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Newsletter

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Week 47

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



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Community Pharmacy Kent (Kent LPC) update webinar

Dear colleagues,

We have scheduled an update webinar on Wednesday 20th November to hear from you and provide key important update.

Webinar details are as below

- Date: Wednesday 20th November 2024
- Time: 7.30pm-9pm

To join click this link: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZmRiODRiOGMtMTk0Mi00NTUzLWI1YTYtN2Q5NmY5OWZmZDRj%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%225d6ba29e-40ce-

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Draft agenda:

- ICB update- Primary care strategy overview -Niaomi Finch & Maria Butrymowicz (ICB)
- New Digital Health check and Vape service- Georgina Crossman & Suki sing (Medway Council)
- NPA ballot- Paul Rees (CEO NPA)
- Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA)
- Kent LPC update
- Close

Please do make a special effort to attend. This is one of the ways we keep you updated and integrate into our sector to the wider system.



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Providers who wish to deliver the COVID-19 Vaccination Service from their healthcare premises from 1 April 2025 are now invited to submit a response through the [NHSBSA webpage](#).

Community pharmacies with existing contracts do not need to re-apply as these extend to **31 March 2026**.

Any provider who wishes to participate must read the guidance (which outlines key deadlines and processes) and contractual agreements available on the [NHS England website](#).

Responses are due by 11.59pm on 19 November 2024.



Pharmacy First national campaign launches

NHS England has this week launched the second phase of the advertising campaign promoting Pharmacy First, which highlights how Community Pharmacists can now provide treatment and some prescription medicine for seven conditions, if appropriate, without the need for a GP appointment or prescription.

The campaign will run for six weeks and the adverts are appearing on Video on Demand, on radio, in social media and at poster sites across England. It is supported by partnership activity, PR, and multicultural outreach. Assets including accessible formats are available to download and use by primary care teams on the [Campaign Resource Centre](#)



Community Pharmacy Workforce Survey 2024

Reminder of the requirement to complete the 2024 workforce survey, which is

a **mandatory requirement**. The NHS Business Services Authority sent an email to pharmacy contractors containing a link to the survey in October.

In some cases, for example, if you work for a multiple pharmacy group, the survey may be completed centrally. If you are not sure whether the survey should be completed at pharmacy level or by your head office team, please ask your head office team for guidance.

The survey will close at midnight on Wednesday 11th December 2024.

[Read more about the survey and how to complete it.](#)



Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for Kent Health and Wellbeing Board (KWB) for Kent Community Pharmacy Contractors Only

Kent County Council (KCC) is currently developing a revised Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA), which is a legal requirement every three years and statutory responsibility of the Kent Health and Wellbeing Board.

The PNA will be used by NHS England, Kent County Council (KCC), and the Integrated Care Boards to decide whether to approve the opening of new pharmacies and inform commissioning decisions related to other services that could be delivered by pharmacies and other providers.

We would be grateful if you would answer some questions about your pharmacy and the services it provides.

To access the short questionnaire please go to [Questionnaire for Pharmacy Contractors](#) | [Let's talk Kent](#) **before 13 December 2024.**



Community Pharmacy England - Original Pack Dispensing webinar

Community Pharmacy England is hosting a webinar on Original Pack Dispensing (OPD) on **Monday 25th November, at 7:30pm**. This session will outline recent regulatory changes allowing pharmacies the flexibility to dispense up to +/- 10% of prescribed quantities in original packs starting in January 2025.

Our in-house experts will talk viewers through what these regulatory changes mean in practice and how you may need to amend your dispensing processes, as well as providing an update on reimbursement and IT arrangements.

Participants are welcome to submit questions to [our Regulations Team](#) in advance to help shape the event.

Click the [link here](#) to book a place.



RPS Prescribing Portfolio Discovery Participant Recruitment

The RPS are looking to recruit **pharmacists** to take part in some product discovery workshops to help define the user needs of a new online prescribing ePortfolio to assist pharmacists with their prescribing practice.

Participation will involve a short interview via Zoom or Microsoft Teams, where you will discuss how & why you currently record evidence of your prescribing practice, what advantages and challenges you have had using your current process, as well as what opportunities you feel are unmet in this space.

They want to work with pharmacists from a variety of practice settings, with different levels of experience and technical abilities, to ensure that the RPS online prescribing portfolio development prioritises the real-world needs and priorities of practising pharmacists.

- They are equally interested in hearing from pharmacists who have previously used RPS or NHS ePortfolio products before as those who have not.
- Likewise, they are equally interested in pharmacists who are current members of the RPS as we are in pharmacists who are not or have never been members.
- They also want to hear from pharmacists from as wide a spectrum of prescribing backgrounds as possible – we want to hear from pharmacists who are currently prescribers, those who are qualified but do not currently prescribe, those that are training, and pharmacists who are not prescribers and aren't currently training to become one.
- They are interested in hearing from all sectors of practice but are particularly interested in pharmacists working in the Community sector and in GP practices.

Please email hugh.platt@rpharms.com to register your interest.

If you feel that any of your colleagues may also be interested in taking part, please forward on this request



Let's talk about vaccines' training sessions

NHS Kent and Medway is hosting training sessions for health and social care professionals around vaccinations.

The interactive sessions will be held online from November to January and are open to staff across the health, social care and voluntary sector in Kent and Medway.

The training will explore the issues, myths and barriers around vaccine hesitancy, providing staff with the techniques to help people make informed choices.

By listening to individuals and their concerns and discussing options in a non-judgemental way, the training aims to support you to improve people's knowledge and understanding about vaccinations.

Follow-on support will be provided after the session, supporting those that attend with a monthly community of practice (COP).

The next session is on **Thursday 21 November** from 1pm to 3.30pm. [Book your place.](#)

Please share this opportunity with your colleagues and [display the attached poster in staff areas.](#)



National safeguarding adults awareness week

The Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board (KMSAB) will be supporting this year's national safeguarding adults awareness week, hosted by the Ann Craft Trust, which is taking place next week (18 to 22 November).

The aim of the week is to create a time where we can all focus on safeguarding adults and raising awareness on how to spot the signs and report concerns. Everyone should be aware of the role they can play in helping to prevent abuse and this week is a chance to start a nationwide conversation about safeguarding, so that we can be better together.

[This briefing](#) includes information about activities during the week and includes messaging that you can share on your social media channels during the week



VIRTUAL
OUTCOMES

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.



- [NHSE Primary Care Bulletin update](#).

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