



REGIONAL NEWS

SAVE THE DATE - AGM 29th Sept 2023

We are delighted to confirm that tickets are now available for the **Community Pharmacy Leicestershire and Rutland Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2023.**

The AGM will take place on Friday 29th September 2023 7-10pm at Brooklyn Hotel, Leicester.

To book your place and find further details, please use the link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/693946060347?aff=oddtcreator>

Please note: This is a **free** event so spaces are limited. To view the accounts and further info click [HERE](#)

A central graphic for the AGM. It features a white background with a blue border. At the top, a blue arch contains the text "AGM 29TH SEPT 2023". Below the arch is an illustration of a pharmacist in a white coat and a customer in a yellow sweater standing at a pharmacy counter. The pharmacist is holding a tablet, and the customer is pointing at it. In the background, there are shelves of medicine and a computer monitor. The graphic is surrounded by four circular icons: a group of three people, a pill, a bottle, and a pill. At the bottom of the graphic, the Community Pharmacy Leicestershire & Rutland logo is displayed, followed by the text "SAVE THE DATE".

Letter to Janet Morrison, CEO, Community Pharmacy Engalnd (CPE)

Last month Rajshri, Chief Officer, wrote to Janet, CEO, CPE **on behalf of all 224 Community Pharmacies within Leicestershire and Rutland.**

We received a response from James Wood, CPE, Director of Member &

LPC Support.
To read the full response click [HERE](#)

Your letter is helpful and adds to the concerns that we have heard from pharmacy owners in our pre-committee survey and what committee members raise. I have passed on to our funding team, who are involved in negotiations on a monthly basis and be assured that our negotiating team, and whole committee continue to discuss and monitor.

Dear Janet,

I am writing to you today on behalf of all 224 Community Pharmacies within Leicestershire and Rutland to highlight their serious concerns regarding price concessions and soaring procurement prices for many medicines.

The current situation is causing grave cashflow deficits for many Leicestershire and Rutland contractors. And unfortunately, the ~~situation~~ *situation* is beyond critical but in fact broken as they desperately try to keep their businesses afloat.

Contractors are experiencing outrageous procurement pricing hike strategies employed by wholesalers whilst Drug Tariff pricing remains unchanged.

An example of the worsening situation is that of procurement price Atorvastatin 28 tablets versus the Drug tariff price.

Atorvastatin 28 tablets	DT price	Procurement Price	Loss per dispensing
10mg	7p	£2.35	£1.64
20mg	9p	£3.59 Limited Stock	£2.68
40mg	£1.00	£3.70	£2.70
80mg	£1.32	£2.45	£1.13

Last week, I spoke to many contractors all of whom are worried that soaring procurement pricing is affecting their ability to finance their pharmacy. One contractor, FOX79, Jot ~~00308~~ informed me that his average monthly dispensing of atorvastatin 10mg 28 tablets can exceed 1000 boxes. This means he is losing in excess of £1640 on this item alone. This is just one medicine, and the situation is the same across many other medicines.

Community Pharmacy Leicestershire and Rutland is encouraging all its contractors to continue to report pricing issues through the CPE website. But the fact of the matter is contractors are waiting longer than 8 weeks for a price concession to be granted. This is simply now not financially viable for many Leicestershire and Rutland contractors.

Please can CPE take our concerns to negotiations and present the example stated above to demonstrate the current picture.

Many contractors are losing confidence in the existing price concession process as it just isn't



**COMMUNITY PHARMACY
OPEN HOUSE SURGERY**

TELL US WHATS IMPORTANT TO YOU

**3RD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
8PM**



Join Zoom Meeting
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[pwd=NIFTbUJXYVYyaHUwMGJRUFaZzZGI5dz09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83265838154?pwd=NIFTbUJXYVYyaHUwMGJRUFaZzZGI5dz09)

Meeting ID: 832 6583 8154
Passcode: 025883

OPEN TO ALL
PHARMACISTS
&
PHARMACY TEAM MEMBERS

In July we relaunched the **Community Pharmacy Open House Surgery**. Every third Wednesday of every month, Rajshri, Chief Officer at Community Pharmacy Leicestershire, and Rutland invites all LLR Pharmacists and Pharmacy Team members to join her and her team to an open house meeting.

This is an opportunity to raise matters that are important to you and discuss regional and national issues directly with her and her administrative team. Rajshri also provides an update of the workstreams her and team are focusing on.

We welcome all attendees including Pharmacists, Area Managers and Superintendents.

Next meeting 20th September 2023 at 8pm.

[For access to previous presentations click here](#)

A quick update from 16th August, I have since the evening of the open house surgery spoken to **Paul Gilbert, ICB clinical lead community pharmacist**.

He has offered his support and help to any contractor that is having difficulty getting through the front door of any practice, particularly if you are wanting to talk to the practice about CPCS, BP checks and services.

Please do let me know if you wish to take Paul up on the offer and I will connect you.

Community Pharmacy Consultation Service
(CPCS) Support Pack



We have heard from a few contractors this month that you are receiving verbal referrals via NHS 111.

I have reported the issue to Paul Gilbert and he has agreed that if contractors want to let him know (via their nhs.net account only) and include patient name, age, rough time they spoke to 111 and presentation he will investigate. We also aim to see if any themes can be identified.

To access information and resources about the service please [click here](#).

Please email paul.gilbert7@nhs.net



18th October 2023

8pm

An evening with GPhC Inspector
RICHARD CHAPMAN
*What happens during an inspection?
Is your TEAM ready ?*

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/870944214>

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Meeting ID: 870 9442 1461

Passcode: 560533

*We welcome all
Pharmacists and
Technicians*



Last month we launched our new logo, name and [website](#).

This month we have added new [Hypertension resources to the website](#).

We have also launched a new tool to help you feed [back and report sector](#) specific issues directly to Rajshri, Chief Officer.

Rajshri offers personal 1-2-1, 15 minute open surgery appointments.

To book a 15 minute 1-2-1 with Chief Officer, Rajshri, to discuss sector specific matters please click below. .

[Click here to book](#)

SEPTEMBER 2023 DEADLINE TRACKER

Please see the link for this months deadline tracker [HERE](#)


Deadline Trackers 2023

The Community Pharmacy Tracker reminds you of what needs to be done and by when

Please find below your latest Deadline Trackers:

- May 2023
- April 2023
- March 2023
- February 2023
- January 2023

This useful resource highlights activities, tasks and workloads that need to be completed, whilst also providing a reminder of imminent deadlines coming up.



Networking and Support Opportunity for Pharmacist and Pharmacist Technician working in Primary Care in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland

Dates	Day of the week	Time	1/2 day full day	Face to face or Online
15/09/2023	Friday	12:00 - Until 14:00	1/2 day	Online
13/10/2023	Friday	12:00 - Until 14:00	1/2 Day	Online
10/11/2023	Friday	11:30- Until 15:30	Full Day	Face to Face
08/12/2023	Friday	12:00 - Until 14:00	1/2 day	Online
12/01/2024	Friday	12:00 - Until 14:00	1/2 day	Online
02/02/2024	Friday	11:30- Until 15:30	Full Day	Face to Face
01/03/2024	Friday	12:00 - Until 14:00	1/2 day	Online

In order to support our growing community of pharmacist and pharmacist technicians working in primary care, we are collaborating with KALU Training Consultancy Ltd to establish a network specifically for our colleagues working in these roles.


The first networking session will take place virtually on Friday 15th Sept, 12.00pm – 2.00pm online via MS Teams.

Please register your interest by emailing llrtraining.hub@nhs.net


MEET YOUR COMMITTEE

From July 1st we welcomed a new committee to Community Pharmacy Leicestershire and Rutland.

To familiarise yourself with who they are and who they represent please visit our website. We will also be having our first committee meeting on Friday 1st September 2023. We will update you following the meeting.



Name	Organisation	Elected or appointed by
Shoaib Haji	Countesthorpe Chemist	Independent
Altaf Vaiya	Alpharm Chemist	Independent
Nayan Chauhan	Medicine Chest	Independent
Kishan Kotecha	Medicare Pharmacy	Independent
Nadya Jethwa	Bosworth Pharmacy	Independent
Satyan Kotecha	Saraj Chemist	Independent
Rahul Patel	BMP Healthcare	Association of Independent Multiples (AIM)
Viral Patel	Boots	Company Chemists Association (CCA)
Ron Gregson	Boots	Company Chemists Association (CCA)
Shezad Alimahomed	Boots	Company Chemists Association (CCA)



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CPPE Accuracy checking pharmacy technician (ACPT) programme open for NHS England-funded applications

From 1st August 2023, NHS England has funded [CPPE to offer the Accuracy checking pharmacy technician \(ACPT\) programme for pharmacy technicians working in community pharmacy, NHS hospitals, and in health and justice](#). A total of 60 NHS England-funded places are available and funding will end when all 60 places have been allocated or by the end of March 2024



FACE-TO-FACE Event - Optimising inhaler technique: improving outcomes.

Attending a CPPE inhaler workshop is an option to meet part of the Pharmacy Quality Scheme requirements for 2023-24 (Respiratory Domain). Monday 4th December 2023 at 7pm at LOROS Professional Development Centre, Groby Road, Leicester LE3 9QE. Book your place [here](#). Join our East Mids Tutor Meera Joshi to network with your colleagues!



Newly Qualified Pharmacist Programme 2023 - Cohort 5

CPPE and NHS England (NHSE), have worked together to deliver another cohort of the Newly qualified pharmacist programme, which will open for applications on 4 September 2023. This twelve-month programme (starting in November 2023) is fully-funded by NHSE as part of their Newly Qualified Pharmacist pathway, which aims to link the initial education and training reforms to a continuum of development into post-registration. Click [here](#) for more information.

NATIONAL NEWS

NHS England [published the results of the 2022 national workforce survey](#) (on 3rd August 2023)

The key findings include:

- The reported numbers for the total workforce (Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)) have reduced 6% in total (from 2021).
- The overall number of pharmacists remains almost constant (compared to 2021 data), but FTE figures indicate a decline in employed pharmacists (15%) and an expansion in use of locum pharmacists (26%).
- The number of pharmacy technicians indicates a reduction (compared to 2021 data).
- For all roles, there is an increase in the vacancy rate; 20% for pharmacy technicians, 16% for pharmacists and 9% for dispensing assistants.
- There is a 37% increase in the reported number of Independent Prescribers, up by 422.

To read more about the survey and our response to its findings and other regional correspondence [click here](#)

Communications resources now available to order to support winter flu and COVID-19 vaccinations for health and social care workers

Printed materials to promote winter vaccinations for eligible frontline healthcare workers are now available to pre-order until 11:59pm Friday 8 September and will be delivered to sites late September. Alternative versions are available with social care branding for use as appropriate. Printed materials can be ordered from the [Campaign Resource Centre](#). Digital versions of these campaign assets will be available for download mid-September at the same link

SHAPE ATLAS NEWSLETTER

We are delighted to share with you the first [SHAPE atlas newsletter](#). We hope it gives you an insight into the world of SHAPE, how we're supporting public services drive effective decision making by using trusted

and reliable data and working on projects that help answer some of your biggest challenges.



Community Pharmacy Leicestershire and Rutland continues to fully support the SaveOurPharmacies campaign. We urge all LLR pharmacies to access and utilise the free resources including template letters for patients to send to their local MPs.

For further information or to access the resources click [here](#)

[To sign the petition click here](#)



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