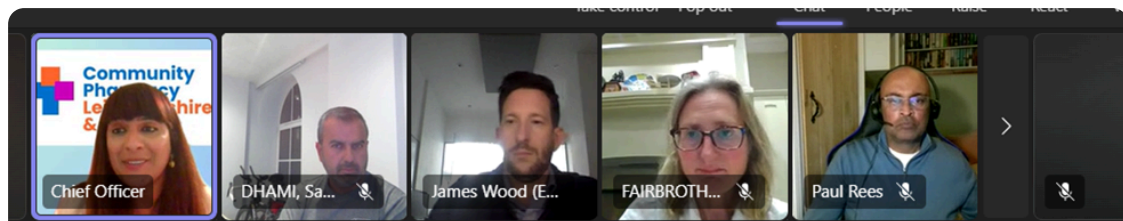


**Community
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Leicestershire
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REGIONAL & LOCAL NEWS



2024 Annual General Meeting

On Tuesday 24th September we had the pleasure of hosting our 2024 Annual General Meeting.

It was fantastic to see those of you that joined us to learn and listen about what we as Community Pharmacy Leicestershire and Rutland have been doing over the last 12 months.

We were also joined by our panel of guest speakers; **Paul Rees MBE and NPA CEO, James Wood and Lindsey Fairbrother from CPE and Sandeep Dhami, IPA**. All of whom participated in our expert panel discussion, answering questions that contractors and pharmacists had submitted.

To learn more about the Kaenect platform click [here](#) via our sponsors Logifect. If you would like to sign up to the pilot please reach out to me with your ODS code.

We will be sharing information from our AGM shortly on our website in the meantime I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and hard work over the last 12 months.



COMMUNITY PHARMACY OPEN HOUSE SURGERY

TELL US WHATS IMPORTANT TO YOU

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



Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 324 095 245 307

Passcode: QatQFJ

OPEN TO ALL
PHARMACISTS

&

PHARMACY TEAM MEMBERS

Community Pharmacy Open House Surgery.

The next meeting is scheduled for Weds, October 16th, 2024, at 8 PM.

[Guest Speaker](#)

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

On the third Wednesday of each month, Rajshri, the Chief Officer at Community Pharmacy Leicestershire and Rutland, invites all LLR Contractors, Pharmacists, and Pharmacy Team members to join her and her team for an open house meeting.

To access previous meetings, please [click here](#)

This event provides an opportunity to address important matters and discuss both regional and national issues directly with her and her administrative team. Additionally, Rajshri will provide updates on the workstreams that she and her team are focusing on across LLR ICB and ICS.

We encourage attendance from Pharmacists, Area Managers, Pharmacy Team members, and Superintendents.

October 2024 DEADLINE TRACKER

Please see the link for this months deadline tracker

[Monthly Deadline Tracker](#)

To help keep pharmacy teams on track with monthly tasks, quality payments and to meet local and national deadlines. View the latest monthly Community Pharmacy Deadline Tracker here.

[Read More](#)

Post Event Messaging PEM email to contractors - Deadline Thursday 31st October 2024

ALL community pharmacies **must check** on PharmOutcomes whether there are any unactioned PEMs. Some pharmacies have already completed this work in July as part of a Midlands trial – if this applies to your pharmacy, please still check your PharmOutcomes system for further unactioned PEMs.

It is essential that you complete this work as there are patient safety risks, if for example a high blood pressure reading has not been followed up. In addition, sending PEMs to patients' GP practices is a requirement in most pharmacy clinical service specifications.

Actions for Contractors, Pharmacists and Pharmacy Teams

- Read the attached letter, Annex 1 provides guidance on the priority order to review the clinical service notifications. *For example, Priority 1 is post event messaging relating to the blood pressure service.*
- Review and action the queue of notification emails within the PharmOutcomes system for the clinical services delivered by the pharmacy, in order of priority as set out in Annex 1.
- Follow instructions for manipulating the suppressed post event messages (PEMs) held within PharmOutcomes as set out in the supporting documentation; and follow guidance for sending notifications to a GP practice where suppressed PEMs need to be sent.
- If there are any concerns about potential patient harm because of delayed notifications following a pharmacy consultation, please report the incident using the '[Learning From Patient Safety Events](#)' portal and use the code '**PharmacyPEM**' for reporting purposes.
- Pharmacists must consider and fulfil their [duty of candour](#).
- Return any locally agreed auditing report to confirm completion of actions. (Further information on this process will be provided shortly)



NATIONAL NEWS

Operational Guidance on Prison Releases

On 12 July 2024, the Ministry of Justice (MOJ) issued a [press notice](#) setting out how the government plans to tackle the prison capacity crisis due to operating at near full capacity. To help address this issue, a Statutory Instrument was laid before Parliament in order to make legislative changes to the percentage of time certain prisoners serving a Standard Determinate Sentence must spend in custody from 50% to 40%. This is being referred to as SDS40.

- Any FP10s issued from a prison on release are exempt from the prescription charge. For all subsequent NHS prescriptions issued in the community, usual exemption rules apply. See [here](#) for information on eligibility for free NHS prescriptions and [here](#) for help with health costs.
- For urgent medicines that have previously been prescribed as repeat prescriptions, released prisoners can access these by calling NHS 111. Please see also [Emergency prescriptions - NHS 111](#).
- **Pharmacy First Service**
 - Patients can access care for a specific range of conditions using the [Pharmacy First Service](#), which enables them to get certain prescription medications directly from a pharmacy, without a GP appointment.
 - Healthcare professionals can use the [NHS Service Finder](#) to find pharmacies participating in this service and patient information is available [here](#).
 - Patients can contact 111 or access [111 online](#) to be referred to a pharmacy that provides the full range of Pharmacy First services.

- **NHS Pharmacy Contraception Service**

- For women being released from prison, the [NHS Pharmacy Contraception Service](#) provides an accessible and convenient place to receive advice and support for contraception management. This includes the supply of oral contraception that is exempt from prescription charges.
- Health and justice providers, as well as other healthcare professionals, can refer women to this service or they can refer themselves.
- Individuals do not need to be registered with a GP to access this service. Pharmacies will only inform the GP practice that individuals have accessed the service, with their consent.
- See [here](#) for details of pharmacies that offer the contraceptive pill without a prescription.

Please see [here](#) for a letter issued on 2 September, entitled: **Ensuring GP practices and community pharmacy are ready to support individuals being released early from prison as part of the initiative to help tackle prison pressures.**

Flu vaccination timings and payments



In line with Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) recommendations, the [flu letter](#) sets out that pregnant women and children are to be offered flu vaccination from 1 September 2024 and that the other cohorts will follow from 3 October 2024. These recommendations are based on evidence that flu vaccine effectiveness can wane over time in adults.

No providers will be eligible for payment for the administration of influenza vaccinations outside the announced and authorised cohorts, with the limited exception of GPs that are able to evidence exceptional clinical circumstances requiring influenza vaccination to be administered at the request of the Commissioner.

Frontline healthcare worker winter vaccinations campaign 2024

NHS England launch the Community Pharmacy Technician Apprenticeship Programme

NHSE have announced the launch of the Community Pharmacy Technician Apprenticeship Programme. This programme will support Pre-registration Trainee Pharmacy Technicians (PTPTs) to be employed and complete their full 24-month apprenticeship training within a **community pharmacy setting**. Upon completion of training and registration with the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) this will support community pharmacy to utilise the expertise and knowledge of registered pharmacy technicians as part of pharmacy services and wider reform

Funding Offer

A training contribution of **£15,053 per trainee, per year for two years** (24 months) to support community pharmacies in developing a PTPT programme that meets the [GPhC IET standards for pharmacy technicians](#) and the [NHS England Quality Framework](#).

Next Steps

Application for funding is through expression of interest (EoI) submitted via an [online application form](#). The application window will open on Monday 23 September 2024 until Sunday 13 October 2024.

NHSE will be holding a webinar via MS Teams to provide more information . This will be repeated, please use the link below to attend on your preferred date. You need only attend one webinar date.

- 11am, [Friday 27 September](#)
- 2pm, [Sunday 29 September](#)
- 1pm, [Wednesday 02 October](#)
- 7pm, [Tuesday 08 October](#)



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