



Daily Update

Tuesday 15th September 2020

This daily update contains important information for community pharmacy teams about the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In today's update: NHS Clinical Entrepreneur programme; LPC Conference note; PCPA webinar this week.

NHS Clinical Entrepreneur training programme now open

Applications for the latest round of the NHS Clinical Entrepreneur training programme are now open.

The NHS Clinical Entrepreneur training programme is an educational workforce development programme designed for NHS staff and those providing NHS services who want to develop and scale their most innovative ideas for patient benefit. It welcomes applications from a diverse range of healthcare professionals with an interest in entrepreneurship and innovation, including pharmacists.

The programme offers expert mentoring, exclusive networking, and bespoke training to develop innovative ideas into products and businesses to benefit NHS patients. The curriculum covers all aspects of setting up and running a small business, including attracting investors, applying for funding, and ensuring appropriate corporate governance.

Applications opened today (15 September) and the deadline is 1.00pm on 13 October 2020.

NHS England will be hosting a series of webinars on the programme for those who would like to find out more about applying, the first of which is on Friday 18 September at 7.00pm.

[Read more about the programme and how to apply here](#)

LPC Conference: Note to delegates

Those attending the LPC Conference tomorrow should have received an email with login details and your allocated breakout discussion group. If you have not received this email, please contact: commsteam@psnc.org.uk

PCPA Webinar on Thursday

The Primary Care Pharmacy Association is hosting a webinar on community pharmacy and PCNs on Thursday 17 September at 7.00pm. This is aimed at PCN community pharmacy leads and primary care pharmacy professionals with an interest in supporting them.

Attendees will hear about the role of PCN community pharmacy leads, insights from a PCN Clinical Director and some opportunities and challenges around the flu programme.

This is a free event open to all pharmacy professionals and you can register via the link below.

[Click here to register](#)

Have you seen our latest FAQs?

PSNC's website has a large number of answers to queries posed by pharmacy contractors, their teams and LPCs; these are updated on a regular basis. Recent additions include:

Q. Are pharmacy staff eligible for testing, and if so, how is this accessed?

Yes, frontline workers, including community pharmacy staff in England, can access free testing for COVID-19, via the Department of Health and Social Care's (DHSC) national testing service. Testing will allow those currently unable to return to work because they or a member of their family or household have symptoms of coronavirus to know whether they do have the virus.

A new portal for booking COVID-19 tests for key workers, including community pharmacy team members, is now available for use by team members and employers: [Essential workers: apply for a coronavirus test \(GOV.UK\)](#)

Keep up-to-date on COVID-19 with our hub page: psnc.org.uk/coronavirus

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