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Newsletter

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Week 32

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Summer Bank Holiday Poster

Please find [attached](#) the Summer Bank Holiday Posters detailing which pharmacies will be open across Kent and Medway on Monday 25 August 2025. 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 can be viewed here: https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1HyWY5FsB5o_jc53HwEDZwMPNEZSVbl8&usp=sharing



Serious Shortage Protocols for Cefalexin – (extension)

Because of ongoing supply issues, we are extending the Serious Shortage Protocols SSP077 (Cefalexin 125mg/5ml oral suspension sugar free) and SSP078 (Cefalexin 250mg/5ml oral suspension sugar free) which are due to end on the 1st and 8th of August respectively. The new end date for these SSPs is Friday 26 September 2025.

The SSPs are available to view on the NHS Business Service Authority (BSA)'s [dedicated SSP web page](#).

If you have any questions regarding the SSPs please contact the NHS Prescription Service: Email: nhsbsa.prescriptionservices@nhsbsa.nhs.uk

Telephone: 0300 330 1349

Textphone: 18001 0300 330 1349

To access the latest information about SSPs (including supporting guidance), please visit the following link – <https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pharmacies-gp-practices-and-appliance-contractors/serious-shortage-protocols-ssps>



Registration now open for the flu vaccination service for two and three-year-olds

Please be advised that contractors can register to provide the **community pharmacy flu vaccination service for two and three-year-olds** on the [Manage Your Service \(MYS\) portal](#) from today (1 August 2025).

Contractors must read the [service specification](#) for the full requirements of service delivery, and consider if they are able to meet these.

Contractors who register by 31 August will receive vaccine by 1 October 2025. Further information is available on the [Community Pharmacy England website](#)



Skin Rashes in Children - Module 3 Latest FREE* Online

To access the FREE course for Kent and Medway Pharmacy contractors visit: [Pharmacy Training - Virtualoutcomes](#)



Updating your NHS Profile Manager

Pharmacy owners are reminded of the benefits of regularly updating their NHS Profile Manager each quarter, ensuring their NHS website and Directory of Services (DoS) profile information remains current.

Accurate DoS information is essential for other organisations making referrals to pharmacies and is a Terms of Service requirement. Up-to-date opening hours are crucial to prevent NHS 111 health advisors and GP practice teams from directing patients to a closed pharmacy, for example, for the Pharmacy First service.

Click the link to read more: [Reminder: Updating your NHS Profile Manager - Community Pharmacy England](#)



Pharmacy Quality Scheme Resources

The Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) forms part of the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF). PQS is designed to reward community pharmacies for delivering quality criteria that are designed to support clinical effectiveness, patient safety and patient experience.

Please note, NHS England will not be publishing PQS guidance for pharmacy owners for the 2025/26 Scheme.

Click the link to read more: [Pharmacy Quality Scheme - Community](#)

Pharmacy England

Pharmacy Quality Scheme 2025/26 Action and Evidence Portfolio Workbook can be found [here](#).



Reminder: Respecting EPS nomination principles and patient choice

Community pharmacy teams are reminded of the importance of aligning with the EPS nomination principles and upholding patient choice at all times.

EPS allows patients to nominate a preferred pharmacy where their prescriptions will be sent electronically for dispensing. This system is designed to offer convenience and flexibility—but it must be used responsibly. Click [here](#) for more information

CPPE Workshops
July – September 2025



CPPE workshops July -September 2025

Click this [link](#) for the list of useful workshops from CPPE



Kent Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2025 Consultation – 4 DAYS REMAINING

This is a gentle reminder that the Kent PNA consultation is currently open and will close in 11 days. We would be grateful if you would support the Kent Health and Wellbeing Board by reading the draft PNA and completing the questionnaire which is hosted here www.kent.gov.uk/pharmacyneeds. The consultation will remain open until **4 August 2025**.



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