



Newsletter

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Week 35

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



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Expansion of NBS offer to community pharmacies that offer a flu only service for AW24/25

Following the successful proof of concept in which community pharmacy contractors in the North West were able to upload seasonal flu appointment calendars onto the National Booking System (NBS), this Autumn all flu only community pharmacies have the opportunity to use NBS and upload flu appointments for eligible patients to book.

If you would like to take up this offer, and you do not already have access to NBS as part of the COVID-19 vaccination service, **please complete this form by 1 September: [NBS flu Form](#)**. You will need the pharmacy ODS code (code starting with F) and the name and secure email addresses of two pharmacy representatives who will be given access to NBS.

A secure email address must be from the authorised list available at the following link: [The secure email standard - NHS England Digital](#).

Following registration, you will be sent login details, training details and further information.

Any queries can be directed to: england.vacspolicyandcontracts@nhs.net



Flu and COVID-19 Seasonal Vaccination Programme: autumn/winter 2024/25 letter

We are writing to you with our latest [letter on the autumn/winter 2024/25 seasonal vaccination programmes](#).

Following the Government acceptance of [JCVI's advice](#) on the COVID-19 programme, this letter sets out the eligible groups for flu and COVID-19 vaccination in autumn/winter 2024/25, confirms the timing of the campaign (main campaign starting on 3 October, with flu vaccinations in children and pregnant women from 1 September), and lays out next steps.

It also outlines the importance of offering other vaccinations alongside the seasonal programme to those that are eligible where it is appropriate and clinically safe to do so. It particularly emphasises the importance of offering the RSV vaccine to those eligible at the earliest opportunity to give them vital protection ahead of winter.

Thank you for the planning that you have already taken to date in readiness to help deliver autumn/winter vaccinations.

Sinusitis 12 years and over	Sore throat 5 years and over	Acute otitis media 1 to 17 years	Infected insect bite 1 year and over
	Impetigo 1 year and over	Shingles 18 years and over	Uncomplicated UTI Women 16 to 64 years

Pharmacy First Myth Busting Series

Community Pharmacy England have launched a series of articles to tackle some of the misconceptions around Pharmacy First helping to increase understanding of the service.

[Article 1](#)

[Article 2](#)

[Article 3](#)

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Funded Independent prescribing training for Community Pharmacists

The NHS is offering further independent prescribing (IP) courses for community pharmacists, including locums.

This training, enables pharmacists to support patients from diagnosis to prescribing, and to provide advice and follow-up – while also helping them to feel confident and prepared for the new challenges of their role.

Courses are available until the end of March 2025, with [several universities](#)

[offering multiple dates for cohort intakes.](#)

Visit the [NHS England website](#).



CPPE Accuracy checking pharmacy technician (ACPT) funded places available

NHS England are offering funded places on the ACPT programme for pharmacy technicians until the end of March 2025 with up to 5 places on the course each month available to community pharmacy. The ACPT programme is open to pharmacy technicians who are registered with the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC), work in a premises in England and who meet the entry criteria. You can check the entry criteria [here](#).

If you are not eligible for an NHS England-funded place, the total cost of the course is £330 including VAT, which can be paid by either you or your employer.

Full details: [Accuracy checking pharmacy technician programme : CPPE](#)



One You service update.

Firstly, thank you all for your continued support of the One You service and understanding whilst they continue to improve the functionality of Health Manager.

One You are aware of the confusion and complexity of how you generate your payment reports and invoices for submission to KCHFT Payables and they have raised this with the system supplier, Bionical, to simplify the process.

With this in mind, and whilst any proposed improvements are under review, they would like to offer an online training session to support you in how to use the Excel payment report to check and calculate your due payment, along with how to read the PDF invoice and its final submission.

The training will be online via MS Teams and will last no more than 1 hour. As some pharmacies and GP Practices close for lunch from 1pm, one you have decided to start both sessions at 1pm so that the training does not impact your normal operating hours.

The training dates are as follows:

Monday 7th October - 1pm to 2pm

Wednesday 9th October - 1pm to 2pm

Please email kentchft.oythirdpartysupport@nhs.net with your chosen date, along with who from your pharmacy will be attending.

One You would like to welcome as many of you that provide the service to join either session.



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