



on behalf of East Sussex, West Sussex and Surrey  
Local Pharmaceutical Committees

## Sharing news (and other things) from partners

Surrey, East Sussex, West Sussex  
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Welcome to issue 8 of our regular round-up of local partners' news, with links to newsletters and other pieces of information relevant to you and your teams.

With Covid-19 rates rising at pace across Surrey and Sussex (as well as the rest of the UK) we are no longer able to send local alerts when changes are made to local risk levels. Instead we urge you to bookmark your relevant links from below and sign up to receive local news from your local district or borough council.

Our LPC Bulletin, with all our own news, is mailed to you this week too.

Please share this information with your team members and do please scroll to the end to be sure you don't miss anything.

Warmest wishes

### Across Surrey and Sussex

#### Translation and interpreting services

- NHS England and NHS Improvement South East has issued a pre-procurement notice to determine the level of interest in providing translation and interpreting services for dentistry, pharmacy and optometry in Sussex and Surrey and across the NHS SE region. This information gathering exercise does not commit NHS England and NHS Improvement or respondents to a future procurement or to any award of contracts, but the notice clearly states that the commissioner is committed to equality of access for patients whose first language is not English and those with sensory communication needs. [Read more](#)
- The recently introduced three-tiered system of local COVID alert levels in England comprise of medium, high and very high risk, setting out information for local authorities, residents and workers about what to do and how to manage the outbreak in their area. To help support this, HM Government has developed new resources for all tiers. This includes Covid-19 Translated Resources to help reach communities where English is not the first language, These materials can help members of the public understand current guidance, outlined by HM Government:
  - [Symptoms](#)
  - [The NHS COVID-19 app](#)
  - [Hands. Face. Space](#)
  - [NHS Test and Trace](#)

#### Safeguarding: children

Here is an [important leaflet from the South East Regional Safeguarding team](#).

It contains a number, website & useful information from Barnardo's for staff to use if you have concerns about a child during lockdown.

### **Emergency funding for local councils**

Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, Robert Jenrick MP, has [published local authority allocations for the next tranche of the COVID-19 grant funding](#). Over £900 million of this funding will be provided to councils, including those in Surrey and Sussex, for their ongoing work to support communities during the pandemic and £100 million will address the ongoing challenges local authority leisure centres are facing.

### **Burns first Aid**

Correct first aid is the most important treatment for Burns however if the patients are referred the earlier there are better outcome seen. As it is difficult to know when to refer a patient the local teams are happy for the pharmacists to telephone them for advice. Further info can be found on the [NHS Website](#) and the [CKS Nice Guidelines](#).

### **Newsletters**

- Issue 57 of Collaborate, AHSNs fortnightly e-newsletter. [Here](#)

## **Surrey**

### **COVID-19 weekly surveillance update.**

Surrey COVID-19 weekly intelligence summary is published on Mondays. It is available [here](#)

### **Independent living in Surrey**

Adult Social Care has recently updated and enhanced the "[Staying Independent](#)" pages on the Surrey County Council website in order to provide improved and accurate signposting information and support for local residents. The main change to this section has been updating and improving the [Equipment and Technology information that can help you in your home](#) area to include different ideas and suggestions on how smart technology and equipment can help to improve people's independence at home, and provide practical assistance to help with daily living. [Read more](#)

### **Release the Pressure mental health campaign**

There's to be another burst of this mental health campaign which targets males in Surrey. The aim of the campaign is to encourage residents to talk about how they're feeling, using a few [case studies](#) from male residents who have benefitted from some of the local services available. As always, there will be signposting to a webpage on [Healthy Surrey](#), where residents can find local services including details of Surrey's mental health crisis line.

### **Male Sexual Health work at Surrey Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC)**

A new male engagement worker will be focussing on raising awareness of the SARC's services for men and boys affected by sexual violence. The role involves engaging with organisations across the county to ensure male victims of sexual violence are aware of services available to them. Professionals and potential service users should contact [Daniel.Luscombe@mountainhealthcare.co.uk](mailto:Daniel.Luscombe@mountainhealthcare.co.uk)

## Newsletters

- Here is your October edition of the ES MMM newsletter.

## Across Sussex

### WSHFT and BSUH survey on merger

Western Sussex Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (WSHT) and Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust (BSUH) have been working in partnership with a shared leadership team for nearly four years, now they are proposing to become one trust in April 2021. The new trust would run five hospitals and employ around 20,000 staff, caring for 1.8 million people in Sussex, with a budget of £1.2 billion.

You are invited to share your thoughts about the new trust's vision and values, as well its aspirations for the future, by completing a short survey at

[www.bsuh.nhs.uk/merger](http://www.bsuh.nhs.uk/merger) or [www.westernsussexhospitals.nhs.uk/merger](http://www.westernsussexhospitals.nhs.uk/merger).

### Volunteer scheme seeking new members in East Sussex LPC area

The NHS Volunteer Responders scheme is [recruiting](#) in Brighton & Hove, Eastbourne, Hastings, Rother and Wealden where demand is rising. The scheme supports people who are isolated or vulnerable because of COVID-19 as well as working directly with NHS organisations, complementing other local voluntary groups. Please continue to support it and signpost to [NHS Volunteer Responders](#)

## East Sussex

**Brighton and Hove** [key statistics for Covid-19](#)

**East Sussex** [COVID-19 weekly surveillance update](#)

## West Sussex

### Latest coronavirus figures in West Sussex

West Sussex Public Health publish weekly information packs relating to COVID-19 in West Sussex each Tuesday. These packs are available [here](#) in supporting documents.

### Healthwatch

- [Heads-up – Healthwatch West Sussex](#) newsletter to keep you up-to-date with issues identified by Healthwatch, with potential to impact patient access to or experiences of health and care services.
- Healthwatch latest event is called: *Staying connected during the Coronavirus crisis*: It's a webinar on Tuesday 10 November, 5pm - 7pm for Families and Friends of Care Home Residents [Read more](#)

## Support | Develop | Promote | Deliver

- **Issue 9 of *Sharing news (and other things)* from partners is due in two weeks in the week beginning 2 November.**

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