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Newsletter

2nd May 2025

Week 19

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



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Early May Bank Holiday - 5th May 2025 Poster

Early May Bank Holiday - 5th May 2025 Posters detailing which pharmacies will be open across Kent and Medway is attached [here](#).

Pharmacies are only listed on the posters if they are opening one or more of the Bank Holiday dates.

A map of the pharmacies that will be open on the Bank Holidays has been created, anybody can access the map via the [link](#).

Please can you ensure that your DoS and NHS.UK profiles are updated with your opening hours (or if you are closed) on the 5th May. This can be done via NHS Profile manager: [Profile editor login - NHS](#)

Please click the [here](#) to read ICB guidance on Palliative Care and End of Life Care (P&EOLC) medicines for May bank holiday.



PCN lead introductory meeting and digital module registration

FAO Community Pharmacy PCN leads ONLY

Thank you to everyone that attended the meeting on Wednesday 30th April 2025, and for those of you unable to attend please send an email to admin@kentlpc.org.uk for the recording and if you have any further questions.

Two digital modules are now live. Please can you send through an email address and phone number that can be used to register for the online modules.

Please send these by Tuesday 5th May so these can be forwarded onto Lynette to set up your training account. Once your account is set up, you can start to complete the modules.



Community Pharmacy Kent Contractor webinar

The 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 14th May 2025
- Time: 7.30pm- 9pm
- Join the meeting using this link:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZDIwNjA1NDAtMThjZS00M2JjLWlyMzEtMWNiMTQzYzEwYTE3%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



NMS: Making your end of month claim

Ahead of making a claim for the New Medicine Service (NMS) consultations carried out in April 2025, pharmacy owners are reminded of the changes to NMS that were announced as part of the [contractual settlement for 2025/26](#) and that came into effect from 1st April 2025.

What can be claimed for?

As part of the negotiations, it was agreed that from 1st April 2025, the payment structure for NMS would be simplified to a £14 fee for each Intervention or Follow up consultation provided to the patient, i.e. a total fee of £28 will be paid if the pharmacy has undertaken both the Intervention and Follow up consultations.

Click this link to read more: [NMS: Making your end of month claim - Community Pharmacy England](#)



PQS: The Aspiration payment window is now open

Pharmacy owners are now able to make a claim for an Aspiration payment for the Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) 2025/26 on the NHS Business Services Authority's Manage Your Service (MYS) portal.

The Aspiration payment is optional; if pharmacy owners do not want to claim it, it will not impact on the pharmacy owner's ability to claim a PQS payment during the declaration period. There is also no requirement to have claimed for a previous PQS to claim an Aspiration payment for PQS 2025/26.

Click the link to read more: [PQS: The Aspiration payment window is now open - Community Pharmacy England](#)

ending or Contraception service).

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



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.

Wednesday 7th 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 2nd June 7pm- 8:30pm [Join the meeting now](#)

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

As always, please contact the team at england.wtepharmacy.se@nhs.net if you have any immediate questions.



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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