

News and updates from your LPCs and partners

Surrey, East Sussex, West Sussex
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Welcome to issue 23 of our regular round-up of news and updates to help you keep up to date with your LPCs and your wider network of professional acquaintances, colleagues and local commissioners in Surrey and Sussex.

Thank you to all of you who have taken the time to email or talk to us about our news and updates. We really do appreciate your opinion. We've made a few minor changes for 2020 as a result. From now on we will:

- aim to distribute our news mid-week to avoid your weekend rush. Here is our [distribution schedule, past editions and sign-up details](#)
- only collate and signpost to messages from NHS England, PSNC and others and do everything we can to avoid repetition, duplication, and redundant stories as we know most of you will receive the same information from multiple sources. (Please make sure you are [signed-up to PSNC news](#) and check your NHS Email addresses daily)
- create and distribute 'special' editions for local topics and issues (for example our PCN specials [1](#), [2](#) and [3](#)) and where we have a local angle on nationally significant news.

This edition we start with news from your LPCs, a roundup of messages from NHS England and PSNC and NHS Digital about EPS 4. After that, content is laid out by category, **not** most important first, so be sure to go all the way to the end so you don't miss anything.

News from your LPCs

- **Surrey and Sussex LPCs announce PQS Help Clinics for contractors struggling with PQS.** NHS community pharmacy contractors in Surrey and Sussex are invited to book a slot at specially organised call-in-clinics organised by their three LPCs. [Read more.](#)
- **We are currently receiving a significant number of enquiries about the PCN domain of the PQS.** [Here's what you need to know and do, in order to claim your points for the PQS:PCN declaration which opens on 3 February](#)
- **LPC staff speak at London cardio conference**
Service development and support pharmacist, Hinal Patel, has been working on the Surrey BP+project with Surrey Heartlands ICS for over a year now. She spoke about the project at the inaugural HSJ National Cardio Forum on 21 January. [Read more](#)
- **LPCs announce exciting education collaboration.** Earlier this month we asked you to save the date for [Supporting appropriate use of oral anticoagulant therapy](#) and emailed the details separately. We are speechless that almost 85 colleagues have registered so far to attend our events, presented in conjunction with local partners and leaders from across Sussex and Surrey. [Read more](#) and book now for [Gatwick \(4 February\)](#) and [Cobham \(11 February\)](#).
 - Our Eastbourne event earlier this week (28 January) is still being evaluated, but early indications from the feedback sheets tells us it was "excellent", with all 32 attendees gaining

“new insights” into the topics discussed and “interested in attending similar future meetings”. Great news!

- **Over 40 colleagues get HLP ready for PQS, and the future**
More than 40 pharmacy colleagues from across Surrey and Sussex attended special one-day Healthy Living Pharmacy (HLP) workshops to help them get PQS ready. [Read more](#)
- **New year, new opportunities.** To mark the new year our colleagues at AHSN created a series of blogs looking at what 2020 has in store for various elements of our region's health and social care economy. The series started with CEO James Wood, who outlined opportunities and key areas of development for pharmacy over the coming year. The blog was distributed in AHSNs newsletter, which [you can see here](#). It's also [on their website here](#).
- **Have your say - independent review of PSNC and LPC structure, representation and support roles.** By the end of today (29 January) all independent owners in Surrey & Sussex will have received an email from James Wood, CEO, about this review and inviting them to take part. Contact lpc@communitypharmacyss.co.uk if you are independent and **did not** receive the email. Note: CCA or AIMp were not sent this message as they are being co-ordinated centrally by their respective member organisations).

NHS England round-up

Here are the most recent messages from NHS England, which you should find in your NHS mail account. Please check your NHS mail accounts regularly for messages to avoid delay on any contractual or urgent information. For more information, or if you don't receive these messages, contact ENGLAND.southeastcommunitypharmacy@nhs.net:

- *January Community Pharmacy health promotion campaign 'Dry January' : evaluation* sent 28 January 2020 16:09
- *For Action: Wuhan novel coronavirus (WN-CoV) Briefing Note Serial Number 2020/007* sent 29 January 2020 10:03
- *Urgent Action: Wuhan Novel Coronavirus: Advice for the NHS in England* sent 24 January 2020 10:49
- *Urgent Action: Wuhan novel coronavirus (WN-CoV) guidance for primary care* sent 24 January 2020 10:33
- *For action: New STI prescriber endorsement and FP10 form* sent 24 January 2020 10:21
- *Urgent Action: more info - supply issue with azathioprine and updated resupply dates for other tier 1 or tier 2 medicines* sent 17 January 2020 14:51
- *Urgent Action - supply issue with azathioprine and updated resupply dates for other tier 1 or tier 2 medicines* sent 17 January 2020 14:11
- *Continuing to encourage flu vaccination at this stage of the season* sent 13 January 2020 10:34

PSNC round-up

Here are the most recent messages and news from PSNC sent to everyone on their mailing list. For help, advice and support contact lpc@communitypharmacyss.co.uk.

- *January 2020 CPN magazine is out now* sent by email 27 January 2020 17:00
- *January 2020 Price Concessions – 2nd update* sent by email 23 January 2020 10:30
- *NICE calls for greater use of community pharmacy | CPCS benefits 114,000 patients | CPPE contract campaign* sent by email 22 January 2020 10:42
- *PSNC News Alert: FP10 Update - Changes to exemption categories* sent by email 21 January 2020 15:04

- *January 2020 Price Concessions – 1st update sent by email 15 January 2020 16:30*

PSNC publish news as it happens and advice as required - almost every day:

- View [CPCS news from PSNC](#)
- View [latest PSNC, and industry, news](#)

Your LPCs urge you to [sign up](#) to receive emails directly from PSNC, if not already.

News from HEE

- Please see this letter from HEE about the [National Pre-registration Pharmacist Recruitment 2020 \(2021 intake\)](#). An invitation to participate in the 2020 (2021 intake) National Pre-registration Pharmacist Recruitment Scheme, with application deadline of **11.59pm on 28th February 2020**. Late submissions will not be accepted.

News about EPS Phase 4 from NHS Digital

- **EPS Phase 4 rollout begins in Surrey & Sussex**
NHS Digital previously announced that it will be rolling out EPS Phase 4 to additional GP practices using the TPP SystemOne GP system (from 18 November 2019), so all community pharmacy teams should be aware that they could start to receive EPS Phase 4 tokens from patients to process regardless of where they are located. **Some GP practices in Surrey and Sussex** (and neighbouring areas in Hampshire) **using the TPP SystemOne GP system will have Phase 4 rolled out in the coming weeks.** [Find out more](#)
 - We recommend pharmacy teams keep an eye on the [schedule webpage](#), as further dates and practices will be published there in due course.

News from Public health CCGs and other partners

Surrey

- Here is a [message from Simon White, Surrey County Council's Executive Director of Adult Social Care](#) to explain the council's commitment to **strengths-based practice** and what this means for people with social care needs.
- Surrey Downs CCG has produced a **Falls Prevention Pack** containing useful information for individuals who have had a fall or who are at risk of falling. A sample copy is being mailed to every pharmacy, with details of how to order further copies. All queries to nina.austin1@nhs.net.
- **Consultation on £500m Epsom St Helier proposals now live**
The public consultation on three potential options for the location of a brand-new specialist emergency care hospital – on the Epsom, St Helier or Sutton hospital sites – is underway and will run until Wednesday 1 April 2020. No decisions will be made on the future of Epsom and St Helier hospitals until the spring/summer when the CCGs will consider the views of local people and all the clinical and financial evidence. [Read more, including a copy of the questionnaire, the summary and full consultation documents and more detail about events and consultation activity](#)

East Sussex

- We ended this weeks' (28 January) [joint networking event in Eastbourne](#) with a check-in conversation about [TCAM](#). After a quick look at referral and completion statistics, pharmacy leaders opened the floor to feedback and suggestions to help us move the project into its second year in East Sussex. Eileen Callaghan, who next month starts as director of pharmacy across Sussex (formerly of East Sussex CCGs) committed to take action points back into primary care with the LPCs James Wood and ESHTs Simon Badcott committing to do the same for community and the acute trust.

West Sussex

- LPC staff met with public health managers today (29 January) with the recent non-competitive tender process for locally commissioned services in West Sussex an item on the meeting agenda. More to follow as soon as there is anything to tell.
 - In the meantime, **contractors who missed the tender deadline** of 11 December should contact us at lpc@communitypharmacyss.co.uk
- West Sussex public health is holding a day event in March to mark one year of their Tobacco Control Strategy. The morning will focus on the strategy with opportunities to input into future actions. The afternoon will feature workshops for both Health Check and Smoking providers. Invites to follow from public health. Save the date: **Thursday 19 March at PO21 1BL**
- Public health led *PharmOutcomes* training to take place on **Thursday 5 March 2020** at BN13 1NP. More information from tom.howell@westsussex.gov.uk

Help us Help You (HUHY)

Mandatory campaign

- On **20 January**, NHS England and NHS Improvement launched the '**Pharmacy Advice**' phase of the **Help Us, Help You** winter activity.
 - [Campaign packs](#) have been sent to every community pharmacy and GP practice in England and should be received this week, latest
 - For further information, please check the [campaign page](#) or contact the PHE Partnerships team at Partnerships@phe.gov.uk.

Training

- **CPPE launches 'New Year, New Contract' campaign** which aims to raise awareness of the new Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF) and the opportunities it brings for professionals in all sectors of pharmacy. The campaign will run for six weeks and each week will cover a different element of the contract. [Read more](#)

And finally ... We appreciate your feedback and use it to evaluate changes and make improvements to our newsletters, emails and website. Here's some **new entries** to our web-based [A-Z of advice, help and support](#) in response to feedback:



W: **whistleblowing** (also R raising concerns)
N: **newsletter** schedule and sign up
F: **feedback and complaints**, with another C - *compliments*- coming soon!

Send your A-Z suggestions to lpc@communitypharmacyss.co.uk

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- **Issue 24 of News and Headlines** due Tuesday 11 February
- **View [news archive](#)**

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