



Community Pharmacy Essex Newsletter

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<https://cpesx.org.uk/>

Pharmacy First

Thanks for all those that attended the Pharmacy First event on Sunday 28th January. We have received some fantastic feedback about the content of the event.



Due to the overwhelming demand for the training, Health Living Partnership Limited will be supporting another event on Sunday 24th March, we have already contacted those on our waiting list. If you are interested in attending please e-mail office@cpesx.org.uk

We do have some places available.

We really value your feedback from situations that have occurred in the early days of offering the Pharmacy First service, and it would be great to learn from each other and share some of the details, if you would like to share your issues please email office@cpesx.org.uk.

We recently had a committee meeting and members discussed the misconceptions and understanding with colleagues in GP surgeries, this has been quickly helped by explaining the service and sharing

details of the 7 conditions. This poster is attached to this newsletter, a copy for you to retain in your pharmacy and a copy to share with colleagues in the surgery near to you.

Clinical pathway consultations

- Involves pharmacists providing advice and NHS-funded treatment, where clinically appropriate for seven common conditions:





C-19 vacs – NHSE extends contracts until 31st August

NHS England has written to pharmacies currently providing the COVID-19 vaccination service to ask whether they would be willing to extend the duration of their current contract to provide the service until 31st August 2024.

Item of service fee for Covid vaccinations administered within a pharmacy or care home will be £10.04.

<https://cpe.org.uk/our-news/c-19-vacs-nhse-extends-contracts-until-31st-august/>

Data Security and Protection Toolkit

Community Pharmacy England has published new guidance to help community pharmacy owners complete the latest Data Security and Protection Toolkit. The Toolkit is used to make a pharmacy's information governance (IG) declaration and must be completed by **Sunday 30th June 2024**

<https://cpe.org.uk/our-news/data-security-protection-toolkit-2024-community-pharmacy-england-guidance-available/>

New 'Annex 18 – Temporary suspension of services' form

In the event of a temporary suspension, please use the following link to access the new 'Annex 18 – Temporary suspension of services' form NHS England » Pharmacy template forms. When filling out the form please ensure each part is completed and all appropriate boxes ticked.

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/primary-care/pharmacy/pharmacy-manual/pharmacy-template-forms/>



Key deadline dates

Flu Vaccination Service	Service ends 31 st March 2024 remove promotional material on display
Healthy Living Pharmacy	A community engagement exercise must have been completed by 31 st March 2024
Hypertension Case-Finding Service	31 st March 2024, provided 20 ABPMs for 2023/24 to achieve the incentive fee
Pharmacy First	31 st March 2024, have delivered a minimum of 5 clinical pathway consultations that cross the Gateway point to retain the £2000 initial fixed payment
Data Security & Protection Toolkit	Toolkit to be completed by 30 th June 2024

For a more comprehensive list please visit the Community Pharmacy England website.

<https://cpe.org.uk/national-pharmacy-services/cpcf-services-and-terms-of-service-important-dates/>

Governance Policies

At the recent committee meeting held on Wednesday 7th February, members agreed and adopted the 3 new Governance policies proposed by Community Pharmacy England: the Governance Framework, Code of Conduct and Governance sub committee.

<https://cpesx.org.uk/about-us/governance/policies/>

Anenta Pre-Acceptance Waste Audit completion

You would have recently received details from Anenta via your NHSmail account. Anenta have requested that pharmacies complete a Pre-Acceptance Waste audit, which will be valid for either 12 months or five years from the date of completion depending on the volume of waste produced.

We are working with Anenta to produce a webinar/YouTube video to assist in this: They have kindly shared a GP video they produced and we asked some contractors to review this, however it was felt to be too GP-specific and so a pharmacy resource is going to be made available.

If you have any urgent queries regarding the completion of the audit contact isabelle@anenta.com who will be able to assist with any queries you may have.

<https://vector.anenta.com/>

Important: Suicide prevention training & Resources for Pharmacists

As healthcare professionals, pharmacists play a crucial role in their community's well-being, and it is essential that we are equipped to address not only physical health concerns but also mental health issues.

We would like to bring your attention to a valuable resource that can enhance your ability to support patients and community members who may be struggling with mental health challenges. The Let's Talk About Suicide website offers comprehensive advice and tips on mental health, suicide prevention, local and National charities, safety plans, and FREE suicide prevention training.

As pharmacists, you are often in a unique position to interact with patients regularly. Taking advantage of the FREE suicide prevention training on this website can empower us to recognise



**IT'S TIME TO
#TALKABOUTSUICIDE
EVERY 2 HOURS
SOMEBODY IN THE
UK TAKES THEIR
LIFE THROUGH
SUICIDE. HELP US
TO CHANGE THIS.**

We know it can be daunting, but talking about suicide doesn't have to be difficult and you don't need to be an expert. Being open and ready to have that conversation can help to save someone's life.

We want you to complete FREE training from the Zero Suicide Alliance. The training is available at www.letsstalkaboutsuicide.co.uk and takes just 20 minutes to complete.

20 MINUTES TO SAVE A LIFE

TAKE THE TRAINING AT
WWW.LETSTALKABOUTSUICIDE.CO.UK

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the signs of someone who may be feeling suicidal. This training will not only benefit our professional skills but, more importantly, enable us to make a positive impact on the lives of those we serve.

Additionally, by familiarising ourselves with the content on the website, we can effectively recommend it to our patients. This will help them recognise the signs of distress in their families, friends, and even strangers, and provide them with the necessary advice and tips to respond appropriately.

We are asking each of you to take some time to explore the Let's Talk About Suicide website



brought to you by Thurrock and Brentwood Mind and the Mid and South Essex Integrated Care System and complete the training. The knowledge gained can be a powerful tool in our efforts to contribute to the mental well-being of our community.

www.letstalkaboutsuiicide.co.uk www.letstalkaboutsuiicide.co.uk

Suffolk & North East Essex (SNEE) ISB's website

A useful resource for North East Essex contractors to register and use. There are many resources on the site that may be of use to you. Attached details for accessing the website showing step by step guide and screenshots.

https://suffolkandnortheastessex.icb.nhs.uk/register/?message=pending&um_role=health_care_professional&um_form_id=1305

Meetings taking place soon

Pharmacy First event including CPPE ENT training

Sunday 24th March 2024 at Ivy Hill Margaretting Hotel, CM4 OEH 9am to 5pm . Please e-mail office@cpesx.org.uk to express an interest in attending. **Please note that this is the last available Sunday before the service requires all pharmacies to be able to offer all 7 clinical pathways.**

CPPE Optimising inhaler technique – improving outcomes

Tuesday 26th March 2024 at St Helena, Myland Hall, Barncroft, Colchester, CO4 9JU 7–9pm



All healthcare professionals who come into contact with people who are using inhalers should be able to check inhaler technique and provide advice to improve the use of inhaled medicines. This workshop will develop knowledge, skills and confidence to support patients to improve their outcomes and have an impact on the quality of life for people with COPD and asthma.

The workshop considers the different types of inhaler devices available and how the delivered dose is made in each type, the breathing technique required for each type and the potential implications of suboptimal technique. The workshop is open to pharmacists, technicians and trainee pharmacists working in all sectors of pharmacy.

Please also bear in mind that many of you will have submitted PQS respiratory domain which states *“By the end of 31 March 2024, **all pharmacists working at the pharmacy on the day of the declaration**, who are providing NMS, with the appropriate inhaler technique check, must have **satisfactorily completed**, within the last four years (between 1 April 2020 and end of **31 March 2024**), the CPPE Inhaler technique for health professionals: getting it right e-learning or attended a **CPPE optimising inhaler technique: improving outcomes workshop** and passed the inhaler technique for health professionals e-assessment.”*

<https://www.cppe.ac.uk/programmes//inhalers-w-03/>



HOLD THE DATE:

Community Pharmacy Essex Conference and AGM

Sunday 29th September 2024 at Ivy Hill Margareting Hotel, CM4 OEH

Details of all our events are circulated to all Essex Community Pharmacies. To reserve places please ensure you e-mail office@cpesx.org.uk in advance of the events.

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