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Newsletter

19th May 2026

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Integrated Neighbourhood team and Kent LPC update Lunch time webinar (Tomorrow 20th May 2026)

Due to the changes within the ICB, there will be a lunchtime webinar for important updates regarding the Integrated Neighbourhood Teams.

Webinar Details:

- Date: Wednesday 20th May 2026
 - Venue: Microsoft teams.
 - Join using this link; <https://communitypharmacy.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=1af7d808514833989dcc40a22&id=d67a72781b&e=1e9216e25e>
 - Time: 1.00pm till 2.00pm.
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Face to face VACCINATION TRAINING – KENT LPC (now FREE)

I am delighted to announce that the vaccination training scheduled for 5th July 2026 is now fully booked. Even better, this training will now be free for all registered colleagues. brilliant news!

To continue supporting workforce development, we have now opened an **additional training date** to support newly qualified pharmacists, trainee pharmacists, and other registered pharmacy team members requiring vaccination training.

The new training date and details are below...

What is Required from You:

- **Session Choice:** Attend either a morning or afternoon training session.
- **Spaces Available:** 40 (20 per session).

Training Details:

- **Date:** 13.09.2026
- **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](#)



Teach and treat programme (Update)

Delighted to see the level of support across community pharmacies, GP practices, and acute trusts in supporting the training and development of Independent Prescribers within community pharmacy by acting as Designated Prescribing Practitioners (DPPs).

Next steps:

- All successful candidates will receive an email this week confirming their allocated DPP
- Please start your application immediately, as the submission deadline for the September 2026 cohort is 12th June 2026
- If you have any questions, please contact Priya at priya.mattu@kentlpc.org.uk

If you are interested in becoming a Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP), please click the link and complete the survey to express your interest <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BBJYMJL>

We have also provided a link to a pre-recorded webinar, which explains the DPP role in more detail and outlines what is involved in supporting an Independent Prescribing candidate. <https://youtu.be/ePC6Uz4Mpvo>



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Travel and Ear Health services face-to-face training (confirmed)

Please see attached [flyer](#) for an upcoming private services training day hosted by Valneva and Clear Clinic will focus on ear health services.

Training details:

Date: Sunday 7th June 2026

Time: 09:30am- 4:00pm

Venue: Mercure Great Danes Hotel Maidstone, Kent ME17 1RE

The day will feature a blend of expert-led educational sessions, interactive practical training, and valuable networking opportunities with pharmacy professionals who have successfully grown their NHS and private service income streams.

Whether you are looking to launch a new service or strengthen your existing offering, this is a training day not to be missed.

To help us to get an idea of numbers please complete the attached survey monkey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3QF9DML>



Spring Bank Holiday Posters – Monday 25th May 2026

Please find [attached](#) the Spring Bank Holiday Posters Monday 25 May 2026.

Bank Holiday Posters detailing which pharmacies will be open across the Southeast of England for your information.

Pharmacies are only listed on the posters if they are opening one or more of the Bank Holiday dates.

A map of the pharmacies that will be open on the Bank Holidays has been created, anybody can access the map via the link [here](#).



Independent Prescribing courses 2026-27 – NHS England funded training

Pharmacists from all sectors, including community pharmacy and locums, are invited to take advantage of this opportunity.

Courses are available up to March 2027, with several universities offering multiple dates for cohort intakes. Start dates will depend on the university provider.

Pharmacists who meet the eligibility criteria will be able to apply for independent prescribing courses at a variety of universities across England:

1. Community pharmacists (including locum pharmacists); Pharmacists employed in General Practice (who are not eligible for, or enrolled on, the CPPE Primary Care Pharmacy Education Pathway) and those who are working to provide primary care services (e.g. working in primary care) who are not employed in ARRS roles); and Health and Justice pharmacists
2. Pharmacists enrolled on CPPE's Primary Care Pharmacy Education Pathway (PCPEP) and who meet the PCPEP criteria to enrol on an independent prescribing course
3. Pharmacists working in an NHS Hospital Trust or Mental Health Trust (NHS managed sector); pharmacists working in an integrated care board (ICB), previously CCG pharmacists.

Eligible pharmacists may apply only to those universities as listed on the [NHS England website](#). They will need to demonstrate (as a minimum):

- The support of an identified designated prescribing practitioner (DPP).
- An appropriate practice-based learning environment in a prescribing setting that can offer appropriate clinical support.
- Evidence that you meet the course provider eligibility criteria (applicants will be subject to their chosen university's enrolment processes).
- Commitment to use the skill within your area of competence and expertise, for the delivery of NHS clinical services as they emerge.

Universities are listed on the [NHS England website](#) by sector. Please note: the available universities differ depending on the sector you work in.

Course length and the number of face-to-face days required vary between universities. Please check the individual university webpages for further information on course format.

Funding

Independent Prescribing training is available to pharmacists who meet the eligibility criteria. Tuition fees are fully funded by NHS England. Pharmacists that are successful in applying to one of the approved universities will be allocated a fully funded place directly by the university. They do not need to

apply to NHS England for funding separately.

For any further enquiries, please contact england.pharmacyteam@nhs.net

In addition to the offer mentioned above, [University of Brighton](#) and [University of Winchester](#) are also providing IP funded course provision. For further details and information on how to apply, please visit their respective webpages.



Data Security and Protection Toolkit 2026

Community Pharmacy England previously published updated guidance and support to help community pharmacy owners complete the Data Security and Protection Toolkit (DSPTK) 2026.

Completing the Toolkit is how pharmacies make their annual information governance (IG) declaration. It is a mandatory requirement under the NHS Terms of Service and must be completed by 30th June 2026.

Community Pharmacy England has worked closely with the NHS DSPTK team to ensure the Toolkit remains proportionate and practical, while continuing to support strong data security and patient confidentiality. Click [here](#) to read more.



Useful information to support you in your practice.

- [Primary Care Buletin](#)

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