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Newsletter

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This LPC newsletter is for community pharmacy contractors, managers and team members in Surrey and Sussex.

It contains local information and local news items, local diary dates and other local topics to help effectively manage NHS and locally commissioned contracts.

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LPC News



Childhood Flu Vaccination Service

Reminder pharmacy owners wishing to provide the childhood flu vaccination service should register on the NHS Business Service Authority (NHSBSA)'s Manage Your Service (MYS) portal **by 23:59 on 31st August 2025** to receive centrally procured vaccine in time for the launch on 1st October.

Training



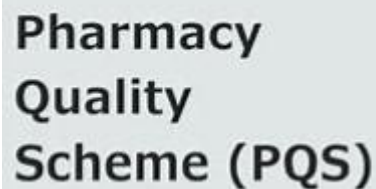
CPPE leading for change programme - Don't miss this opportunity!

A **fully funded** 6 month leadership programme which is open to all registered pharmacy professionals who are in patient facing roles and/or who provide NHS services in England who have responsibility for leading a team or leading services within their organisation. Including pharmacists, pharmacy technicians working in community pharmacy, armed forces, health and justice as well as those in and secondary care (*if you have recently completed a CPPE Primary care pathway you will not be able to apply for this programme*).

- Four online modules
 - Achieving your potential
 - Developing and managing services
 - Inspiring and achieving the best from your team
 - Pharmacy within the wider healthcare system
- Each module is supported by a **compulsory half-day online interactive workshop**, online discussion forums to enable you to put your learning into practice and to allow you to network with fellow course participants. You will be supported by a CPPE tutor and a workplace mentor over the 6 month programme. For more information see here: [Leading for change: CPPE](#)

For a leaflet on the course click [here](#).

PQS

The logo for the Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) features the text 'Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS)' in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The text is positioned on the left side of a graphic that includes a curved, purple-to-white gradient element on the right.

PQS: Just a few days to meet the gateway criterion

Pharmacy owners have just a few days left to meet the gateway criterion for the 2025/26 Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS). To qualify, pharmacies must be signed up to deliver both the Pharmacy First Service and the Pharmacy Contraception Service by 31st August 2025. [Find out more here](#).

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To read the latest edition of the NHSE Primary Care Bulletin click [here](#).



Additionally you may be interested in.....

Come and join us for the first **South East England Inclusive Pharmacy Practice Webinar**

Open to *all pharmacy professionals* looking to build the skills and knowledge for a more equitable workplace.

-  Date: **Tuesday September 9th**
-  Time: **7-8pm**
-  Platform: Microsoft Teams

In this first session we will :

- Explore how we can support making your working environments more inclusive
- Hear from two guest speakers discussing:
 - Inclusive recruitment and why it is so important
 - Initiatives taken to champion neurodivergence in an NHS trust

**Join us to explore how we can make inclusive
pharmacy practice a reality**

NHSE South East Inclusive Pharmacy Practice Webinar – Register Now!

NHSE South East are excited to invite you to the **first NHSE South East England Inclusive Pharmacy Practice Webinar**, taking place this September. This webinar is open to all pharmacy professionals looking to build the skills and knowledge for a more equitable workplace.

You'll find further details in the agenda [here](#).

Date: September 9th

Time: 19:00-20:00

Platform: Microsoft Teams

[Click here to register](#) and secure your place.



Introduction to Genomics Webinars

Two webinars on pharmacy and genomics-informed medicines optimisation are being held by the NHSE Pharmacy Workforce Group for Genomics. Presenters will include members of the NHS Genomic Medicine Service and NHSE National Genomics Education programme. These webinars are open to all pharmacy professionals providing NHS services; please register using an NHS email address.

The first webinar will be held on **Tuesday 9th September, 12:15-13:00** and will provide an introductory overview for all pharmacy professionals on the area of genomics-informed medicines optimisation. Speakers will cover key areas including:

1. What is genomics?
2. What are the national priorities for genomics-informed medicines optimisation?
3. How does genomics affect medicines? (Pharmacogenomics, precision medicines and antimicrobial resistance)
4. Education opportunities for pharmacy professionals and introduction to the next webinar.

This session will be recorded, and it is advised that it is watched as an introduction before the second interactive webinar session in October.

Registration link is here: [Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](#).

The second webinar will be held on **Wednesday 15th October, at 18:00-19.30** providing an opportunity to discuss specific cases in breakout rooms. This session will build on the previous webinar and its introduction to areas in genomics-informed medicines optimisation. After a short recap of the previous webinar, participants will have the opportunity to join a breakout room covering a specific topic from one of these areas where they can discuss how genomic testing may influence future practice and consider enablers and barriers to advance their own professional practice and delivery of services to patients.

Registration link is here: [Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](#).

National Pharmacy Research Strategy Engagement

UK Pharmacy Research Advisory Group (PRAG)

Draft UK Pharmacy Research Strategy - Engagement Exercise Launches

The roles of pharmacists and pharmacy technicians are expanding rapidly and to realise our full potential within an evolving healthcare landscape we must build a vibrant, research-active culture that generates the evidence to support our practice, drive innovation and champion patient care.

This is a challenge the UK Pharmacy Research Advisory Group (PRAG) is seeking to address collectively. The UK Chief Pharmaceutical Officers set up the Group in 2024

with a wide-ranging membership involving all areas and sectors of pharmacy practice.

The Group has now co-produced a draft [UK Pharmacy Research Strategy](#) with input from colleagues from across the pharmacy professions. It proposes a framework to strengthen research leadership and embed research more widely in both professions.

NHSE are seeking to engage as widely as possible to gain insights and feedback from stakeholders.

The closing date is 23:59 on Friday 12th September 2025 and the UK PRAG will consider the feedback from the engagement exercise and prepare an updated strategy this autumn.

Royal Pharmaceutical Society are hosting this exercise on behalf of the UK PRAG: The [draft strategy and online survey](#) is on its website.

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