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Newsletter

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Week 5

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**Funded Kent and Medway Care Record (KMCR) access for Community Pharmacy**

Thank you to those who were able to attend our lunchtime webinar. During the session, we discussed the Kent and Medway Care Record (KMCR), the Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS), and shared key LPC updates.

Please find the presentation slides below for your reference:

- [KMCR presentation](#)
- [PQS presentation](#)

Kent and Medway ICB has funded KMCR access for all community pharmacies across Kent. This is a valuable resource for pharmacy teams and will support safer, more integrated care as we move towards neighbourhood working.

If you would like KMCR access for your team, please complete the short expression of interest form below. The KMCR team will then contact you to support the set-up process.

[Kent and Medway KMCR Expression of Interest – Fill in form](#)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at [admin@kentlpc.org.uk](mailto:admin@kentlpc.org.uk)

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## CENTRE FOR PHARMACY POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION

### **CPPE Pharmacy Technician exclusive face to face workshop in Canterbury on 11th February.**

Be part of the **FIRST** *PGDs: Empowering pharmacy technicians to provide services workshop* in the **South East Coast region** — a **FREE** event, with light refreshments included. Pharmacy technicians are taking on exciting new responsibilities with Patient Group Directions (PGDs), and this workshop is the ideal opportunity to get ahead.

Why not **bring a colleague with you** for the chance to connect, share experiences, and build your professional network?

Our workshop — *PGDs: Empowering pharmacy technicians to provide services* — is designed to help you build confidence in supplying medicines under a PGD within both the **NHS Pharmacy Contraception Service** and the **Smoking Cessation Service**.

With peer discussion, practical case work, and guidance on consultation skills, this interactive session will support you in developing competence and confidence.

Whether you're completely new to PGDs or looking to strengthen your existing experience, this workshop offers a supportive, practice-focused environment. You'll come away feeling more prepared to deliver high-quality services and expand your professional role.

Bookings are **open now** for this in-person workshop:

 **Canterbury Cathedral Lodge, Canterbury, Kent**

 **Tuesday 11th February**

 **7:00pm – 9:00pm**

 **Free event — light refreshments provided**

Places are limited so secure your place [today](#) — and bring a colleague to make the most of the networking opportunities.

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**Reminder: promote Pharmacy First this February**

As part of the [Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework \(CPCF\) 2025/26](#) pharmacy contractors are required to take part in two national health campaigns promoting the Pharmacy First service to the public.

The second campaign runs from *2 - 22 February 2026*. Contractors can meet the requirements of the campaign through any of the following activities:

- displaying posters, leaflets or other promotional materials at the pharmacy;
- information on your pharmacy's website;
- information posted your pharmacy's social media channels; and
- including information in emails or SMS sent to patients.

Materials are available [on the DHSC Campaign Resource Centre](#).

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### **Registration for the 2026/27 COVID-19 vaccination service still open**

Community pharmacy contractors can now sign up to provide the 26/27 COVID-19 vaccination service:

- Community pharmacy contractors must use [this registration form](#)

Providers must sign up by *2 February 2026* to receive COVID-19 vaccine in time for the start of the Spring campaign. Where providers sign up to deliver the COVID-19 vaccination service, they will also be required to deliver the 26-27 adult flu vaccination service.

For more information, read the [community pharmacy advanced service specification](#).



## **Business Services Authority**

### **Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) 2025/26 declaration period opens next week**

The Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) 2025/26 declaration period opens at 9am on Monday 2 February 2026. Community Pharmacy contractors are encouraged to prepare now to submit their declaration through the [Manage Your Service \(MYS\) portal](#). Contractors must complete their submission via this portal before the deadline of 11:59pm on Friday 27 February 2026 for their claim to be eligible for payment.

Further information, including the full PQS requirements and guidance, is available on the [NHS England website](#). Contractors should review the criteria, gather evidence and plan their submission ahead of the declaration deadline. The declaration questions are available on the [NHSBSA website](#)

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**PQS Antimicrobial Stewardship Pharmacy First audit**

Pharmacy owners have until **3rd February 2026** to begin the Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) Antimicrobial Stewardship – Pharmacy First consultations - Clinical Audit.

This audit, part of the Patient Safety domain for 2025/26 PQS, focuses on consultations for patients scoring FeverPAIN 0–3 and must cover at least 10 patients over four weeks (or eight weeks if needed). Completion, data submission, and incorporation of learnings are required by **31st March 2026**.

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## Data Security and Protection (DSP) Toolkit

### **DSP Tool Kit**

Community Pharmacy England has published new guidance to help community pharmacy owners complete the Data Security and Protection Toolkit (DSPTK) 2026. The Toolkit is used to make a pharmacy's information governance (IG) declaration and must be completed by Tuesday 30th June 2026. Community

Pharmacy England has collaborated with the NHS DSPTK team to keep the workload associated with Toolkit completion manageable whilst maintaining the appropriate data security protections.

Community Pharmacy England will be holding a webinar on Wednesday, 11th February at 7.30pm to help community pharmacy owners complete the Data Security and Protection Toolkit (DSPTK) 2026. Date and time: Wednesday 11th February at 7.30pm To register, please click on [this link](#).



Useful information to support you in your practice.

- [Primary Care Bulletin](#)
- [Kent and Medway Safeguard Adults Board](#)

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