



Community Pharmacy Essex Newsletter

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This newsletter is sent as required and contains useful information for community pharmacy teams in Essex.

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Contractor Development Day – Resounding Success!



On Sunday the 9th of February 2025 we welcomed contractors to share, learn and connect with colleagues at our Spring training conference.

At our latest event we welcomed in trainers and local providers to update and provide training for our contractors in GPhC, optimising service income, addressing vaccine hesitancy.

It was fantastic to see many so many of you in person, and to hear how much you appreciated the face-to-face training sessions and the opportunity to network and to see the office team.



The Mental Health First Aid training, delivered by Lyn Mowforth from Provide CIC, was incredibly popular. We had originally worried that we wouldn't meet the minimum number for training and would face charges for empty places, but ended up heavily over-subscribed, and therefore we are holding a waiting list. **Please let us know if you would like to attend this training in future.**

We also had well-received workshops led by Gemma and David from GPhC and Jane, our Controlled Drug Accountable Officer on current themes in GPhC inspections and controlled drugs, Principles of Vaccination and Addressing Vaccine Hesitancy from Jansher Khan from MSD, Stop Smoking refresher and the Varenicline PGD from our own Lisa Lovell, and maximising service income from Liam Stapleton who was unable to attend due to unforeseen circumstances but was able to present live virtually.

Community Pharmacy England – Pressure Survey

Community Pharmacy England is undertaking its annual Pressures survey, which remains open until 28th February 2025. This is available for all members of the pharmacy team to complete, with the aim of gathering crucial insights into the current level of challenge faced by community pharmacies. The findings support the case for community pharmacy investment in briefings for MPs, Healthcare and the media.

Your views **are valuable** to please take a few minutes to share them

<https://cpe.org.uk/our-news/pharmacy-pressures-survey-2025-its-time-to-share-your-views/>

Shouting loud about Pharmacy in the COMMUNITY!



Do you have an outreach event planned or will you be joining in local initiatives/events? This is a call to all our Essex pharmacy contractors to get in touch with us so we can showcase these successes and celebrate the work being done in community pharmacy across Essex- Whether it's a successful health campaign, community event, or a new service you're offering, we want to hear about it.

The Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework Essential services have included the requirement to be a Healthy Living Pharmacy Level 1 since 2020/2021, and this includes requirements that:



The pharmacy team actively work in collaboration with other organisations to deliver pharmacy outreach and any locally commissioned services.

The pharmacy team take prevention and health promotion services beyond the pharmacy premises. Pharmacy outreach may be face to face and take services to people where they live or spend time.

By highlighting your event we can share ideas with other pharmacies, and you will be demonstrating that you are meeting the contractual criteria.

Please contact us at office@cpesx.org.uk or evan@cpesx.org.uk whenever you have a story to share.

Pharmacy First Myth Buster Series

Community Pharmacy England's Pharmacy First myth-busting series is there to clear up common misconceptions about the service which has just passed its first year of operation.

For example, In the latest article, they have tackled the myth that a Pharmacy First Minor illness electronic referral can be used for a blood pressure check.

Unfortunately, a small number of Essex contractors have been identified by NHS England for providing Pharmacy First consultations that do not meet the service criteria, for example patients who are outside the specification age range, or men with UTI. The contractors have received letters outlining the non-compliant provisions, and we are working with ICBs and local resolution to address this where requested.

For more myth-busting insights, [Click HERE](#).

Early advance payment timetable for 2025

Community Pharmacy England has announced the early advance payment timetable for 2025. Pharmacy owners who submit their FP34C declaration via the Manage Your Service (MYS) portal by the 5th of each month (or the 6th if there are bank holidays) will receive 100% of their advance payments four working days after the submission deadline. This schedule aims to provide timely financial support to pharmacies, ensuring they can continue to offer essential services despite ongoing financial challenges. [For more information CLICK HERE](#).



Dates for the diary

	Date	
Service delivery	Wednesday 26th February 2025	PocDoc virtual Training
West Essex	Thursday 27th February 2025	Pharmacy Forum Meeting
Mid Essex	Wednesday 12th March 2025	Pharmacy Forum Meeting
NE Essex	Thursday 8th May 2025	Pharmacy Forum Meeting
SE Essex	Wednesday 14th May 2025	Pharmacy Forum Meeting
SW Essex	Thursday 15th May 2025	Pharmacy Forum Meeting
Mid Essex	Thursday 22nd May 2025	Pharmacy Forum Meeting
West Essex	Wednesday 4th June 2025	Pharmacy Forum Meeting

Details will be circulated to the pharmacy teams as and when events take place. Please contact office@cpesx.org.uk if you would like to sign up to receive details about our events.

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