives are not appropriate.

We have been informed by Takeda that all strengths of Elvanse® and Elvanse Adult® are available via Alliance. Takeda have a robust supply of the 20mg, 30mg, 50mg and 70mg. However, anticipate there may be some intermittent disruption for Elvanse® 40mg and Elvanse® 60mg strengths beyond April 2024, as the supply situation stabilises. Kent and Medway ICB would therefore advise caution with initiating new patients on all strengths of Elvanse due to the possibility of certain strengths

being unavailable at times which will limit titration options.

With regards to shortages with Methylphenidate MR products:

- During the shortage switching between brands may be necessary
- The MHRA advises [caution if switching between MR methylphenidate products](#) as it can alter symptom management at different times of the day. This is due to differences in available strengths, ratios of IR to MR methylphenidate, and pharmacokinetics.
- Please ensure to prescribe methylphenidate MR products by brand. Alternatively, prescribe using the generic medicine name and name of the manufacturer.
- More information can be found on [Considerations when prescribing modified-release methylphenidate – SPS - Specialist Pharmacy Service – The first stop for professional medicines advice](#)

Some key points regarding the shortage:

- Even with the dates stated, it may take time for supplies to reach the front line.
- The stock situation remains fluid so please do speak to patients to understand their current supply.
- The national advice is not to start new patients on any affected products until the supply situation resolves.
- Non-pharmacological advice and coping strategies can be suggested to patients who are impacted by the supply disruption, the specialist services will have expertise in this area.

We appreciate that the supply disruption will cause anxiety for patients and their families, a reminder that NHS Kent and Medway has set up a non-clinical helpline for patients who would like more information on the supply disruption (01634 335095 option 3 then option 3, ADHD Medicine Shortages). This may help you to support the messaging for patients.



Pharmacy technicians and patient group directions

Amendments to the [Human Medicines Regulations 2012](#) (HMR 2012) took effect this week (26 June) which will enable registered pharmacy technicians – a regulated profession for over 10 years – to legally supply and administer certain medicines under patient group directions (PGDs).

NHS England is developing processes to consider updating NHS advanced and nationally agreed enhanced clinical service specifications in light of the new legislation for the maximum benefit for patients. This does not prevent registered pharmacy technicians from delivering services via a PGD outside of nationally commissioned services, as long as requirements are met. For more information on PGD requirements and further resources, visit the [SPS website](#).



Economic analysis of Community Pharmacy

As a part of the [Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework \(CPCF\) for 2022-24](#), a commitment was made by NHS England to “commission an economic analysis of NHS pharmaceutical services through an independent review, using data provided by contractors”, working with Community Pharmacy England and the Department of Health and Social

Care. This work has started, and pharmacies will soon be contacted by the supplier (Frontier and IQVIA) to take part in a data collection exercise.



Market Exit work moving to Primary Care Support England (PCSE)

From 1 July 2024, PCSE will be responsible for administering the processing of notices of withdrawal from a pharmaceutical list. Contractors should send these notices to PCSE.Marketentry@nhs.net. Any submissions before 1 July will still be dealt with by your local Integrated Care Board (ICB). Please continue to liaise directly with the ICB in relation to any notices submitted before 1 July 2024. PCSE's website will be updated as of 1 July. [Please visit their website for further details.](#)



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](#).
If you need more information do not hesitate to

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