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Newsletter

25th July 2025

Week 31

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Flu and COVID vaccination training – BOOK NOW

We are pleased to offer Flu and COVID vaccination training for Community Pharmacy teams across Kent. This training is ideal for those who require practical certification or a refresher ahead of the 2025/26 season. The course will be delivered by EGG Training.

Training will cover all practical skills required to vaccinate adults and children over the age of 2. As well as attending this 3.5hr course, you will have access to our online theory course. We will cover IM & SC injections, reconstitution of vaccines, intranasal vaccination, CPR, anaphylaxis and adrenaline for children and adults.

The vaccination training is open to all healthcare/nonhealthcare professionals and trainee pharmacists.

Details on how to book

- Date: 3rd August 2025
- Time: Morning session: 9-12.30pm (**fully booked**) or Afternoon session: 1pm-4.30pm (**2 spaces remaining**)
- Cost: £46.15-£65.94 (cost varies depending on total number of attendees)
- Venue: Mercure Maidstone Great Danes Hotel ME17 1RE

If you are interest, please email below to admin@kentlpc.org.uk

- Full name:
- Pharmacy name:
- Mobile number
- Email address:
- Preferred session: PM



Publication of the 2025/26 seasonal flu vaccination service specifications for community pharmacy

NHS England has published the service specification for the [2025/26 Community Pharmacy Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Advanced Service](#)

Below is a link to our news story highlighting this.

[Flu vac: 2025/26 service spec published - Community Pharmacy England](#)



Complete your 2025/26 Community Pharmacy Assurance Framework questionnaire (deadline)

The 2025/26 Community Pharmacy Assurance Framework (CPAF) screening questionnaire will open on Tuesday 1 July 2025.

It is now a regulatory requirement to complete the annual CPAF screening questionnaire.

How to complete the CPAF screening questionnaire

If you have a Manage Your Service (MYS) portal account:

- You must log in to your MYS account to access the CPAF questionnaire
- If you have not yet signed up to MYS, contact:
pharmacysupport@nhsbsa.nhs.uk

You must complete the questionnaire on or before 11:59pm on Thursday 31 July 2025.

If you have any questions regarding the 2025/26 CPAF screening questionnaire, contact us at: pharmacysupport@nhsbsa.nhs.uk



NBS access for community pharmacies, not already registered with NBS, who wish to publish flu vaccination appointments – FOR ACTION

Community pharmacies not already registered with NBS who wish to publish flu vaccination appointments will soon be able to request access. They will be instructed through the Primary Care Bulletin to complete a [Flu CP NBS Onboarding Form](#) with the details of 2 lead users.

Those who apply before 11 August will receive login details before 18 August **(the date that sites will be able to access MYA to publish appointments for seasonal vaccinations)**. Later applications will receive login details within 10 working days.

Pharmacies with access to NBS for COVID-19/RSV vaccination programmes will be assigned access to flu calendars in August and should not complete the form.

Applications will be opened as soon as specifications have been agreed with Community Pharmacy England and will remain open until 9 March 2026.



Children's Flu Vac Advanced service to be launched in October

Pharmacy owners that choose to sign up to provide the service will be able to do so via the NHSBSA's MYS portal **from 1st August 2025**. I

n order to receive vaccine ahead of the start of the service on 1st October 2025, pharmacy owners will need to register on MYS by **23:59 on 31st August 2025**. Later registration will be possible, but the provision of the centrally procured vaccine will be received after the start date for the service. Click [here](#) for more.



Pharmacy First: Ensure you claim your June consultations by end of July

Pharmacy owners are [reminded](#) that the claim period for Pharmacy First has been reduced to one month and therefore, claims for **Pharmacy First consultations carried out in June 2025 must be claimed on the MYS portal**

by 11.59pm on 31st July 2025.

Click [here](#) for more



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



Choosing your PoC supplier for autumn/winter 2025 Covid and flu vaccination campaign

Community pharmacies participating in the autumn/winter Covid-19 and flu vaccination campaigns will soon need to select a [Point of Care \(PoC\) supplier](#). To support this, pharmacy colleagues are invited to register for webinars where suppliers will explain their systems:

- 28 July, 3pm – 3:45pm. [Positive Solutions Webinar](#)
- 29 July, 3pm – 3:45pm. [Cegedim Webinar](#)
- 30 July, 3pm – 3:45pm. [Sonar Webinar](#)
- 31 July, 3pm – 3:45pm. [Optum Webinar](#)
- 01 Aug, 3pm – 3:45pm. [RAVs Webinar](#)

Recordings will be uploaded to [FutureNHS](#). Supplier selection for assured sites will open from 7 August. Please share with relevant teams to support informed supplier selection.

Contact: england.poconboarding@nhs.net for any registration problems.



Kent Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2025 Consultation – 11 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**.



Final NHS-Funded Places on the CPPE ACPT Programme – Apply Now

We're excited to let you know that **NHS England is funding a final round of places** on CPPE's [Accuracy checking pharmacy technician \(ACPT\) programme](#).

So far, our programme has supported over 1400 pharmacy technicians working in the community, hospital and secure environment sectors to upskill and become final accuracy checkers.

Normally priced at £330, this is a fantastic opportunity to access the programme for free – but it **won't be repeated**.

Why apply now?

- NHS England has confirmed **this will be the last funded round**
- Open to all sectors – no minimum cohort sizes, just open applications
- If you're not eligible for funding, **you can still apply** for a paid place (£330 including VAT)

If you meet the course criteria, this is your **last chance** to join the programme without paying the full fee. Don't miss out.

[Full details of the programme, the entry criteria and how to apply](#)



- <https://kent.communitypharmacy.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/106/2025/07/Primary-care-bulletin.pdf>
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