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**Newsletter**

**25th April 2025**

**Week 18**

This newsletter contains important information for Pharmacy Owners and Staffs in Kent & Medway



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Congratulations to Medway Public Health and Medway Pharmacies on their well-deserved win at the Kent & Medway Healthwatch Recognition Awards 2025!

Kent LPC extends heartfelt thanks to all Medway Pharmacies for their outstanding integrated working at the local level. We look forward to continuing our collaborative efforts to deliver even greater benefits for the patients we proudly serve in our communities.



### **PCN leads activity funding**

We are delighted to announce that we have received funding from the ICB to support Community Pharmacy PCN lead activity. In addition, NHSE southeast workforce has allocated further funding specifically for the training and development of our PCN leads.

We have now completed the training and activity plan, which includes hands-on support for all our PCN leads. This programme of work will be led by Priya

Mattu, LPC Project Manager, ensuring that every PCN lead receives dedicated support from the LPC.

Our PCN leads play a key role in ensuring that the voice of community pharmacy is heard and represented within the local system.

A huge thank you and congratulations to all current and newly appointed PCN leads. Your role is crucial in helping us remain a strong, integrated part of the wider healthcare system.

**Next steps:**

- A lunchtime webinar for all current and newly appointed PCN leads will take place on **Tuesday, 29th May 2025 from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM.**

Invitations have been sent directly to PCN leads. If you haven't received one and would like to attend, please email [admin@kentlpc.org.uk](mailto:admin@kentlpc.org.uk).



**Kent LPC Contractor webinar**

The Kent LPC is hosting a **contractor update webinar** for all community pharmacies across **Kent and Medway**.

This is a valuable opportunity to hear updates on key areas of work and to raise any questions or concerns you may have.

**Draft agenda**

- Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) Update
- Pharmacy Contract and Economic Review
- PCN Leads and Engagement
- Kent and Medway Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) Update

- ICB Developments and Partnership Working

Webinar details:

- Date: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025
- Time: 7.30pm- 9pm
- Join the meeting using this link:

[https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_ZDIwNjA1NDAtMThjZS00M2JjLWlyMzEtMWwNiMTQzYzEwYTE3%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%225d6ba29e-40ce-481b-b82f-d26bcc71de77%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22f3543d24-c78f-4b40-9811-1584b60b3930%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZDIwNjA1NDAtMThjZS00M2JjLWlyMzEtMWwNiMTQzYzEwYTE3%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%225d6ba29e-40ce-481b-b82f-d26bcc71de77%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22f3543d24-c78f-4b40-9811-1584b60b3930%22%7d)



**Pharmacy owner views sought on CPCF arrangements for 2024/25 and 2025/26**

Community pharmacy owners are being asked to share their views a following the new CPCF funding settlement, ahead of the next full Community Pharmacy England Committee meeting taking place at the end of this month (30th April to 1st May).

You can directly input into the Committee's discussions via this short poll:

[April–May 2025 Committee Opinion Poll](#) (for independent and non-CCA multiples only)

[View a copy of the poll questions](#)

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## Pharmacy First

### **Pharmacy First Q&A**

**Q: What should I do if I receive a Hypertension Case Finding or Contraception referral via the Pharmacy First referral pathway?**

**A:** If you receive a Hypertension Case Finding or Contraception referral through the Pharmacy First referral pathway in your chosen IT system, you must **reject** the referral.

Once rejected, **re-enter the referral details into the correct service pathway** (i.e., Hypertension Case Finding or Contraception service).

This step is crucial to **avoid duplicate claims**, which could result in payment issues or audit concerns.



### **New episode of podcast explores community pharmacy services**

[Transforming Primary Care](#), produced by NHS England North-East and Yorkshire, focuses on the improvements that not only make it easier and quicker for patients to get the help they need but reduce pressure on staff.

The [second series of the podcast](#) aimed at primary care teams continues with a discussion around new NHS services in community pharmacy and the positive difference they are making for general practice and patients.



### **Designated Supervisors and Designated Prescribing Practitioners**

To support you in your preparations for the incoming 2025 / 26 Foundation Trainee Pharmacist cohort, we are holding some South East region information sharing and online support sessions.

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April: 1pm – 2:30pm [Join the meeting now](#)

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 7pm- 8:30pm [Join the meeting now](#)

This will be an opportunity to look at and discuss the following, as well as ask any questions you may have.

- Getting ready for foundation trainees starting summer/autumn 2025
- Your role as a DS / DPP
- How to use the Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Assessment Strategy and associated activities and tools

Information and documents to support your planning can be found here: [Implementing the foundation pharmacist training year from 2025/26 | NHS England | Workforce, training and education](#)

*We will follow up with two further session to focus more on training plans as below:*

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 7pm- 8:30pm [Join the meeting now](#)

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1pm- 2:30pm [Join the meeting now](#)

We recognise that you may not be able to stay for the full session and we intend on releasing more support dates as we progress through the training year.

As always, please contact the team at [england.wtepharmacy.se@nhs.net](mailto:england.wtepharmacy.se@nhs.net) if you have any immediate questions.

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### **Data Security and Protection Toolkit – Deadline 30th June 2025**

The deadline for community pharmacy contractors to complete the Data Security and Protection Toolkit 2025 is 30th June 2025. Click this link for more information [Data Security and Protection Toolkit - Deadline 30th June 2025 - Community Pharmacy England](#)

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