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Newsletter

13th March 2026

Week 11

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Independent Prescriber training Expression of interest (EOI)

Community Pharmacy Kent has successfully secured funding from NHS England Workforce Training and Education – South East (NHSWTE) to support the delivery of a Teach & Treat Initiative in collaboration with Medway School of Pharmacy.

This programme aims to match prospective Independent Prescribing candidates with suitable Designated Prescribing Practitioners (DPPs) across Kent and Medway. Eligibility for the programme is limited to community pharmacists currently practising within Kent and Medway.

If this is something you would be interested in, please follow the link to complete an expression of interest. (Estimated completion time is 3 minutes).

To apply, please click on [this link](#).



Face to face VACCINATION TRAINING – KENT LPC

Community Pharmacy Kent (Kent LPC), in collaboration with ECG, has organised a comprehensive vaccination training for Community Pharmacy Contractors.

The training is scheduled for Sunday, 5th July 2026, and will take place at Mercure Maidstone. This training session is open to both individuals new to vaccinations and those needing a refresher course.

What is Required from You:

- **Venue Cost:** Paid by the LPC.
- **Trainer Cost:** £30
- **Session Choice:** Attend either a morning or afternoon training session.
- **Spaces Available:** 40 (20 per session).

Training Details:

- **Date:** 05.07.2026
- **Venue:** Mercure Maidstone Hollingbourne, Maidstone ME17 1RE
- **Morning Session:** 9.00am till 12.30pm.
- **Afternoon Session:** 1.00pm till 4.30pm

To register your interest, please click on [this link](#)



Smoking Cessation and NHS Health Check contract webinars and information

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

- Webinar on Tuesday, 24th February is now available and this can be found [here](#)
- Guidance on how to sign up on the portal can be found [here](#).
- Presentation slides 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 (Next week)**

Time: 1pm-2pm

Location: Microsoft teams

Join using this link:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/36092200726948?p=QRpddify65HxNRNRj>

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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](#)



Pharmacy First Urgent Medicines Supply

This new briefing provides information on undertaking patient consultations, handling requests for medicines liable to abuse, and record-keeping requirements to ensure your pharmacy remains fully compliant. [Read the new briefing](#)



Discontinuation of FreeStyle® Libre 3 Sensor

FreeStyle® Libre 3 Sensor (Abbott Laboratories Ltd) has been discontinued and will be deleted from Part IX of the April 2026 Drug Tariff. Any NHS prescriptions dispensed from 1st April 2026 onwards will be **disallowed** by the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA).



Useful information to support you in your practice.

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

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