

Weekly News Digest - 25th April 2024

[Early May Bank Holiday Opening](#)

Posters and a link to a map showing Thames Valley pharmacies open on the early May Bank Holiday are available on [our website](#). Please ensure your DoS and NHS Profiles are up to date, and that you display the relevant poster to direct patients if you are closed on Monday 6th May. [Click here](#).

[Community Pharmacy PCN Leads \(BOB ICB\)](#)

The deadline to submit your EoI to become the Community Pharmacy Lead for your PCN is **26th April**. 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). 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** - [click here](#).

[Oxfordship 2024-25 DAPL Payments](#)

For Oxfordship pharmacies providing EHC, Needle Exchange and Supervised Consumption under the Dynamic Approved Provider List (DAPL), the new payment process and schedule for 2024-25 is now available - [click here](#).

[Maximising Dispensing Income](#)

CPE has issued a new factsheet to help pharmacy owners maximise their income from dispensing. This includes top tips to help maximise income or reduce losses when: Dispensing, Ordering, Endorsing prescriptions, Submitting claims/prescriptions for payment (including end-of-month MYS declaration), and Reconciling payments against claims submitted. [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. Interested Pharmacy Technicians and Pharmacists should submit their Expressions of Interest by **29th April**. [Click here](#).

[NICE Update](#)

The April edition of the NICE monthly newsletter for primary care staff is now available. This includes clinical knowledge summaries, links to news, blog posts, and more. [Click here](#).

Training & Events

[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 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](#).

[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](#).

[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](#).

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