

Learning recommendations as new year begins: seven great opportunities

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There's lots going on, especially for those who want to hone their clinical skills, get ready for the pharmacy quality scheme, get involved in shaping the future of pharmacy in Surrey and Sussex or just because they want to!

Here's our pick of some upcoming events, training and things to do taking place in community pharmacy in Sussex and Surrey over the coming weeks and months. See also our new-look website with sections on [learning & development](#) and our [local events](#)

* Remember: blue hyperlinks will take you to more information, and where indicated to reserve your place. Places must be registered in advance

Health champion shared learning sessions: winter 2020

Battle
Tuesday
21 January
2020

Crowborough
Wednesday
29 January
2020

East Sussex only

- These sessions are open to all customer facing staff working in community pharmacies across East Sussex. Lunch is provided and backfill payments for branches releasing staff will be made available after the course dates.
- These sessions are an opportunity to share and build on knowledge and to reinvigorate your approach in promoting and encouraging patients and customers to access and take advantage of the range of local services available in community pharmacy.
 - Colleagues from *One You East Sussex* will host update sessions on Health Check and Stop Smoking services and provide a specially devised Make Every Contact Count (MECC) refresher course.
 - Partners from *Change, Grow, Live (CGL)* the national provider of support, treatment and rehabilitation programmes for those with substance misuse problems will talk to us about the help and support they provide to clients, how Supervised Consumption and Needle Exchange Services in pharmacy helps support the work and what help is available for those who may wish to reduce their drinking.
 - *Louise Trenchard*, the Fuel Poverty Coordinator for East Sussex will tell us more about the *Warm Homes programme*, its aims and how community pharmacy can help, plus there'll be a roundup of the latest HLP news in pharmacy and a forward look at what's coming up in 2020!
 - To book your place please [click here](#) to go to the East Sussex Community Pharmacy Eventbrite pages.

Get HLP ready at our HLP workshop

Gatwick
Sunday
12 January
2020

All areas

- Community pharmacy contractors are required to become an HLP Level 1 by 1st April 2020 as agreed in the [five-year deal](#) between PSNC, NHS England and NHS Improvement and the Department of Health and Social Care.
- Your LPCs have arranged for award-winning pharmacy training specialists and founders of the HLP concept, **Pharmacy Complete** to come to Surrey and Sussex to help you be HLP compliant. [Read more and reserve one, or more places.](#)

Varenicline PGD.

Brighton
Wednesday
22 January
2020

Brighton and Hove only

- Full day with backfill
- By the end of this workshop pharmacists will be able to supply Varenicline on PGD as part of the service in Brighton and Hove. [Read more and book](#)

Supporting appropriate use of oral anticoagulant therapy

Three locations
Tuesday
28 January
(eve)
4 February
(eve)
11 February
(eve)

All areas

The same education event in three different locations to be followed by local and topical conversations. By the end of each session, participants will be able to:

- Recognise the burden of medication errors, including preventable ADRs, to patients and the NHS.
- Describe contributing factors that lead to medication errors and ADRs.
- List the different anticoagulants available, including vitamin K antagonists (VKAs) & non-vitamin k antagonists, known as Direct Oral Anticoagulants (DOACs).
- List the common indications & contra-indications to VKAs & DOACs.
- Describe when dose adjustments may be required for patients on a DOAC.
- Describe potential strategies to reduce anticoagulation medication errors particularly at transfer of care across clinical settings.
- Identify audits you could do to improve anticoagulant safety in your patients.

Hot food and refreshments after work and an opportunity to meet new colleagues (and existing ones) socially. Open to all pharmacists and pharmacy staff across Surrey and Sussex, incl PCN pharmacists and those working in secondary care:

- 28 January **Eastbourne**. BN21 4JJ
- 4 February **Gatwick**. RH10 8XH
- 11 February **Cobham**, KT11 1EF

Spread the word, save-the-date and then look out for more information to follow in the new year.

CPCS training day Clinical assessment – essential skills workshop

Gatwick
Monday
3 February 2020
2 March 2020

All areas

- CPPE are offering this very popular full-day workshop to support pharmacists offering the CPCS, which forms part of the new community pharmacy contractual framework in England.
- This workshop has been produced to meet the national curriculum for the service outlined by NHS England, NHS Improvement and HEE, so learners can be confident that they will cover all relevant competencies. The day is:
 - facilitated by CPPE tutors supported by a GP trainer and a clinical demonstrator.
 - designed for pharmacists only.

3 February. Read more and book by clicking [here](#) and using booking ref: 49699

2 March. Read more and book by clicking [here](#) and using booking ref: 49605

Pharmacist shared learning sessions: winter 2020

Uckfield
Wednesday
5 February 2020

East Sussex only

- Full day with backfill.
- Topic areas for this series of pharmacist shared learning sessions will include a rapid review the Transfer of Care Around Medicines (TCAMs) project launched in community pharmacy earlier this year, a look at the next stages of the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework and a presentation by the Medicines Management team on malnutrition and specialist infant feeds.

Hastings
Wednesday
12 February
2020

- Change, Grow, Live (CGL) will talk about Supervised Consumption and Needle Exchange services in pharmacy, and there'll be a chance to learn more about future plans for Healthy Living Pharmacy in East Sussex.

To book your place please [click here](#) to go to the East Sussex Community Pharmacy Eventbrite pages.

Pharm Outcomes

Worthing
Thursday
5 March 2020
(eve)

West Sussex only

- A two hour session for all pharmacy team members who use PharmOutcomes.
- Starts at 6.30pm

To reserve a place email Tom.Howell@westsussex.gov.uk with the name of your pharmacy and number of attendees from pharmacy

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