

News and updates from your LPCs and partners

Surrey, East Sussex, West Sussex
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Welcome to issue 24 of our regular round-up of news and updates from your LPCs 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.

Got a pre-reg? In this edition we've got the date for the Southern GPhC mock exam and news of an early booking discount – but be quick if you want to book as places fill-up-fast and the discount is only available until the end of February, when the cost reverts to full price.

News from your LPCs

- **Surrey and Sussex contractors have just a few days left to have their say on the on the structures, processes and roles of LPCs and PSNC.** “It is so important that community pharmacy contractors (owners) give their views on how LPCs and PSNC could do things differently in the future” said Sandra Lamont, communications and engagement lead. The survey is open until 23:59 on Saturday 29 February 2020 [Read more](#)
- **Continuing to help you with the roll-out of EPS 4.** From Tuesday 3 March Surrey and Sussex will start to see more practices going live with EPS Phase 4. [Here is a dispenser factsheet along with other resources](#), to help all pharmacy staff, when their local surgery goes live.
 - Pharmacy staff should keep-an-eye on the [schedule webpage](#), as dates and locations are published here
 - Read [EPS Phase 4 rollout to begins in Surrey & Sussex](#)
- In December 2018 **Secretary of State Matt Hancock banned the NHS from buying fax machines** and ordered a complete phase-out by April 2020. [Read more](#). Some practices have already removed the fax machine from their options
 - Read Surrey and Sussex briefing note called '[Axing the fax by 2020](#)' to help you with an easy transition
 - How has the phase-out been for you? Are you, and your practices, fax-free? Let us know at lpc@communitypharmacyss.co.uk

NHS England round-up

Here are the most recent messages from NHS England. 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:

- *Urgent action - supply issues with Lorazepam injection and Penicillamine tablets sent 20 February 2020 16:05*
- *Urgent: Coronavirus - Briefing for Primary Care sent 19 February 2020 09:41*
- *Urgent action - Supply issues with salbutamol syrup and Levomepromazine 25mg/1ml solution for injection sent 14 February 2020 11:01*

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@communityphgarmacyss.co.uk.

- *CPCF Negotiations Progress Update and Arrangements for 2020/21* sent 23 February 2020 00:04
- *What would you like from PSNC and your LPC in the future?* Sent 21 February 2020 17:00
- *February 2020 edition of CPN magazine out now* sent 21 February 2020 14:00
- *February 2020 Price Concessions* sent 21 February 2020 11:30
- COVID-19 posters available | PSNC meeting summary | Consolidations webinar | National audit for 2019/20 sent 20 February 2020 11:44
- *Concessions Announcement* sent 19 February 2020 10:30
- *PSNC responds to GP funding news | Contractor survey for independent review | Toolkit Workshop now on-demand | Expansion of RTEC rollout* sent 11 February 2020 16:01

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 Public health CCGs and other partners, by LPC area

Surrey

- Here is a [flyer for the next East Surrey Pharmacy Networking Event](#), organised by East Surrey CCG. This meeting follows (and complements) your LPC hosted education session on 4 February by considering the local primary care perspective of anti-coagulation. Please register via the Eventbrite link on the flyer
- **Almost half of Surrey's community pharmacy PCN leads have still to confirm to confirm** their attendance, or send apologies, for the meeting organised by Surrey Heartlands ICS on 5 March. Community pharmacy PCN leads should see the email called '*Reminder to confirm attendance: 5 March Surrey's first ever joint PCN meeting*' sent by lpc@communitypharmacyss.co.uk on Tue 25/02/2020 11:31
- Your LPC understands that the director of public health (Surrey) will be writing to community pharmacy contractors who provide smoking services in Surrey. Please contact hinalpatel@communitypharmacyss.co.uk if you provide this service and have not received a letter by 3 March.
- Here is [Medicines Management Matters \(Feb 2020\)](#) along with the [bimonthly safety alerts checklist](#). They include important prescribing information.
- [Be Your Best](#) is all about helping families to better health by supporting them to eat better and move more. BYB is most suitable for families with children under the age of 12 years

East Sussex

- The CCGs **medicines management team** has won national and international acclaim for a Care Homes project. [Read more](#)
- **Do you have contact with people who are living in a cold home or experiencing fuel poverty?** If so, then ESCC needs your help to understand how they can increase the number of people benefiting from the East Sussex Warm Home Check service. Please take this [short survey](#) that will take no longer than five minutes to complete.
- From 1 April 2020, [Change Grow Live](#) will deliver substance misuse services in Brighton and Hove, alongside subcontractors The Oasis Project, Lloyds pharmacy and

Cascade creative recovery. Ian Marshall is leading the transition and will be in contact. In the meantime, here is [information about the new service](#).

- **10 March:** One You East Sussex refresher for stop smoking advisors. [Read more, and book a place](#)

West Sussex

- Today (25 February) public health were due to reopen their pharmacy contracts **tendering process**. The tender portal will be accessible for a few days only for around 30 pharmacy contractors to respond to a tender which previously closed on 11 December 2019. Contact lpc@communitypharmacyss.co.uk for more information.

Pre-regs mock GPhC Exam

- Southern date announced
- Early booking discount ends at end of Feb

- The annual southern sitting of the highly-regarded and popular [University of Bradford mock GPhC Registration exam](#) will take place on Thursday 28 May in Uckfield, East Sussex.

This full-length mock exam has been established for a number of years, receiving excellent feedback from pre-regs for being most similar to the actual exam. It will take place a short walk from Uckfield train station with direct trains from East Croydon, London Bridge and plentiful parking. [Book a place](#). An early booking rate is available until the end of February. Places are limited and often sell out quickly.

Can you help Dilan and/or Marianna?

- Dilan Kartal, a 4th year pharmacy student at the University of Brighton, is looking for community pharmacists to help with his final year project, "*Exploring the factors which affect the provision of services to patients with mental illnesses by community pharmacists*". Have you got 10 minutes, before 6 March, to help Dilan by completing a questionnaire? Please click [here](#).
- Marianna Liaskou is a doctoral student at the University of Bath conducting research on different forms of collaboration between community pharmacists (CPs) and general practitioners (GPs). She is looking for CPs and GPs who are currently collaborating to participate in her study. [Find out more](#)

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Look out for:

- **Issue 26 of *News and Headlines* due Tuesday 10 March**
- **March 2020 deadline tracker being distributed on Monday 2 March**
- **View [news archive](#)**

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