

# Sharing news (and other things) from partners

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It's later than planned, but here it is! Welcome to issue 5 of our regular round-up of local partners' news, with links to newsletters and other pieces of information relevant to you and your teams.

A smaller issue this time around, due partly to the late summer holiday . Let us know if you find it helpful and/or if we need to make changes, or if you need to receive it weekly.

Our newsletter, with all our LPC news will be with you soon too.

Please share this information with your team members.

Warmest wishes

The staff team at your LPCs

## Across Surrey and Sussex

The first edition of KSS AHSNs new digital magazine

Continuing the distinct design of its printed forerunner, the digital <u>Innovate</u> will be a regular magazine from KSS AHSN with each issue looking at a single theme from three different perspectives. In this first edition of the new format they focus on COVID-19.

National Enablement of EPS Phase 4 Please be aware of the National Enablement of EPS Phase 4 in early September. Read more at <u>PSNC</u>, <u>NHS England</u> and <u>NHS Digital</u>

KSS AHSN's Collaborate newsletter September 3, Issue 54. <u>Read here</u>

#### **Palliative Care**

This specially prepared bulletin from St Catherine's Hospice contains information about current palliative care medicines for community pharmacy and your patients (Surrey and West Sussex). Topics include: palliative drug stock availability issues; revision of the Surrey community pharmacy palliative drug scheme and palliative care stockholder lists. <u>Read the bulletin</u>





Campaign underway to encourage Surrey carers to get their flu jab Social media assets and a specially created voucher have been prepared by Action for Carers Surrey to help raise awareness of carers eligibility for a free NHS flu vaccination. Carers are being encouraged to take the voucher (which carries our logo in the bottom right

corner) into pharmacy to help them prove their status for the NHS scheme. <u>Read more</u> and please share with all team members. Please remember to record the status of carers on Pharmoutcomes.

#### Have you seen these?

- Surrey County Council <u>Public Health Bulletin July 2020</u>
- September 2020 edition of the East Surrey ICP Medicines Management Matters newsletter
- <u>Medicines Management Matters</u>, the newsletter for primary care practitioners in Surrey, with a version for <u>East Surrey (Aug)</u>
- Surrey Heartlands ICS newsletter August 2020

#### Covid-19

Weekly data for Surrey, including Districts and Boroughs can be found at: <u>surreycc.gov.uk/covidcases</u>

## Healthwatch Surrey's August Insight Bulletin.

Healthwatch has a duty to listen to the views of local people about their health and social care and to share these views with those who make decisions about local services. The latest monthly Insight Bulletin for Surrey highlights five themes, including: praise and thanks; frustration with the slow return of services and quality of post-discharge care for inpatients. <u>Read more</u>

## Surrey Heath CCG Public Meeting & AGM invitation. More here

## East Sussex

#### Seaford Health Hub unlikely at Downs site

Lewes District Council has pledged to continue to support health bodies to identify new GP premises in Seaford following a viability study of the Dane Road site in the town centre.

Earlier this year, the council decided that plans for a new health hub at The Downs site in Seaford could not proceed unless it was demonstrated that there was no way to deliver new GP premises at Dane Road. <u>Read more</u>

## COVID-19 weekly surveillance update Last updated: 10 September

## West Sussex

#### Special Recognition Volunteer Award: nominations now open

The High Sheriff of West Sussex has launched a unique award to celebrate residents who have shown exceptional acts of kindness during the coronavirus pandemic. The Special Recognition Volunteer Award is aimed at any resident in West Sussex who has acted in a voluntary capacity throughout lockdown and beyond, so those who stood forward to collect prescriptions for those unable to for themselves, and help pharmacy with other tasks are perfect examples. Nominations can come from those who have either received

support (pharmacy or patient?) or have observed a volunteer doing great things for others. To be eligible for the award, the following criteria needs to be met:

- the candidate must demonstrate outstanding voluntary activity in the community to support individuals or groups;
- the candidate has shown selfless acts of thoughtfulness and kindness;
- the candidate's voluntary acts have benefited the community, particularly during the pandemic;
- the nominator must demonstrate why the care given has been so remarkable and special.

All individuals who are nominated will be acknowledged and those that are successful will receive a special certificate. If restrictions are lifted, they will also be invited as special guests to join the High Sheriff at a prestigious celebration event in 2021. The closing date for the award is <u>Wednesday 30 September</u>. Nominations are open now and the nomination forms can be requested by email to: <u>hswestsussex2020@icloud.com</u>.

## Campaign to encourage West Sussex carers to get a flu vaccination

We are hearing that West Sussex County Council is preparing a campaign to remind carers to get a flu vaccination to help keep themselves, and the people they care for, well this winter. Details are still emerging. More when known.

## Support | Develop | Promote | Deliver

Issue 6 of Sharing news (and other things) from partners is due in two weeks in the week beginning 14 September.

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