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Newsletter

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Week 24

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Face to Face Vaccination Training

We are delighted to announce that the Face to Face Vaccination Training scheduled for 5 July 2026 is now free of charge for all registered pharmacy professionals.

We also have 5 places available in the **afternoon session** 1:00 PM–4:30 PM due to recent cancellations.

If you would like to attend and have not yet registered, please contact natalia.bejan@kentlpc.org.uk as soon as possible to secure one of the remaining places.



Webinar recording: 2026/27 CPCF settlement

The webinar covering the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF) Settlement for 2026/27, is now available on demand. To access the recording, please click [here](#).



Data Security and Protection Toolkit 2026

With the deadline now imminent, Community Pharmacy England is urging pharmacy owners to take action to complete the Data Security and Protection Toolkit (DSPTK) for 2026 now and reminding them to make use of our resources to work through the process as efficiently as possible.

The DSPTK submission is due by 30th June 2026 as part of a pharmacy's annual information governance (IG) declaration, and many pharmacy owners are busy working towards completing this. It is a mandatory requirement under the NHS Terms of Service that demonstrates core information governance standards and maintains patient trust. Please click [here](#) to read more.



Changes to the New Medicine Service from June 2026

Following the [announcement of the 2026/27 negotiations](#), a [Drug Tariff update](#) has been published to base the New Medicine Service (NMS) monthly consultation cap on 0.9% rather than 1.0% of monthly prescriptions. Please click [here](#) to read more.



Update from Kent County Council

Thank you to all pharmacies that have signed up to deliver Stop Smoking Support on behalf of KCC.

We are continuing to work closely with our partners to finalise the Patient Group Direction (PGD) for varenicline; however, at present we are unable to confirm

when this will be in place.

With this in mind, we are keen to commence the service from early June. Initially, signed-up providers will support clients using Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT), with varenicline to be incorporated into the service offering once the PGD has been finalised.

We apologise for the delay in introducing varenicline, but we believe it is important to begin delivering the stop smoking service through pharmacies at this stage.

We will continue to keep you updated on progress with the varenicline PGD. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact our dedicated Primary Care Team at primarycareprogrammesteam@kent.gov.uk



Regional Workshop, South East (Thursday 9th July)

Community Pharmacy England will be holding a workshop in South East. This face-to-face event will enable pharmacy owners and their representatives to discuss the next steps for community pharmacy with us, hearing more about the outcome of the CPCF negotiations for 2026/27 and feed directly into our priorities for the 2027/28 CPCF negotiations and beyond.

Gary Warner, the representative of independent pharmacy owners region and other members of the Community Pharmacy England Committee, some of the Executive Team will also be in attendance, as well as representatives from your LPC. An agenda and topics for discussion will be published nearer the time, we will seek your views before the event, to reflect the issues, challenges and opportunities most relevant to our community.

This event is part of a series of regional workshops taking place across the country.

Details:

Location: Holiday Inn Farnborough, Lynchford Rd, Farnborough GU14 6AZ

Timings: 7:30pm – 9.30pm, with doors open from 6:45pm when a hot buffet will be available, with informal networking and Q&A with the Community Pharmacy England team)

This event is free to attend, but you are asked to register in advance. Please note that attendance is for pharmacy owners and their representatives.

To reserve a spot, click on [this link](#)



Pharmacies to provide new MenB vac service

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and NHS England have announced a new community pharmacy vaccination service to provide a one-off Meningococcal B (MenB) Vaccination Service.

The new Advanced service is targeted to protect young people heading to universities or residential further education ahead of the start of term in autumn 2026. Click [here](#) to read more.



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

Following discussions with NHS England, Community Pharmacy England has agreed to an extension of the pilot flu vaccination service for children aged 2-3 years, with an increase in the fee. In addition, after successful lobbying, the service is being expanded to include opportunistic vaccination of two additional groups:

- Clinically at-risk children aged 2 years to less than 18 years; and
- Catch-up vaccinations of school-aged children (Reception to Year 11).

The service, which has been announced via an [amendment to the national flu letter](#) by the Department of Health and Social Care, the UK Health Security Agency and NHS England, will continue to be commissioned as an Advanced service. To read more, please click on [this link](#).



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