**Advanced training in assessment and management of urgent cases in the Guildford and Waverley areas**

Community pharmacists working in pharmacies in the Guildford and Waverley CCG area are invited to apply for a 2-day training course on assessment and management of urgent cases. The training, run by CPPE, is intended for all community pharmacists but those working in the out of hours periods are particularly encouraged to apply. Please circulate this information to all the pharmacists who work in your community pharmacy.

**Course details**

* Wednesday 7th March **AND** Thursday 8th March 2018 – 2 full days training
* 9.30am – 5.30pm
* Lunch and other refreshments will be provided
* Accommodation overnight is **NOT** included
* Hogs Back Hotel on the A31, GU10 1EX

An honorarium of £200 can be claimed by participants on completion of all the course requirements which includes:

* Attending both days
* Working through the CPPE Consultation skills: what good practice looks like e-learning and passing the CPPE Consultation skills for pharmacy practice e-assessment
* Working through the CPPE Safeguarding e-learning and passing the Safeguarding Level 2 e-assessment
* working through the CPPE Urgent Care Distance Learning

There are 20 places available and if the course is oversubscribed a second event will be arranged. **Please see below for how to book.** Please note: the course is not available on the CPPE website for booking.

**Information about the course**

Incorporating community pharmacists more fully into the delivery of urgent and emergency care could have a substantial impact on GP practices and emergency departments and improve care for patients.

Whilst community pharmacists are competent to deal with common minor ailments, there is potential to expand the list of conditions they can manage, treat and support. This is enabled by the development of new diagnostic skills, ability to provide other medicines under patient group directions and confidence to manage cases including follow-up of patients.

On completion of all aspects of this learning programme you should be able to:

* explore a wider range of medical scenarios which can involve the support, care and treatment by community pharmacists
* improve knowledge of the theory of the medical consultation in order to improve management of complex patients
* increase understanding of history taking and clinical examination in order to improve contribution to urgent care support
* demonstrate an ability to take a clinical history as presented to community pharmacists, including recognition of *red flags* and referral criteria
* recognise the need for record keeping
* demonstrate an ability to perform an examination of the respiratory, ENT and external eye systems as examples of new skills in order to manage a wider range of conditions
* understand the principles of hygiene in the clinical setting.

To apply for the training please email Olivia Shaw at GWCCG.MMT@nhs.net with the following information:

* Your full name
* The name and postcode of the pharmacy in the Guildford and Waverley area where you work (full-time, part-time or as a locum)
* The number of hours per week (or month) and usual days that you work in this pharmacy
* Your mobile phone number
* Your email address
* Your GPhC number

We will let you know within a few days if your application has been successful.