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Newsletter

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Community Pharmacy Kent owners and staff in Kent & Medway



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Kent LPC February 2025 Deadline tracker:

To download February 2025 Deadline Tracker please click [here](#).



Kent & Medway Funded DPP Pilot to Support Community Pharmacists open for EOIs until 9th February 2025

We are pleased to share that we will be offering £1000-£1500 funding (per trainee prescriber) to the employing organisation of a limited number of active prescribers willing to provide Designated Prescribing Practitioner services within Kent & Medway. The aim is to provide **community pharmacists** with the necessary training and supervision to qualify as independent prescribers. This will help to build prescribing and supervision infrastructure across Kent & Medway in primary care (with a focus on community pharmacy).

Please note that the Expressions of Interest will be open until **midnight Sunday 9th February**

If you are an organisation with multiple prescribers who are willing to support the DPP pilot, please complete one EOI form per individual DPP.

See a link to the Expression of Interest Form for those willing to **act as a DPP** here: <https://forms.office.com/e/GP3uitc3jb?origin=lprLink>



See a link to the Expression of Interest Form for **community pharmacists planning on completing the Independent Prescribing training in 2025**, who are seeking a funded DPP here: <https://forms.office.com/e/4xHsk9Jya8?origin=lprLink>



For any queries, please contact kmicb.pharmacyworkforce@nhs.net



Forward Trust – Updated Contact Numbers

Please note that the Forward Trust's Single Point of Contact (SPOC) number for East Kent has changed.

For 24-hour telephone assistance, please use the new number: **0300 304 8007**.

For Medway, the SPOC number remains **0300 123 1560**.

Kindly update your records and share this information as needed.



Kent and Medway Pharmacy Contraception Workshop

We want to say a massive thank you to all pharmacists and pharmacy technicians that attended and contributed to the success of the event.

The Community Pharmacy England highlighted the 31st March 2025 deadline for pharmacy owners delivering Pharmacy First to also deliver: Pharmacy Contraception Service and Hypertension Case-Finding Service. This ensures eligibility for the monthly £1,000 fixed payment, provided relevant consultation thresholds are met.

We are excited to continue supporting the development of enhanced pharmacy services across Kent and Medway to better serve the health needs of our communities.



Important Update: Smoking Cessation locally commissioned Service – Varenicline PGD

We are currently negotiating the inclusion of a Patient Group Direction (PGD) for Varenicline as part of the locally commissioned smoking cessation service in community pharmacy.

While these negotiations are ongoing, **we strongly recommend that pharmacy contractors refrain from signing any contracts related to the service** until the discussions are finalized.

We will provide a further update through all our communication channels as soon as the negotiations are complete and a final agreement is reached.



Oriel – National Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Recruitment Scheme 2025 - Invitation to Participate

Trainee Pharmacists: Employer Registration for National Recruitment Cycle (Oriel) Now Open

Employers wishing to be part of 2025 national recruitment, for the 2026-27 training year, must register via the [employer programme information online form](#). All employers will need to provide programme specific information and agree to meet the [terms of participation](#) of the scheme.

The deadline to submit your application is **11.59pm on 1st March 2025**.

For all further information please refer to the [Employer Handbook](#).

Click this link to listen to Oriel

webinar: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lYigf2QdY0U>



CPPE online NHS Pharmacy First workshop

CPPE have limited spaces left on our [NHS Pharmacy First: Clinical assessment – essential skills online workshops](#), where you can learn alongside other pharmacists with the benefit of a ***GP medical practitioner*** expert sharing their expertise to work through case studies, to help you apply your knowledge and further your skills.

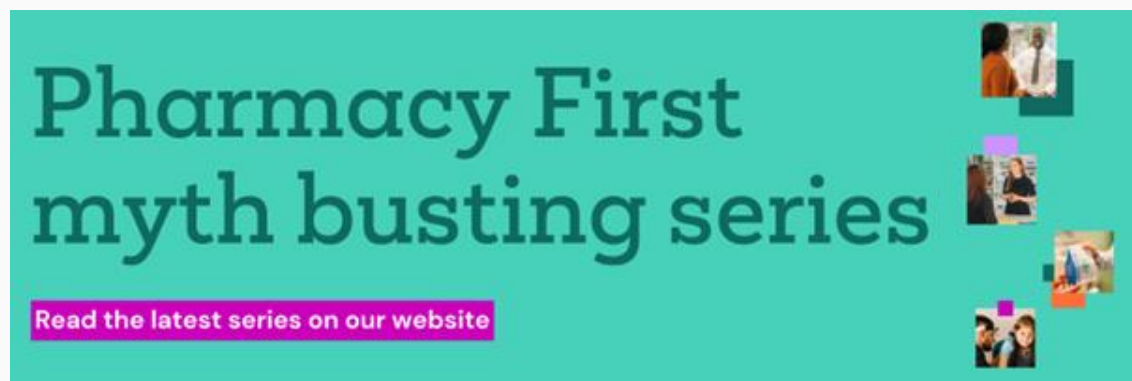
Secure your place to learn in the comfort of your own environment on either **Sunday 9th February or Sunday 16th March 9:30am – 1:30pm** [here](#).

The aim of this learning programme is to support pharmacy professionals to develop the knowledge, skills and confidence needed to undertake effective consultations, communications and clinical assessments in order to provide

the NHS Pharmacy First Service. This learning is currently only open for pharmacists and trainee pharmacists.

We look forward to working with you at these interactive workshops.

If you have any queries regarding booking either contact Tanya on tanya.gray@cppe.ac.uk or info@cppe.ac.uk



Reminder: Pharmacy First myth busting series

Community Pharmacy England has produced more myth busting series to tackle some of the misconceptions around Pharmacy First.

Top read more click this link [Pharmacy First: Claims may be investigated if provision is outside of service requirements - Community Pharmacy England](#)

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Supporting NHS Commissioned Service Provision in Your Pharmacy

We are excited to share a series of best practices designed to help you optimize NHS-commissioned service provision in your pharmacy. Our goal is to replicate this success across as many pharmacies as possible across Kent

To achieve this, **Adeyinka Jolaoso, Service Development Manager at Kent LPC**, will be leading the project and is available to meet with you—either face-to-face or virtually—to provide tailored guidance for your practice.

To book your session, please email natalia.bejan@kentlpc.org with the following information:

1. **Name of your pharmacy**
2. **Preferred meeting day and time** (please provide two options)
3. **Meeting preference**: Face-to-face or virtual

We look forward to working together to enhance service delivery and make a positive impact on patient care.



Manage Your Service (MYS) Pharmacy portal- Essential maintenance

[Manage Your Service \(MYS\) Pharmacy portal](#) will be unavailable due to essential maintenance between 7am and 6pm on the following days:

- **Saturday 8 February 2025**
- **Saturday 15 February 2025**

This means that you will not be able access the service, enter data, or view/manage your submissions during those days.

If you have any questions, contact NHSBSA:

- mys@nhsbsa.nhs.uk
- 0300 330 1368

They are available Monday to Friday, 8am to 4pm.



Register for CPE Data Security and Protection Toolkit 2025 Workshop

Community Pharmacy England will be holding a webinar on **Thursday 13th February at 7.30pm** to help community pharmacy owners to complete the [Data Security and Protection Toolkit 2025](#).

Click this link to register [Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](#)



Free Virtual Outcome Training for Kent Community Pharmacists

All **Virtual Outcomes** training modules are **free** for Kent community pharmacists and their teams, with each module lasting **15-20 minutes**.

The latest modules include:

- **Compliance Aids** – Explore alternative ways to support patients who struggle with taking their medicines effectively.
- **Skin Conditions** – Gain up-to-date, practical advice on managing common skin conditions seen in daily practice.

These bite-sized modules provide valuable insights to help improve patient care.

Just enter your ODS code to get access to all the course

Click the link to start [Pharmacy Training - Virtualoutcomes](#)



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