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Newsletter

6th March 2026

Week 10

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To download March 2026 Deadline Tracker click [here](#).



I was delighted to visit Sukh Jandu, owner of Milton Regis Pharmacy, this morning to discuss his upcoming Community Pharmacy Assurance Framework (CPAF) visit.

I would like to thank Sukh and the team at Milton Regis Pharmacy for the great work they are doing to ensure patients have access to their medicines and that their pharmaceutical needs are met.

If you have a CPAF visit planned and would like any support, please feel free to reach out to the LPC at admin@kentlpc.org.uk.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Anyaegbuna".

Mark Anyaegbuna
CEO Community Pharmacy Kent



Smoking Cessation and NHS Health check contract webinars and information

Webinar with Kent County Council (KCC) on NHS health check service and smoking cessation.

Guidance on how to sign up on the portal can be found [here](#).

- Webinar on Tuesday 24th February on demand
- Presentation slides can be found [here](#).
- The webinar recording can be found [here](#)

We are working with KCC to produce a step-by-step guide on how to sign up to the portal.

- *Webinar with KCC on smoking cessation*
KCC will also be attending the Kent LPC lunch time webinar on 18th March at 1pm-2pm to share information on the contract opportunity and the newly agreed stop smoking support delivery tariffs.

Webinar details are as below

Date: Wednesday 18th March 2026

Time: 1pm-2pm

Location: Microsoft teams

Join using this

link: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/36092200726948?p=QRpddify65HxNRNRj1>



Increase in Mpox in England

The UK Health Security and Agency (UKSA) shared a document that Mpox cases in England are increasing, particularly in London and the Northwest. Infections predominantly occur in known risk groups. Please click on this link to read more and the action to take if a patient presents themselves in the pharmacy for such situation.



FLU VACCINATION 2026/2027

The [National Flu Vaccination Programme 2026 to 2027 letter](#) sets out the eligibility, timing and vaccines to be used this autumn/winter.

Pharmacies will be able to vaccinate pregnant women from 1st September 2026. Other adult cohorts can be vaccinated from 1st October. To help protect the most vulnerable and keep health and care services running during winter when respiratory viruses reach their peak, it is vital that we continue to increase

the number vaccinated in all of the eligible cohorts. NHSE will set out further details on ambition and expectations ahead of the 2026 to 2027 flu vaccination programme.



COVID VACCINATION SERVICE

Pharmacies participating in the spring COVID-19 vaccination programme will need access to the Federated Data Platform (FDP) to order vaccines.

To support you a step-by-step guide is available, along with an FDP access drop-in session on 10th March. Click on [this link](#) to read more and sign up to the drop-in session.



Pharmacy Pressures Survey 2026: Your responses help secure our future

Community Pharmacy England has launched its fifth annual Pharmacy Pressures Survey, and we are keen to hear from all pharmacy owners and staff. The surveys are as short as possible, taking around 10-15 minutes to complete. They will remain open until **23:59 on 16th March 2026**.

The two separate surveys are:

- For Pharmacy Business owners/Head office complete by clicking this [Link](#)
 - For pharmacy team complete by click this [Link](#)
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Clamping down on inappropriate EPS nomination and service direction

Community Pharmacy England is taking steps to tackle inappropriate EPS pharmacy nomination practices and service direction, which contravene the principles of patient choice. Please click [here](#) to read more.



Useful information to support you in your practice.

- [Primary Care Buletin](#)
 - [Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board](#)
 - [Medicines Optimisation Newsletter](#)
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