



## Newsletter

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Week 37

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



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*Dear Colleagues,*

I'm honoured to have received the '**Inspiring Leadership Award**' from the Kent and Medway Integrated Care System (ICS) at the Pharmacy Professionals Conference on Sunday, 8th September 2024.

I am grateful for the support of my colleagues and for the opportunity to continue making a difference in our community.

Additionally, we received the '**Impactful Research Award**' for our Pharmacy First poster titled '**Embedding Pharmacy First in Kent and Medway.**' It was brilliant to see four posters submitted for Community Pharmacy at the conference, including a fantastic submission from Paydens.

A special thank you to Yasmin Karsons, Lead for Clinical Services at Karsons Pharmacy, for leading the AI workshop, and to all the colleagues who attended the conference.

I would also like to acknowledge Naomi Finch, Associate Director of Pharmacy Integration, for her dedication to advancing community pharmacy integration and the pharmacy technician network.

Thank you, team.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Anyaegbuna', with a stylized flourish at the end.

*Mark Anyaegbuna*  
*CEO Kent LPC*

Click this [here](#) for the conference award finalist.

Click this [here](#) for the conference agenda.

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**Important deadlines for COVID vaccination site only**

1. You must complete a one-time acknowledgement page in FDP supply dashboard by 13th September for vaccine deliveries w/c 23rd or 30th September.
2. From 2nd - 13th September- new sites will be added to Q-Flow
3. From 16th September sites need to add their availability
4. 23rd September- NBS will open to the public.
5. 3rd October- appointment booking starts.

If you need support, please email the LPC office [admin@kentlpc.org.uk](mailto:admin@kentlpc.org.uk)



## **Business Services Authority**

**Notifying unplanned temporary suspensions of pharmaceutical services via NHSBSA Manage Your Service (MYS)**

A module has been released to the MYS platform that enables contractors to notify their ICB of any temporary closure of their pharmacy instead of using the paper form or emailing the information to ICB pharmacy teams.

Using the MYS module will automatically ensure that pharmacy contractor notifications are sent directly to the relevant ICB, and will also enable the contractor to see a record of any submissions that have been made via MYS. Currently, use of the module is voluntary.

ICBs will receive reports of submissions multiple times a day so they are aware of any service suspensions in their area.



### **Amendment to NHS (Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations**

Amendments to the NHS (Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations have been laid in parliament. This means that from 1 October 2024, any applications made to the Pharmaceutical List will no longer require provision of details of suitable referees, and references will no longer be sought in relation to applications.

Any applications made before October will still have to provide the details of referees as before. The amendments can be viewed [here](#). Other amendments to the Regulations relating to the provision of drugs are also included and come in to force on 1 January 2025. Contractors should ensure they are familiar with the changes.



### **An evaluation of oral anticoagulant safety indicators by England's community pharmacies**

Anticoagulants are life-saving medicines that can prevent strokes for patients diagnosed with atrial fibrillation as well as treating patients with venous thromboembolism, but when used incorrectly, they are associated with patient harm. In 2021-22 and 2023-24, two national audits were incentivised in the Pharmacy Quality Scheme to understand the impact community pharmacy teams have on improving anticoagulant safety.

Approximately 11,000 community pharmacies audited just under a quarter of a million patients and made almost 150,000 interventions for patients taking oral anticoagulants. The results found community pharmacy teams are well placed in educating and counselling patients on the safe use of anticoagulants and ensuring that all patients are correctly monitored.

Full details are available [here](#).



### **Ensuring GP practices and community pharmacy are ready to support individuals being released early**

Your support is needed to ensure the continuity of care for individuals who will be released from prison as part of a [Ministry of Justice measure](#) to help relieve

prison capacity pressures. Those eligible for this initiative will be released from prisons across England on 10 September 2024 and 22 October 2024.

Click [here](#) to read the full letter. *(Note: there is an important reference of Community Pharmacy)*

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### **Serious Shortage Protocols**

There are several active Serious Shortages Protocols this month. The SSPs will allow pharmacists to substitute medicines as set out in the protocol.

To access the latest information about SSPs (including supporting guidance), please visit the following link – <https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pharmacies-gp-practices-and-appliance-contractors/serious-shortage-protocols-ssps>

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### **Pharmacy Vape Pilot Sites- Medway Pharmacies**

The Government have set an ambition for England to be smokefree (<5% prevalence) by 2030, and to achieve this we need 50% of smokers to undertake a quit attempt every year.

E-cigarettes are effective stop smoking aids. When combined with face-to-face behavioral support, e-cigarettes are **twice as effective** in supporting smokers to quit, and **one fifth of the cost** when compared to other nicotine replacement products such as patches or gum.

Click this [link](#) to read more about the rollout

Pharmacy sites involved in the vape pilot are as below;

- Delmergate, Shirley Av, Chatham
  - Paydens, Delce Rd, Rochester
  - Spensley's (Paydens), Gillingham
  - Fenns (Paydens), Parkwood, Rainham
  - Sturdee Pharmacy, Gillingham
  - Hoo Pharmacy (Paydens), Hoo
  - Bryant Rd Pharmacy, Strood
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### **Rivaroxaban Tablets Reimbursement Changes**

Starting this month, Rivaroxaban tablets (2.5mg, 10mg, 15mg, and 20mg) will be reclassified outside of Category C, impacting their reimbursement. Prices will now be based on generic products, calculated using supplier data under the Health Service Products (Provision and Disclosure of Information) Regulations 2018.

Branded prescriptions will continue to be reimbursed in line with the NHS list prices of Xarelto®.

Learn more [here](#).



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