

Primary Care News



July 2024



Important!

PLT Dates 2024 / 25

April 2024 – March 2025 dates can be found [here](#).

Medtribe: Our new booking platform

There is a new way to book your place to our events/courses/webinars and store your certificates.

[Find out more about Medtribe](#) and how to create and manage your account.

PLTs - Safeguarding Adults & Children

Please [make sure that you have booked your place](#) on the PLT of your choice to enable us to mark your attendance, generate your certificate and inform you of last-minute changes.

Update on the Physician Associate Role in the NHS - Support for Managers /Supervisors of PAs

You may be aware of the current narrative within mainstream and social media regarding the utilisation of the Physician Associate role in the NHS.

Some national stakeholder groups and Royal Colleges are discussing the use of the role within their specialisms, with some releasing statements or publications around [PA](#) scope of practice, development and supervision.

[The South East School of Physician Associates have released this letter.](#)

NHS Screening E-learning resources

Changes are coming with the [e-lfh platform](#). Please **download any certificates or proof of completed training you have available in your account on e-lfh, as these might no longer be available after the transfer is complete.**

[Find out more.](#)



NH Kent & Medway Pharmacy Professionals Conference

This event will be hosted by Medway School of Pharmacy on the 8th September 2024, 10am to 4pm.

[More information and to book your place.](#)



[“Career Development Pathways in Primary Care”](#)

is an interactive tool designed by KMPCTH to support general practices in the recruitment, retention, and upskilling of their multi-professional team.

This is a pilot document, and we would welcome your feedback and suggestions.



New to Practice Programme 2024/25

[Enrolments open](#) for newly qualified GPs, Nurses and Clinical ARRS.

The aim of the programme is to develop confidence and skills, to support recruitment and retention, to alleviate the feeling of isolation and to support and develop effective leadership.

Teaching Fellow GP and Community Education

Applications still open for [2 vacancies for GP Fellows at KMMS](#) coming up for the next academic year.



Check the [HR Resources](#) to support PCN/Practice managers, with:

- HR templates to customise
 - Induction to Primary Care
 - Onboarding Roadmap for PCNs/Practices
 - HR Mentoring Service for Practice Managers and Primary Care Leaders
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Introduction to HR Management

Only a few places left on the [4-day training programme](#) designed for new to leadership Practice Managers, Supervisors or Primary Care Leaders, to provide them with skills, tools and solid HR foundation knowledge. There will be two cohorts with dates between May and July and locations either East/South Kent or Mid/North Kent. Please register your interest at kmpcth@nhs.net



Clinical Supervisor Course Update

New course dates available: [Find out more](#).

Academic Posters Online Sessions

Learn how to write posters to showcase and demonstrate outcomes. A course for Kent & Medway Primary Care staff to showcase the excellent work achieved by Primary Care across the county.

[Book your place](#) (5 online sessions available)

12 September 2024 - 9.30am-1.30pm

26 September 2024 - 9.30am-1.30pm

21 November 2024 - 9.30am-1.30pm

23 January 2025 - 9.30am-1.30pm

Restorative Clinical Supervision Webinar

Monday, 15th July, 10am -4pm

The [Restorative Clinical Supervision webinar](#) is designed for Advanced Clinical Practitioners (ACPs) Practice Nurses (GPNs), Nursing Associates (NA)s, Healthcare Assistants (HCAs).

Improving Asthma Outcomes

Webinar, Tuesday 30th July, 7pm to 8pm.

Michael Crooks, Respiratory Consultant, will take the opportunity to discuss asthma management and improving disease outcomes by reducing SABA over-reliance and implementing a MART regime where appropriate, and the environmental impact of asthma inhalers. Cath Cooksey, Medicines Safety Officer, will discuss the outcomes of targeted asthma reviews across Kent and Medway, and resources to help support asthma reviews in primary care.

Please click on the link to register for the webinar:

https://astrazeneca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_MRicJ5vXSeOW5UPQ8cn-SQ

#AskAboutAsthma

For 2024, the **#AskAboutAsthma** campaign will run from **9 – 15 September**. This year's theme is **Helping children and young people with asthma live their best lives**.

[Find out more.](#)

SAFER Consulting – A series of online events for GPs and Clinical Staff

This is a series of webinars for GPs and Clinical Staff presented by Dr Paul Silverston.

The number of places has been increased due to popular demand. [Find out more and book your place.](#)

Physician Associate Webinars

These [online sessions](#), held on the last Wednesday of the month between 1-2pm are for Physician Associates in Kent & Medway, as well as their current or potential employers and practice managers. The sessions will outline all elements of Physician Associate training, scope, supervision, development and recruitment.



Networking & Partnerships

Peer Mentoring

Did you know that anyone working in Primary Care can benefit from [Peer Mentoring](#)? Whatever your role, you can access personalised support.

New to Partnership

Are you within the first 5 years of partnership? KMPCTH has launched a “**New to Partnership Group**” network. Building on the success of a pilot run in West Kent, this group offers education around the non-clinical aspects of partnership through monthly meetings (virtual and face to face) as well as peer support. [More information.](#)



There are more than 160 apprenticeship careers in Primary Care spanning 15 different sectors and including clinical roles like Health Care Assistant, Nursing Associate, Advanced Clinical Practitioner, as well as administrative roles to start, progress or change your career. [Find out more.](#)

Functional Skills

[Functional Skills English and Maths](#) are a requirement to start an apprenticeship, providing accessible skills to improve reading, writing and communications and a better understanding of numbers and mathematical concepts; they are one of the most popular qualifications taken by adult learners. Watch: [Functional Skills](#)



Miscellaneous

BetterCare Support

Adult Social Care and Health (Kent County Council) have launched [BetterCare Support](#), an online self-assessment tool, to enable people to live independently and safely within their communities and home. By answering questions about their social care needs, the tool provides people with information, advice, and guidance about the options and services available to them.

Engaging and involving people and communities

NHS Kent and Medway has developed a toolkit for practice and primary care network staff, to support you with engaging and involving your patients, local people and the wider community in their work.

The toolkit is designed for you and covers a range of topics and tools including how to set up and manage a patient participation group, mapping your partners and other local stakeholders and tools you can use to engage and involve people.

Visit the [website](#) to find the toolkit and downloadable tools and diagrams.

If you have any feedback please email kmicb.engagecomms@nhs.net

Calling all Primary Care Staff on Parental/Maternity Leave

Are you returning to work after maternity/parental leave or recently restarted work? Or know someone who is? Find out about a [support programme](#) with virtual and face-to-face meetings to support your return-to-work journey.

Can't attend your training? Make sure you cancel!



There are many reasons why delegates cannot attend training sessions on which they are registered - and it's absolutely fine. Just make sure you [cancel your place!](#)



Wellbeing & Support

Keep it handy: Wellbeing & Support Reminder List

Download the [Primary Care Workforce Wellbeing & Support](#) resources flyer to keep with you at all times.

Employee Assistance Programme

The ICB has recommissioned the Employee Assistance Programme for all staff within the system including General Practice, and it has new functions. Read the [flyer](#) detailing what support is available to staff and wondered if you would share with your networks also

The code to use if downloading the wisdom app is here:

Code needed - MHA152524

Useful Resources

- Safeguarding [Primary Care Notice Board](#)
 - PCN requirements and entitlements for Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme (ARRS) [FAQ Document](#).
 - How to save your [PLT attendance certificate](#) once it is emailed to you.
 - [Kent and Medway ICS primary care careers site](#)
 - [Informing and Communicating with Patients Resources](#).
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Follow us on social media



Follow our [social media channels](#) to keep up to date with upcoming training and news from across primary care.

The KMPCTH Newsletter is created by the Communications Team.

The deadline to submit news and updates is the **final day of each month**.

It's not too late to catch up on the KMPCTH [previous monthly newsletters](#).

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