

Primary Care News



November 2024



Important!

PLT Dates 2024 / 25

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

Long Service Awards

Time to recognise and celebrate the commitment of our multi-professional Primary Care workforce with the Long Service Awards. [Find out more and nominate your members of staff](#).

Follow our Facebook Page

The Kent & Medway Primary Care Training Hub [Facebook group](#) is for all staff working in general practice. Follow us to keep in touch, find out about updates and opportunities in your area.



Peer Mentoring

Free Mentoring Service for all Primary Care Staff

The Peer Mentoring Service is suitable for anyone wanting to improve and manage their career development, work relationships or are facing personal/professional issues.

For more information, visit the [KMPCTH website](#) or write in confidence to: kmicb.kmpcthmentoring@nhs.net



Congratulations to our new GPAs!

Great success for the 4th GPA (General Practice Assistant) cohort in Kent & Medway with 16 new qualifications.

Since January 2024, KMPCTH along with Buckingham University and Invicta Learning have trained 16 new

GPAs for local general practices. Good luck to the new GPAs in their new career and very well done.

If you want to be on the waiting list or add a name, please send details to kmicb.kmpcth@nhs.net



Save the Date: ACP Conference

The Advancing Practice Conference returns on **13-14 November 2024**.

[Find out more](#),

Save the Date: PITstop Type 1 Diabetes Conference

Thursday 27th March 2025 in Ashford, Kent.

For General Practice teams to gain greater understanding of Type 1 diabetes including Continuous subcutaneous insulin infusion (CSII), Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM) and Hybrid Closed Loops systems (HCL).

[More information and to register](#).

Association for Prescribers National Conference

Thursday 21st November 2024, The Birmingham City University, will host their annual conference

[Find out more about topics](#), speakers and book your place.



Interactive Career Pathway Tool

Career Development Pathways in Primary Care

The [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.



Other Courses & Opportunities

General Practice Assistants (GPA) - Funded Training Opportunity

New motivated candidates, fully supported by their practice can apply for the Level 4 course to become a GPA. Places are extremely limited.

[Find out more.](#)

Meet the Coroner in Court Webinar - Pressure Ulcer

Join Coloplast's Tissue Viability Nurse Specialists for a "Meet the Coroner in Court Webinar", with a focus on Pressure Ulcer prevention and management.

[Find out more and register.](#)

ECG Basics Webinar

CMB Communications are hosting an upcoming **ECG Basics Webinar on Thursday, 16th January 2025, at 7:00pm**, aimed at enhancing the skills of healthcare professionals in ECG interpretation. [More information.](#)

Medway & Swale - Neuropathic Pain and Palliative Emergencies

Wisdom Hospice Palliative Care Team would like to invite primary care colleagues to an evening of education and information sharing, at **Education Centre, Wisdom Hospice, High Bank, Rochester ME1 2NU, on Tuesday 19 November, at 17:45-20:30.**

[More information.](#)

Medicines in Care Homes

Kent & Medway ICB have funded a course on Medicines use in care homes 1 - High quality e-learning courses from PrescQIPP. This e-learning package is designed to support practice staff (GPs, pharmacists, technicians, NMPs) working with care homes.

[Find out more.](#)

Wound Care for Healthcare Support Workers

This Invicta Health training is being delivered face to face at Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce on the 5th December 2024, 8.45am to 3pm.

[More information on eligibility criteria and booking.](#)

Support the next Generation of Physiotherapists

Can you offer placement opportunities for Physiotherapist students?

[Find out more.](#)

Practice Assessor/Practice Supervisor Workshops

Canterbury Christ Church University is currently offering two online workshop options for Practice Assessor.

[Find out more.](#)

ACP Community of Practice – Message

Please [read the message](#) about setting up a community of Practice across Kent & Medway for both qualified and trainee Advanced Practitioners..

Professional Nurse Advocate (PNA) course

Nurses working in Primary Care now have the opportunity to undertake the Professional Nurse Advocate (PNA) course at CCCU. [Find out more.](#)

Safeguarding Adult Open Sessions

Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board (KMSAB) Open Sessions: Tuesday, 19 November from 6pm to

7.30pm: [Professional curiosity](#).

[More information and to book.](#)

Clinical Supervisor Course Update

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

Independent Prescribing Courses for Pharmacists in 2024/25

Applications for independent prescribing courses for Pharmacists are now open. Courses are available until end March 2025, with several universities offering multiple dates for cohort intakes. Start dates will depend on the university provider. Pharmacists from across sectors, including community pharmacy and locums, are encouraged to seize this opportunity.

[Read 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](#) (2 online sessions available)

21 November 2024 - 9.30am-1.30pm

23 January 2025 - 9.30am-1.30pm

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.](#)



HR Coaching

If you are managing teams or staff members, building organisational culture or addressing workforce issues, HR Coaching is for you!

[Find out more.](#)

HR Resources

Discover information, documents and templates designed to support PCN/practice managers and leaders in developing their HR knowledge and performance.

[Find out more.](#)



Networking & Partnerships

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.](#)



Miscellaneous

Please include your Locum Staff

When planning practice and PCN education and training events for your staff, please include your locum workforce whenever possible. We want to ensure that all colleagues, including locums and temporary staff, are informed of all training and development opportunities as this will support knowledge acquisition and update, contribute to CPD and help with staff involvement and culture.

Please encourage all staff to subscribe to the Training Hub monthly bulletin, [Primary Care News](#) to stay up-to-date with training opportunities, events and information relevant to Primary Care, as this includes offers for the locum workforce as well. This information can also be found at www.kmpctraininghub.nhs.uk and through our social media channels.

Understanding Autism

[Find out more](#) about learning and development opportunities to better understand autism.

Help us shape a new EDI Improvement Plan for primary care

NHS Elect is supporting NHS England with the facilitation of a number of engagement sessions to help shape a new Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Improvement Plan for primary care. [Find out more.](#)

CAPP - Online Portal Open for Registration

The Coach a Pharmacist Prescriber (CAPP) portal is now open for registration. [More information.](#)

Advanced Practice Msc - NHSE-funded commission

Employers are now invited to submit their Expressions of Interest for a funded place on the Advanced Practice MSc for clinical staff employed in your Practice, PCN or Federation.

[More information.](#)

New Community Health and Wellbeing Worker Standard

The Buttercups/BPP Team are looking to hold a webinar on **26th Nov** from **3 - 4pm** to launch the new **Community Health and Wellbeing Worker** standard, and to introduce Buttercups as part of the BPP Group.

[More information.](#)

Preparing for your Future

These online programmes are available on the NHS Learning Hub for [Paramedic](#), [Nursing Associate](#) or [Podiatrist](#) student.

Safe Surgeries

A Safe Surgery is a practice that pledges to provide inclusive services to everyone in their community, and to ensure that lack of ID, proof of address, immigration or language barrier do not hinder patient registration.

[Find out more.](#)

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!](#)

If you booked via [Medtribe](#), please log in to your account and cancel your booking. It's quick and easy and allows us to offer the place to someone else.



Wellbeing & Support

Introducing the New Wellbeing Provider

NHS Kent and Medway have commissioned a new wellbeing provider which is available to all Primary Care staff. [More information](#) about the service, guidance and webinars.

Neuroinclusive People Management Sessions

The NHS England South East Staff Experience, Engagement, Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Team is hosting [three sessions on neuroinclusive people management](#), open to all.

The Value of Kindness

James Rhee speaks about the lessons learned about the value of kindness.

[More information and video link.](#)

Keep it handy: Wellbeing & Support Reminder List

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

Everyday Active Workshops

Everyday Active is Active Kent & Medway's flagship campaign helping more people to be more active in their everyday life. [Join the free webinars](#) to improve your knowledge of physical activity: **Wednesday 4 December 2024, 10:00 – 11:30**



Resources

Useful Resources

- Safeguarding [Primary Care Notice Board](#)
- PCN requirements and entitlements for Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme (ARRS) [FAQ Document](#).
- [Kent and Medway ICS primary care careers site](#)
- [Communications and Engagement](#)

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 Training Hub 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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