

## Sharing news (and other things) from partners

Surrey, East Sussex, West Sussex  
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Lots of people and organisations want us to share their news with you, which makes our regular newsletters very long and sometimes unwieldy.

We've heard your feedback and have developed this new regular round-up which is a collection of links to partners regular newsletters, press releases, assets, and more to make it easier for you to access information relevant to your work.

Welcome to issue 3.

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### Across Surrey and Sussex

#### **Covid-19 rapid antibody tests (sales to the public)**

The General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) has stated that it does not believe it is appropriate for COVID-19 rapid antibody tests to be sold in community pharmacies at this time. The regulator has also outlined concerns about the potential for the selling or recommendation of such antibody tests to undermine the standards and professional responsibilities of pharmacy professionals. [Read the GPhC letter about rapid antibody tests](#)

#### **Pharmacist education and training reform.**

The first phase of pharmacist education and reform is to build support around the current cohort of pre-registration pharmacists who will become provisionally registered pharmacists in August 2020. There will be further communications shortly setting out the details, together with FAQs and points of contact should you have further questions. The second phase will be to introduce reform in earnest. The intention is to both ensure the NHS has a sustainable supply of the well trained, clinically focussed pharmacists it needs, and to provide pharmacists with a rewarding career. [Read more](#)

#### **End of Government support for the most vulnerable patients**

The end of the national pandemic delivery service on 31 July needs to be carefully communicated as the public are likely to be unaware that without it, there is no NHS-funded prescription delivery service.

Whilst shielding patients have already received a letter from HM Government about the changes, it is likely that pharmacy teams will need to reinforce the message with those currently receiving prescription deliveries.

- PSNC has developed a simple patient leaflet that can be used to explain that the service is ending and why, as well as advising shielding patients on what they should do going forwards. [Patient leaflet – lockdown medicine deliveries to end 31st July 2020](#)
- Some pharmacies may choose to continue to provide a delivery service, for example with a charge being paid by patients, so the leaflet is adaptable to describe your pharmacy's particular circumstances.

#### **PQS 2020/21: part 1**

PSNCs 10-minute digital guide to the new Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) for the first part of 2020/21 is now live. The new scheme was announced on 13th July 2020, with a focus on ensuring community pharmacy contractors and their teams have put in place all reasonable measures to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, protecting both themselves and the people using their services. [Watch here](#)

The manufacturer of PICO7 (Smith & Nephew) has been in touch to confirm that this product is still available, despite reports of some pharmacy staff in Sussex telling community nursing colleagues that it has been discontinued. However, pharmacy colleagues should be aware that this product **may not** be on Formulary for all areas, so messages on clinical systems will deter prescribing.

### **Just a few days left to express an interest for Christmas and Easter**

A revised local enhance service (LES) for Easter and Christmas opening across Surrey and Sussex has been announced.

The new LES is to commission pharmaceutical services for three hours on Christmas day and Easter Sunday for 2020 through to 2023. The focus of the scheme is ensuring adequate community pharmacy cover across East Sussex, West Sussex and Surrey on these two key public holidays.

This scheme which has been developed jointly by NHS England's new south east regional team and the LPCs was announced earlier this month in a letter to all pharmacies from Mike Hedley, senior contract manager for our NHS region.

Contractors wanting to provide this LES will have to sign a formal agreement with NHS E that they will provide a full range of services these two days, and in return will receive £400 per hour for each three hour sessions (ie: £1,200 total per day).

**Express an interest by completing this short form before Friday 31 July 2020.**

**NOTE:** Contractors working as part of a chain should speak to their area manager/head office before responding to this expression of interest

A newsletter from [NHS Reset campaign](#), for the future of health and social care.

## Surrey

### **Surrey Heartlands health and social care partnership newsletter**

[Read more](#)

### **Making Surrey a better place to live for people with autism**

Surrey has launched a public consultation to gather feedback on how to make Surrey a better place to live for people with autism. This feedback will be used to form a new all-age autism strategy for Surrey.

[Here is the press release](#) which contains a link to the survey:

### **TCAM**

Kingston Hospital NHS Foundation Trust has gone live and might affect pharmacies on the border with Surrey.

### **Here is the latest edition of Medicines Management Matters newsletter.**

Page 5 contains local new for the North West Surrey ICP area only. [Read more](#)

## East Sussex

### **East Sussex CCG considers proposals to restart public consultation into the future of Eastbourne Station Health Centre**

[Read more](#)

### **It might be busy in Brighton and Hove next weekend (1-2 Aug)**

A Covid-19 friendly [Digital Pride celebration, FABULOSO](#), is planned for the weekend of 1-2 August by the organisers of the annual city wide celebrations. However, there are reports that some people are now organising unofficial Pride celebrations too, for the same weekend.

- City planners are urging pharmacy teams in the city centre to be aware and to plan ahead for any potential consequences.

## West Sussex

### **Information for residents in Crawley**

Here is the joint statement from Public Health West Sussex, Crawley Borough Council and Public Health England about an outbreak of COVID-19 at The Downsman pub. (Released: 24 July 2020) [Read more](#)

➤ **Issue 4 of *Sharing news (and other things) from partners* is due in two weeks in the week beginning 10 August**

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