

#### REGIONAL & LOCAL NEWS



# **Annual General Meeting 2024**

This year our <u>AGM</u> will be held online and will take place on <u>Tuesday 24h Sept 2024 at 7:30-9:30pm.</u>

We are also thrilled to announce that we will be joined by our esteemed guest speakers,

- Dr Leyla Hannbeck, Chief Executive of Independent Pharmacies Association (IPA), formerly known as <u>AiMp</u>
- Paul Rees MBE and Chief Executive of NPA.

Join the meeting now

Meeting ID: 396 429 646 894 Passcode: aZbHuM Over the past 12 months there have been huge changes across the community pharmacy sector. Far too many community pharmacies, not just across the LLR region, but England are struggling due to a number of factors including higher costs, insufficient funding and medicines supply issues.

That is why this year our AGM theme will be 'Survival Instinct'.

Save the date!!



#### Controlled Drugs Team

The new e-mail contact details for the NHS England East Midlands Controlled Drugs Team are: NEW E-MAIL: England.MidlandsCD@N HS.net For all East Midlands telephone queries for the CD Team members,

please contact: 0113 825

**MORE INFO** 

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Independent Prescribing courses for pharmacists in 2024/25: Applications now open.

IP training is now available to pharmacists who meet an eligibility criteria. Tuition fees are fully funded by NHS England.

Please visit the NHS
England website to find
out more, including
eligibility criteria, list of
approved universities and
frequently asked
questions.

For any further enquiries, please contact england.pharm acyteam@nhs.net

Medicines & Healthcare products
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UKHSA - Urgent public health message to all NHS service providers regarding Clade 1 mpox virus (MPXV) infection

This is an urgent public health message from UKHSA regarding Clade 1 mpox virus infection. Please refer to the link below for full information.

NHS England Regions: please cascade this message to Community Pharmacy contractors.

MORE INFO

#### Translation and interpreting services – survey

NHS England is undertaking work to understand best practice and challenges faced in providing translation and interpreting services. To inform this primary care staff, including social prescribers, GP practice managers, receptionists, or other connected roles, are encouraged to complete this <u>survey</u>.

Using feedback from this survey and other engagement methods, including the <u>Translation and Interpreting Network</u>, an improvement framework to provide practical guidance for translation and interpreting services nationally will be developed.

The deadline is **Friday**, **6th Sept 2024** 



## **Community Pharmacy Open House Surgery.**

The next meeting is scheduled for Weds, Sept 18th, 2024, at 8 PM.

Guest Speaker Pfizer to discuss LFD campaign

#### 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.

# September 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

#### Public campaign on inhaler use and care

#### Improving inhaler technique

To support patients to administer their inhaler medication more effectively local respiratory experts have developed a new campaign which includes a seven-step guide that focuses on how patients can improve how their medication is taken and will also reinforce how important having the correct technique is to alleviate an attack, ease symptoms, and prevent requiring emergency hospital treatment.

<u>This toolkit</u> is intended for local partners, to share and inform their patients and public about important messages promoting our inhaler technique campaign. The materials and copy shared within this toolkit can be used on owned channels to help us promote the campaign.

#### **CDs Dispensing and Supply**

You will have recently received the Midlands CD Newsletter (summer 2024) which reminded you of the guidance that methadone prescriptions do not need to specify 'dispense in daily dose bottles' or similar to allow pharmacy contractors to claim a packaged dose (PD) fee.

Extract from CPE website ...

If quantity/instalment of methadone ordered covers more than one daily dose, contractors can claim a packaged dose (PD) fee of £0.55 for each separately packaged dose supplied against paper and electronic prescriptions for methadone oral liquid. The PD fee is calculated by adding the number of doses separately packaged minus the number of times the medicine has been dispensed to the patient (patient interactions)

Further information can be found in the links below

https://cpe.org.uk/dispensing-and-supply/dispensing-process/dispensing-controlled-drugs/

https://cpe.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/FP10-MDA-Factsheet CPN 0220.pdf

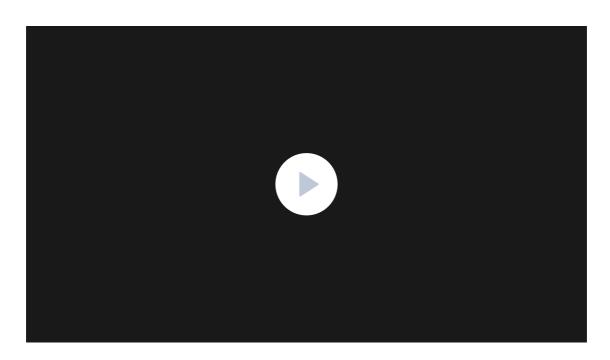
# FREE PHARMACY FIRST SUPPORT VISITS AVAILABLE

Exciting News! Gareth, our Service Development Facilitator for Community Pharmacy in Leicestershire and Rutland, continues to be available every Friday to support LLR contractors and pharmacies in implementing and embedding the service.

Take advantage of Gareth's expertise every Friday as he visits your pharmacy to assist with Pharmacy First. Whether you need questions answered, support for your team, access to essential materials, or help with any issues, Gareth is here for you.

Want Gareth to visit your pharmacy? Email him directly at:

service.support@leics-lpc.co.uk
For regional resources and support, click HERE









# 2<sup>nd</sup> Respiratory Conference for MPharm Students and Health Care Professionals10<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at De Montfort University 10:00-14:30

Venue: The Venue, DMU

	Session 1	
9.15-10.00	Registration and networking	
3.13-10.00	LLR Training Hub and De Montfort University Team	
10:00-10.15	Conference Welcome: Ahmed Aboo, Head of School of Pharmacy, DMU	
Morning session Chair	Prof Anna Murphy	
10.15-10.50	Environment and Lung Health (air pollution, allergens, smoking and vaping) – <b>Prof Ivan Browne</b>	
10.50 - 11.30	Personalised Care for people with COPD- treatable traits - (Speaker TBC)	
11.30-11.40	Comfort Break	
11.40-13.15	COPD patient story – video 15 mins	
	Interactive discussions on student perceptions	
	Case studies on COPD:	
	12.00 -12.20	
	Non-pharmacological treatment (to cover stop smoking, pulmonary	
	rehab/exercise/environment, vaccinations, social prescribing): COPD Specialist	
	Nurse, UHL: Lisa Clinch	
	12.20 – 12.40	
	Pharmacological management (maintenance therapy):	
	Arifa/Hira/Chloe: DMU/UHL COPD pharmacy leads	
	12.40 – 13.00	
	Antimicrobial and corticosteroid stewardship: Dr Ryan Hamilton, DMU	
13.15-13.30	Future treatments for COPD (biologics): Prof Anna Murphy UHL/DMU	
13.30-14.30	Lunch Meet the speakers and networking	
	Stands to include; heating, council, pulmonary rehabilitation	
	Skills advice workshops	
	13.50 – 14.05 Inhaler Technique top tips (Hira/COPD nurses) 14.10 – 14.25 Brief advice smoking cessation (Arifa/Chloe)	

#### Directions to the Venue:

https://www.dmu.ac.uk/campus/venues/venue.aspx?entryId=8d7882ca-ae03-45ea-a5fd-b3cfc1f6b26b

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2nd Annual Respiratory Conference 2024 for HealthCare Professionals 10th October at De Montfort University

### **NATIONAL NEWS**



From the 1<sup>st</sup> August, GPs across England began to take collective action following a ballot of GP partners by the BMA.

This means that many GP practices are 'working-to-rule', only undertaking tasks that are included in their NHS contract.

In turn this could mean fewer GP appointments being offered and therefore resulting in more patients accessing community pharmacy for services and advice. If your pharmacy is affected by local action by GPs, you should communicate this to your patients, making sure it is clear why the pharmacy team is under even more pressure than normal. To help you do this we click here for RESOURCES and further information.

Please let me know about what actions local GP practices are taking and how that is affecting your ability to provide services to your patients, so we can share this intelligence with local NHS partners including the ICB and work with us to monitor the situation across the country. I would also like to hear about any unfunded work that you have had to undertake as a direct result of the GPs collective action.

You can either email me or complete the webform using the below link.

Report an issue to our Operations Team – Community Pharmacy Leicestershire and Rutland

# Expansion of NBS offer to community pharmacies that offer a flu only service for AW24/25

Following the successful proof of concept in which community pharmacy contractors in the North West were able to upload seasonal flu appointment calendars onto the National Booking System (NBS), this Autumn we are offering all flu only community pharmacies the opportunity to use NBS and upload flu appointments for eligible patients to book.

If you would like to take up this offer, and you do not already have access to NBS as part of the COVID-19 vaccination service, **please complete this form by 1 September:** NBS flu Form. We require your pharmacy ODS code (code starting with F) and the name and secure email addresses of two pharmacy representatives who will be given access to NBS.

A secure email address must be from the authorised list available at the following link: The secure email standard - NHS England Digital.

Following registration, you will be sent login details, training details and further information.

Any gueries can be directed to: england.vacspolicyandcontracts@nhs.net



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