

Postponement of CPPE events due to Covid-19

Dear Colleague

At CPPE, we are acutely aware of the pressures facing the country, our communities and the pharmacy profession due to the outbreak of Covid-19.

We are continually monitoring government advice closely, as well as advice from Public Health England. We are also in regular contact with our colleagues at Health Education England and The University of Manchester in relation to how we can operate in these unprecedented times.

We do, however, understand that many of you are worried about yourselves, your patients, your colleagues and your loved ones.

We know that you value the learning programmes that we offer, and recognise how important it is to develop your career and keep up to date.

Yesterday, the government announced that we should avoid social gatherings, as well as non-essential travel. As of today – Tuesday 17 March 2020 – CPPE has made the decision to **postpone all face-to-face events** for at least three weeks, with immediate effect. This decision has also been extended to cover the **postponement of all face-to-face pathway events** for the next six weeks.

We will continue to review these decisions on a regular basis, and are working hard to ensure that everyone who needs to be contacted will be. If you are on one of our learning pathways, you will receive separate communication soon.

Contingency plans are now being activated to determine the best way for us to continue to support you – our learners.

In line with the recent government advice, we will also be moving the CPPE head office functions to a remote, home-based service until further notice. This does not mean you will be unable to contact us, but of course it means our methods of communication will be restricted. Our team is equipped to work remotely, and we will be monitoring and responding to emails to: info@cppe.ac.uk during business hours.

You can also contact us via the live chat service on our website between 10:00am and 4:00pm, Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays).

If you need to contact us in relation to one of our learning pathways, please do so accordingly on:

- *Primary care pharmacy education pathway* – primarycare@cppe.ac.uk
- *Medicines optimisation in care homes* – carehomes@cppe.ac.uk
- *Clinical pharmacists in general practice education* – generalpractice@cppe.ac.uk

We will be doing everything in our power to ensure that we can continue to provide you with support and quality learning. We will be increasing our provision of online group learning.

Our website and all our online learning remains unaffected, and CPPE remains open for business and open to support our learners.

The safety, health and wellbeing of all our learners and staff is of the utmost importance to us, and we are sure you will understand why we have taken these measures.

Kind regards
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