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Week 33

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



ICB Health Campaign

As part of the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework, pharmacies are contractually required to take part in 2 National and 2 ICB Health Campaigns. The first ICB health campaign will be to use community pharmacy to communicate details of the dental helpdesk in Kent and Medway available to patients.

Click this [link](#) for *ICB letter to community pharmacies*.

Click this [link](#) to *view the display folder*.

To support this important work, pharmacies are requested to:

- Display the enclosed poster in patient-facing areas to help raise awareness
- Share this information with your teams.
- Signpost patients with urgent dental needs to the Helpdesk
- Return the MS forms which will be emailed to each Provider to confirm completion

For more information, visit www.stopthinkchoose.co.uk/dental or email kmicb.pod@nhs.net

Getting ready for the Flu Vaccination Service: Have you chosen your IT system yet?



Choose your Point of Care IT supplier for flu vaccination

Ahead of IT supplier selection for autumn/winter vaccination services opening from 7th August 2025, pharmacy owners can now find information (including some webinar recordings) that explains the different systems and offerings.

NHS England [previously announced](#) the launch of a new community pharmacy Point of Care (PoC) IT Supplier Contractual Framework, which will allow pharmacy owners to choose which PoC system they use to make their clinical records for the Flu and COVID-19 vaccination services in 2025/26.

[IT suppliers listed on the new framework](#) will be assured by NHS England as having met specific minimum standards. Community pharmacy owners carrying out these services will be able to choose, ahead of the autumn/winter campaigns, one of the assured PoC system.

Click this link to read more [Point of Care Systems Community Pharmacy - Vaccinations and Screening - Futures](#)

Kent and Medway Joint Medicines Formulary

Soft Launch of the Kent and Medway Joint Medicines Formulary Website

The ICB have formally announce the soft launch of the **Kent and Medway Joint Medicines Formulary**, now accessible

at: <https://www.kentandmedwayformulary.nhs.uk>

This new formulary represents a significant milestone in our collective ambition to provide equitable, transparent, and system-wide access to medicines across Kent and Medway. It is the result of a coordinated effort between the NHS Kent and Medway ICB Medicines Optimisation team and colleagues from our four secondary care provider trusts, with additional contributions from community and mental health partners.

Community Pharmacy contraception service specification requires adherence to local formulary.

Click this [link](#) to read the *ICB letter*

As this is a soft launch, content will. continue to be refined. Feedback is welcome; please direct any queries or suggestions to kmicb.formularyenquiries@nhs.net



Online Training for Community
Pharmacy Teams



Skin Rashes in Children - Module 3 Latest FREE* Online

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



Discontinuation of FreeStyle Libre 2 – Transition to FreeStyle Libre 2 Plus

Abbott, the manufacturer, have announced that FreeStyle Libre 2 sensors are being **discontinued at the end of August 2025**. Their next generation sensor-based glucose monitoring technology for people living with diabetes is the FreeStyle Libre 2 Plus, which is available on the NHS BSA Drug Tariff

Actions required:

- All **existing patients** using the FreeStyle Libre 2 sensor will require their repeat prescription to be changed to the FreeStyle Libre 2 Plus sensor as soon as possible.
- Primary care can switch patients. It should be a smooth transition without having to change anything else other than the sensor prescribed.

Only FreeStyle Libre 2 Plus should be used for **new initiations**



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](#).

CPPE Workshops
July – September 2025



CPPE workshops July -September 2025

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



Kent and Medway Integrated Care System

Kent and Medway Primary Care Wound Care Formulary

There now a single Kent & Medway wound care formulary next week. We know there a still some FP10 prescribing so is important that community pharmacy colleagues kept informed.

Click the [link](#) to access the *new wound care formulary*.



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