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Newsletter

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Week 45

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From your left Helen Buckingham, Professor Dame Jenny Harries DBE DL, Chair, Community Pharmacy England, Janet Morrison OBE, Chief Executive, Community Pharmacy England and Mark Anyaegbuna, CEO Community Pharmacy Kent

Conference of LPC Representatives 2025

I was delighted to attend the Community Pharmacy England and LPC Conference on Tuesday, 25th November. The event provided valuable insight into the future direction of the community pharmacy sector, including an important update on ongoing negotiations.

There was a strong emphasis on the pivotal role of community pharmacy in delivering the 10-year NHS plan, with clear recognition that our sector is essential to the success of integrated neighbourhood teams.

At Kent LPC, we are working methodically to ensure that community pharmacy is firmly embedded within the core governance structures of integrated neighbourhood teams, strengthening our contribution to local healthcare delivery.



Flu vaccination drive – countdown to Christmas

The NHS is making it easier than ever for people to get the flu vaccine in the run up to the festive period. The NHS has already [issued a flu SOS](#) with cases rising and the flu season starting earlier than usual. To further support this, with Christmas approaching, [a communications toolkit, including ‘protect your festive season with a flu vaccine’ assets, is available](#)

Pharmacies should update their walk-in service details on [NHS Profile Manager](#) to help patients find them.

£9.90 NHS prescription charge unchanged for April 2025

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NHS Prescription charges frozen for the second year running

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has announced that the NHS prescription charge will be kept at £9.90 per prescription item for 2026/27.

A [Government press release](#) today confirms that the NHS prescription charge will be frozen, as well as the costs for prescription prepayment certificates (PPCs). PPCs offer savings for those needing multiple prescription items or when a patient is prescribed a listed HRT medicine.

Community Pharmacy England will soon update its resources to help pharmacies communicate these charges to patients.

[Read more](#)



Independent prescribing- Community Pharmacy Kent

We are pleased to share that we have successfully secured limited funding from NHS England Workforce, Training and Education team to support community pharmacists in Kent who wish to undertake the Independent Prescribing (IP) qualification, specifically for Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP) support.

An Expression of Interest (EOI) process will open soon, so please look out for further communication.



Upcoming CPPE training events:

We are delighted to share that CPPE will be running a series of face-to-face workshops across Kent.

For upcoming CPPE Southeast coast face to face workshops (Nov-March 2026) click [here](#).

For upcoming core workshops (Jan 26-March 26) click [here](#).



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