



Weekly News Digest - 27th June 2024

[Data Security & Protection Toolkit](#)

The deadline for community pharmacy contractors to complete the 2023/24 Data Security and Protection Toolkit is **30th June 2024**. For CPE guidance including: 5 steps to completing the DSP; Question by question guidance; and information on batch submission, along with a link to the recent information webinar, [click here](#).

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[Verifying your NHS Profile](#)

A reminder that it is a contractual requirement to check your NHS Profile every financial quarter. Please therefore login to the profile manager and update (or if there are no changes, verify) your opening hours, contact details, facilities and services by **30th June 2024**. [Click here](#).

[Frimley GP 2024-25 Pharmacy & Medicines Optimisation Scheme \(PMOS\)](#)

Frimley ICS (which covers East Berkshire) offers an annual PMOS scheme to GPs. This year CP integration is a core element which all participating practices will have to engage with, with the aim of driving Pharmacy First referrals. As such, practices will be tasked with contacting pharmacies to build relationships and work through how to drive the service for their locality. For more details [click here](#).

[Oxfordshire Take-Home Naloxone \(THN\) Service](#)

Oxfordshire pharmacies are being invited to participate in a Take-Home Naloxone (THN) pilot programme commencing in July 2024, please see the [Service Specification](#) for full details. Only pharmacies that hold a current contract with Oxfordshire County Council for Supervised Consumption or Needle Exchange are eligible to participate, however, pharmacies that do not hold a current contract can apply to provide one or both of these services if they wish to participate in the THN programme. For further information, or to register your interest, email lfy.Enemuo@Oxfordshire.gov.uk.

[Frimley DPP Training Funding](#)

Frimley ICB (which covers East Berkshire) are offering backfill funding of up to £750 to support the training of Designated Prescribing Practitioners (DPPs) within Frimley. For more information [click here](#).

[Pharmacy First User Research](#)

The Pharmacy First user research team would like to invite community pharmacy staff to offer feedback on their initial experiences of the service, including how updates are recorded and sent to the patient's GP, and how

pharmacies access the patient's GP record before a consultation. They are keen to hear directly from those that use the IT systems that support Pharmacy First to inform potential improvements. To register your interest, please contact Katherine.Tyte@nhs.net or Marianthi.Vezertzi@nhs.net.

[CPPE Common Conditions E-Learning](#)

Pharmacists delivering the Pharmacy First service may benefit from a new CPPE common clinical conditions e-learning programme. It covers a range of common clinical conditions and minor ailments that may present themselves in community pharmacy and contains practical tips and advice on how to identify and manage them. [Click here](#).

[PrescQIPP](#)

PrescQIPP is an independent resource set up to support quality prescribing in the NHS and help to make sure that treatments prescribed to patients are safe, effective and good value for money by offering information, guidance and support on prescribing to a large community of NHS professionals, and providing a forum for sharing experience and learning. To find out more [click here](#), or register free using your nhs.net email address - [click here](#).

[NICE Update](#)

The June 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](#).

[MHRA Drug Safety Update](#)

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Training & Events

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[Pharmacy First: Maximising the potential of the service in your Pharmacy](#)

19.30, 2nd July 2024 - online

Expert panelists will share their experiences, insights and recommendations on how to make the most of the Pharmacy First Service, and how to raise patient awareness. (This meeting is sponsored by Redmoor Health) [Click here](#).

[Via Working Together Webinar](#)

19.00, 11th July 2024 - online

Via would like to invite all pharmacists, technicians, pharmacy assistants and locums involved in providing substance misuse services (Supervised Consumption, Needle Exchange and/or Take-Home Naloxone) in West Berkshire, to join a "Working Together Webinar". Please RSVP with your name, pharmacy and contact details to Jon.Nicholas@viaorg.uk.

[Polypharmacy Training](#)

12.00-13.30 on 11th July, 12th or 26th September 2024

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](#).

[Valproate \(CPPE Pilot\)](#)

19.00-20.45 on 18th July 2024

Join and provide feedback on this CPPE Pilot entitled - Valproate: the hard conversations, which will help develop your skills and confidence in using a person-centred approach to help manage the risks associated with valproate. To find out more and book [click here](#).

[CPE Pharmacy Owner Event](#)

19.30-21.00 (buffet from 18.45), 24th July 2024 - Crowne Plaza Gatwick Airport, RH11 7SX

CPE are holding a series of regional roadshow events across the country. The South East event will be held at the Crowne Plaza Gatwick. This is an opportunity to hear from CPE Chief Executive, Janet Morrison, her team, and members of the CPE Committee Members about what CPE are doing to help ease the critical pressures community pharmacies are facing, and to ask questions of Janet and the team. [Click here](#).

[Pharmacy Show 2024](#)

9am – 6pm, 13th October 2024 or 9am-4.30pm on 14th October 2024

The Pharmacy Show champions the sector and invites all pharmacy professionals to come together for a host of education and networking opportunities. Pharmacists and pharmacy staff are entitled to a free ticket. For more details [click here](#).

[CPPE Workshops](#)

The CPPE Workshop calendar for July to September 2024 has been released. This includes topics such as: Community pharmacy technician advancing your role reflective practice, NHS Pharmacy First: Clinical assessment – essential skills, Optimising adherence to medicines in asthma, Supporting people living with dementia, Atrial Fibrillation: improve detection and person-centred care, and COPD. For a full calendar and booking links, [click here](#).

Community Pharmacy Thames Valley

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