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Newsletter

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Week 44

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



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Kent and Medway Primary Care Strategy officially launched

We were delighted to join more than 100 people from various parts of primary at the launch event last week Thursday 17th October to discuss about how we can collectively make improvements across general practice, pharmacy, dentistry and ophthalmology.

The vision in five years' time:

- people using primary care will experience a consistent service
- multidisciplinary teams will have the time and space to serve patients well, responding to what matters most to them
- services will be local, well organised and comprehensive
- people will be able to access care when they need it through face-to-face or online consultations, with easy access to self-care advice
- the workforce will have access to training and development
- patients with a long-term condition will have an individual care plan based on their health needs.

The strategy has been [published here](#).

Community Pharmacy continue to be one of the four strategic pillars of primary care.



New funding arrangements for Dispensing Appliance Contractors

NHS England, following discussions with British Healthcare Trades Association, Specialist Independent Appliance Contractors Association, Urology Trade Association and independent contractors, has confirmed an uplift to the fees for Dispensing Appliance Contractors. With effect from 1 November 2024, professional fees (Part IIIB) and infrastructure fees (Part VIB) will be uplifted and published in the Drug Tariff.

Contractors will receive additional information from their membership body.

NHS England expects additional fees listed in 2A in Part IIIB to be uplifted by 1 February 2025.



Community Pharmacy Workforce Survey 2024

The Community Pharmacy Workforce Survey 2024 launched on Wednesday 16 October 2024 and will close on Wednesday 11 December 2024. This annual survey is recognised as an important part of the community pharmacy regulations. The survey is essential in helping NHS England plan for investment in the current and future community pharmacy workforce. The survey is commissioned by NHS England and conducted by the North of England Commissioning Support Unit (NECS).

Find out more about the [community pharmacy workforce survey](#).

Findings from 2023 survey were published in early October
[Community Pharmacy Workforce Survey - data.gov.uk](#)



Community Pharmacy Training

Whether you are a new pharmacist or pharmacy technician, whether you are returning to learning or looking for professional development to deliver more services, there is a range of training options available for you.

Courses available to learn new skills, grow your confidence or expand your clinical knowledge.

- [Pharmacy Technicians: Advancing your role](#) - Delivered by CPPE
- [Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians: Education Supervisor Training](#) - Delivered by ProPharmace
- [Pharmacists: Independent Prescribing](#) - Delivered by approved education providers.



Non-CCA multiples invited to join Community Pharmacy England Committee: EOI closing this week

Pharmacy owners with 10 or more branches (non-CCA multiple category) have until the end of this week to express their interest for observer roles on the Community Pharmacy England Committee.

Two observer roles are being introduced immediately to enable more non-CCA multiples to contribute fully to Committee discussions and decision-making from 18th November 2024. This is an interim measure while the Committee begins work on permanent changes to address recent shifts in the ownership landscape within the pharmacy sector.

Click the link to know more [Community Pharmacy England invites non-CCA multiples to join its Committee - Community Pharmacy England](#)



Business Services Authority

Community Pharmacy Assurance Framework (CPAF) questionnaire

Pharmacies selected to complete the full CPAF have until 31st October to complete it on the Manage Your Service (MYS) website.

Please contact the LPC office at admin@kentlpc.org.uk if you need support.

Visit [our website](#) for more information.

The logo for 'ONE YOU KENT' is displayed in large, bold, yellow capital letters on a teal background. The word 'ONE' is followed by 'YOU', which has a yellow underline, and then 'KENT'.

NHS One You smokefree training - revised 2-day course date

Please be advised that the previously advertised date for the 2-day smokefree training has been rescheduled from February 2025 to:

14th and 16th January 2025

This training will be held at **NHS Trinity House, 110-120 Upper Pemberton, Kennington, Ashford TN25 4AZ.**

The course duration will be 09:30 to 16:30 each day with attendance required for both dates.

We apologise for the date change and Training will notify any pharmacy / practice that may have requested the original February date.

An updated flyer is attached along with the application form should you wish any one from your pharmacy or practice to be trained as a One You smokefree adviser.



Online Training for Community Pharmacy Teams

Virtual Outcome

We confirm that **Community Pharmacy Kent** has renewed the **Virtual Outcomes Subscription** on behalf of all Kent LPC contractors for another year. This ensures that all **Kent & Medway pharmacy contractors** will continue to have **free access** to the extensive online library of training resources.

New Training Modules Available

Pharmacies in Kent and Medway can now access the following new online training modules:

- **Pharmacy First**
- **Fungal Infections**
- **Acne**

How to Access Virtual Outcomes Training

1. Visit [Virtual Outcomes Pharmacy Training](#).
 2. Enter your pharmacy's **F Code**.
 3. Select the training menu for the course you wish to view.
 4. Click **"Start Course"**.
 5. Complete the registration form.
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