

Weekly News Digest - 18th April 2024

[Community Pharmacy PCN Leads](#)

BOB ICB has agreed to fund Community Pharmacy PCN Leads, and to support their training, development and engagement, for 2024-25 and 2025-26. Community Pharmacy leads will be expected to carry out their role on one day per calendar month with a payment of £400 per day (£4,800 per annum). The deadline to submit your EoI is **26th April**. For more details, [click here](#).

[Annual Complaints Report 2023/24](#)

A reminder that it is a contractual requirement for pharmacies to submit an annual complaints report. The report for 2023/24 must be submitted by **3rd May 2024** - [click here](#).

[New Prescription Charge Posters](#)

CPE has produced posters to support community pharmacies in displaying the new prescription charge, following the announcement of the prescription charge increase effective from 1st May. To download the posters and view related resources [click here](#).

[Hypertension Case Finding Resources](#)

Now this service can be provided by any suitably trained and competent pharmacy staff (pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and other non-registered members of the pharmacy team), CPE have put together a staff training checklist which includes actions and activities to develop staff confidence and competence to successfully provide the service - [click here](#).

[Pharmacy Undergraduate Placements, University of Reading](#)

The University of Reading School of Pharmacy is planning the next academic year and further community pharmacy placement providers are needed as they are expanding the numbers of placement days for pharmacy undergraduates in line with GPhC requirements. Ideally placement provider pharmacies should be within an hour's travel time of the university. For more details and placement dates [click here](#).

[NHS Specialist Pharmacy Service \(SPS\) Reference Group](#)

SPS are setting up a reference group for Primary Care and Community Pharmacy. This will be a multi-organisational pharmacy-professional expert group providing opinion and support to assist the development and maintenance of NHS SPS Primary Care and Community Pharmacy-related resources to ensure they meet the needs of the users. They welcome expressions of interest from Pharmacy Technicians and Pharmacists by 29th April 2024. [Click here](#).

[Change of Postal Address for SE Complaints Hub](#)

Please note that the address for postal customer complaints has changed. Please ensure all your customer communications are updated. Please details [click here](#).

Training & Events

[Educational Supervisor Training](#)

NHS England have announced additional, fully funded educational supervision training for those supervising Pharmacy Trainees. This training, delivered by ProPharmace, will ensure those involved in educational supervision, including Educational Supervisors (ESs), Designated Supervisors (DSs), and Designated Prescribing Practitioners (DPPs), are confident to provide support and developmental aid to Pharmacy Trainees. To find out more and sign up, [click here](#).

[Community Pharmacy England \(CPE\) Pharmacy Owners Engagement Event](#)

19.00-20.30, 7th May 2024

CPE is hosting a national engagement event for pharmacy owners. The event will provide the opportunity to hear about key topics affecting community pharmacy, learn more about CPE's work and progress in critical areas and share your views on the issues that matter most to you. [Click here](#).

[Community Pharmacy PCN Lead Training](#)

10.00-16.00, 17th June 2024

Full day training event (with backfill) for newly appointed Community Pharmacy PCN Leads in BOB (Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire & Berkshire West). For details of the new PCN Lead roles in the BOB ICB area, [click here](#).

[Polypharmacy Training](#)

12.00-13.30 on 13th or 27th June, 11th July, 12th or 26th September

Health Innovation Network (formerly OAHSN) are running this 1.5hr webinar on polypharmacy and reducing the risk of harms from medicines for healthcare professionals. For more details and to register for **one** of the dates, [click here](#).

[CPPE Workshops](#)

The CPPE Workshop calendar for April to June 2024 has been released. This includes the following new topics:

- NHS Pharmacy First: Clinical assessment – essential skills online workshop
- Lewy body dementia
- Optimising adherence to medicines in asthma
- Supporting people living with dementia
- Neurology in primary care
- Preparing to train as an independent prescriber

For the full calendar and booking links, [click here](#).

Community Pharmacy Thames Valley

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