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Newsletter

1st October 2024

Week 40

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



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Kent LPC October 2024 Deadline tracker:

To download October 2024 Deadline Tracker please click [here](#).



WhatsApp

Join Community Pharmacy WhatsApp Group

This is a reminder that there is a **Whatsapp** group for Community Pharmacy contractors across Kent. This is an information cascade only from Kent LPC office. There is no chat functionality.

Messages to this group will be sent between 9am-5pm Monday to Friday, unless it's an important webinar prompt reminder or critical update.

How to join the group;

Please send the following details to [**natalia.bejan@kentlpc.org.uk**](mailto:natalia.bejan@kentlpc.org.uk) to be added:

- Full name
- Name of pharmacy
- Mobile number

For CCA members please get authorization from your area manager before joining.



Flu and COVID vaccination

Winner vaccination Flu and COVID starts on Thursday 3rd of October 2024.
For more information including promotion materials click this link [here](#).



Pharmacy First thresholds

Pharmacy first October threshold have been reduced to 20.

Click the [Change to October Pharmacy First monthly threshold - Community Pharmacy England \(cpe.org.uk\)](#) to read more



Provider Assurance

Community Pharmacy Assurance Framework (CPAF) – full survey

The full CPAF survey monitoring pharmacy contractors' compliance in 2023/24 will be available to complete from 1 October until midnight on 31 October 2024.

Contractors will be contacted directly by the NHS Business Services Authority if their pharmacy has been selected. Completion is a mandatory requirement for all selected contractors and the results will form the basis for which pharmacies will be considered for a visit. Users of the NHSBSA's [Manage Your Service \(MYS\) portal](#) will be able to complete the survey via their MYS login.

If any contractor needs support, please contact the LPC office at admin@kentlpc.org.uk.



NHS England launch the Community Pharmacy Technician Apprenticeship Programme

NHSE have launched of the Community Pharmacy Technician Apprenticeship Programme. This programme will support Pre-registration Trainee Pharmacy Technicians (PTPTs) to be employed and complete their full 24-month

apprenticeship training within a **community pharmacy setting**. Upon completion of training and registration with the **General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC)** this will support community pharmacy to utilise the expertise and knowledge of registered pharmacy technicians as part of pharmacy services and wider reform.

Funding Offer

We are offering a training contribution of £15,053 per trainee, per year for two years (24 months) to support community pharmacies in developing a PTPT programme that meets the [GPhC IET standards for pharmacy technicians](#) and the [NHS England Education Quality Framework](#).

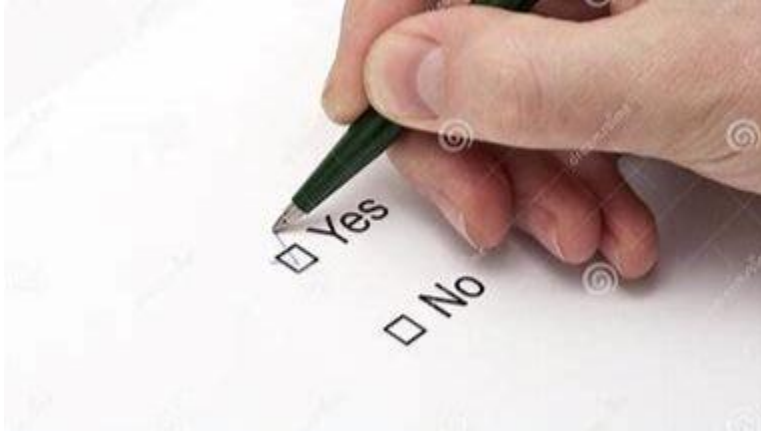
Next Steps

Application for funding is through expression of interest (EoI) submitted via an [online application form](#). The application window will open on **Monday 23 September 2024 until Sunday 13 October 2024**.

We will be holding a number of webinars via MS Teams to provide more information on the programme including the application process and how to access apprenticeship funding. These will be repeated, please use the link below to attend on your preferred date. You need only attend one webinar date.

- 1pm, [Wednesday 02 October](#)
- 7pm, [Tuesday 08 October](#)

If you have any questions, please email england.wtepharmacy.se@nhs.net with Community Pharmacy Technician Apprenticeship Programme in the subject field.



Review and action your queue of notification emails within PharmOutcomes system for clinical services

Post Event Messages (PEMs) for clinical services and submit the MS Form on the link below urgently please.

All pharmacy contractors are required to undertake the actions detailed in the attached (summarised below):

1. Review and action the queue of notification emails within the PharmOutcomes system for the clinical services delivered by the pharmacy, in order of priority as set out in Annex 1.
2. Follow instructions for manipulating the suppressed post event messages (PEMs) held within PharmOutcomes as set out in the supporting documentation; and follow guidance for sending notifications to a GP practice where suppressed PEMs need to be sent.
3. If there are any concerns about potential patient harm because of delayed notifications following a pharmacy consultation, please report the incident using the 'Learning From Patient Safety Events' portal and use the code 'PharmacyPEM' for reporting purposes.
4. Pharmacists must consider and fulfil their duty of candour.
5. Return the MS Form that is on the following link <https://forms.office.com/e/9GhF3h60Ks>

Please complete and submit the MS form, even if you do not have any PEMs.

To read more about Patient Safety Letter click [here](#), and for the guidance how to complete click [here](#).



- To read the latest news and updates from NHSE Primary Care Bulletin click [here](#).
- To read the latest edition of the Medicines Optimisation Newsletter click [here](#).
- For Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults updates please click here [here](#).

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