Newsletter

13th June 2025
Week 25

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

- Independent Prescribing Funding
- CPTAP - Community Pharmacy Technician
- Early Career funding for pharmacists

- Data Security and Protection Toolkit

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Independent Prescribing Funding
Applications for NHS England-funded independent prescribing courses are open.

Courses are available up to March 2026, with several universities offering multiple dates for cohort intakes. Please check with the universities of your choice to confirm the start date.

Pharmacists who meet the eligibility criteria will be able to apply for independent prescribing courses at a variety of universities across England:

1. Community pharmacists (including locum pharmacists)

Eligible pharmacists may apply only to those universities as listed on the here. They will need to demonstrate (as a minimum):

- The support of an identified designated prescribing practitioner (DPP).

- An appropriate practice-based learning environment in a prescribing setting that can offer appropriate clinical support.

- Evidence that you meet the course provider eligibility criteria (applicants will be subject to their chosen university's enrolment processes).

- Commitment to use the skill within your area of competence and expertise, for the delivery of NHS clinical services as they emerge.

Independent Prescribing training is available to pharmacists who meet the eligibility criteria. Tuition fees are fully funded by NHS England. Pharmacists that are successful in applying to one of the approved universities will be allocated a fully funded place directly by the university. They do not need to apply to NHS England for funding separately.

For any further enquiries, please contact england.pharmacyteam@nhs.net

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CPTAP - Community Pharmacy Technician Apprenticeship Programme- Deadline Sunday 15th June 2025 23:59
This programme will support Pre-registration Trainee Pharmacy Technicians (PTPTs) to be employed and complete their 24-month apprenticeship training within a community pharmacy setting.

We are offering a training contribution of **£15,053 per trainee, per year for two years** (24 months) to support community pharmacies in developing a PTPT programme that meets the [GPhC IET standards for pharmacy technicians (PDF only, 713KB)](#) and the [NHS England Education Quality Framework](#).

Application for funding is through an expression of interest (EoI) submitted via an online application form.

For further information please contact mariastaines@nhs.net

Early Years Career Funding - Deadline Sunday 15th June 2025 23:59
This is for **Pharmacists** either within their first 4 years of practice, or returning from a career break (e.g. maternity) OR **Pharmacy Technicians**

Please note that you can put in applications for more than one member of staff.

The expression of interest is very simple to complete and the ICB will follow up with you for clarification if needed.

Click here to apply: https://forms.office.com/e/UYkPQgwXk5

Please email admin@kentlpc.org.uk or call 01634649101 if you need support.

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](#)

- [NHSE Primary Care Bulletin](#)

- [Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board](#)