

Local news, views and support for community pharmacy teams

Surrey, East Sussex, West Sussex

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Another full bulletin this week reflecting how much there is happening in our sector just now. Picking out a couple of key items we'd like to draw your attention to our short survey on crime, which we need everyone to respond to as the results will inform a meeting, and action planning, with Sussex Police next week. We have also highlighted missed waste collections and urge you to keep Anenta (and us!) informed about any difficulties and/or delays you experience. Our Executive Committee are working closely with the staff team to advertise our CEO vacancy as the application deadline approaches and we still have PCN vacancies and an LPC vacancy to fill too – all great opportunities going forwards.

LPC news

Surrey and Sussex LPC chairs attend national conference

This week's PSNC virtual conference brought together over 100 LPC chairs and LPC chief executives to hear an update on the implementation of the Wright review of LPCs and explore some of the challenges facing our sector just now, including local integration. A common theme was the impact of Covid, with PSNC gathering rich content from breakout discussion groups to inform future plans.

- Read more: [New Review Steering Group to take forward work on contractor support and representation](#) and [AIM, CCA and independents nominate members to Review Steering Group \(RSG\)](#)

LPC intervenes but decision about wound dressings remains

As reported previously, [Surrey LPC intervened on contractors behalf](#) to a review of systems and process around the supply of dressings by [NHS Surrey CCG](#).

Despite many hours of conversations with, and submissions of evidence to, CCG officials on behalf of contractors the CCGs Executive has confirmed its plan to change the supply route for wound dressings.

From 1 December ONPOS orders within Guildford and Waverley will cease to be supplied from community pharmacies and will instead be centralised to the NHS Supply chain who will deliver directly to service users. ONPOS orders from North West Surrey, Surrey Downs, and East Surrey, are expected to change over in February 2021. Even though the decision is disappointing the LPC has had assurances that:

- The FP10 route for wound products is not affected. These will continue to be prescribed and dispensed as currently, for self-care patients.
- The ONPOS platform will continue to be open to for up to 56 days after the changeover date to ensure all outstanding orders are accounted for and invoices can be managed.

We recommend that where participating ONPOS pharmacies hold stock of items in anticipation of ONPOS orders they contact RSCH.HPLWoundSupplies@nhs.net as there has been a commitment made to help manage these.

Please read [Wound Management Project, Surrey Heartlands, Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) For Community Pharmacies and Dispensing Practices November 2020](#)

BP+ Service resumes

Pharmacies in Surrey have once again been offering valuable [BP+ checks](#) to residents, with the aim of finding those with high blood pressure or atrial fibrillation (AF). Since the start of October, over 400 BP+ checks have been completed and over 80 people have been identified with high blood pressure readings. This is a great re-start for this [innovative partnership project](#) led by Hinal Patel, the LPCs service development and support pharmacist.

Waste services reported to be struggling with capacity

Reports in the media and from contractors across Surrey and Sussex about missed waste collections have been confirmed by NHS England's regional team. It appears that SRCL, one of NHSE's waste contractors has experienced significant issues nationally and locally every effort is being made by contract managers, Anenta, to make contingency arrangements where necessary.

- Pharmacies should continue to work in the first instance with Anenta who manage the SRCL contracts on NHSE's behalf. See [W for Waste](#) on our website A-Z for more about Anenta and contact details

CEO application deadline countdown

There's now just a few days to go until our application deadline for our CEO vacancy. Applications close 5pm on Monday 23 November. [Read more](#) and download the [recruitment pack](#)

Independent contractor sought for East Sussex committee

There is still a vacancy on East Sussex LPC for an independent contractor representative from East Sussex, Brighton or Hove to serve for the rest of the LPC term to March 2022. Find out more and how to put yourself forward [download the vacancy pack](#). Send your expression of interest to us by Tuesday 24 November 2020

Calls for action

Pharmacy security

We know pharmacies are facing ever evolving security challenges as you all manage increasingly complex services and changes to working practices that may highlight vulnerabilities within each business.

All contractors in Surrey and Sussex are invited to participate in a short Pharmacy Security Survey designed to provide valuable insights for addressing this growing priority.

Highlights of the findings will be shared at a meeting on Wednesday 25 November 2020 when a small team from the LPCs meet with staff from Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner's Office and the Force's Business Crime Lead and the Force's Incident Resolution Centre.

Our survey is quick, and it's local. Your perspective matters, and we hope you will join us in helping Sussex Police be better equipped to addressing your security risks. [Click here to answer our handful of questions in less than one minute](#)

WSSCC medicines policy & locally commissioned service for provision of MAR Charts

We have been asked to feed-in views to the next revision of West Sussex County Council [Medication Policy](#) in December 2020. The policy supports medicines administration by employed carers in the domiciliary setting. We are seeking to ensure that the policy is aligned with the services commissioned through community pharmacy contractual framework (CPCF) or are supported by locally commissioned services (LCS). At the same time the LPC is reviewing the local MAR chart service with West Sussex CCG.

- If you have any general feedback or examples of good or bad practices, please let us know by email to lpc@communitypharmacyss.co.uk by 30 November 2020, latest.

Support

Pharmacy Quality Scheme Part 2 – domains 4 and 5 (primary care network support)

Three Community Pharmacy PCN Leads have been filled since last week (issue 41) when we reported 15 vacancies across Surrey and Sussex. The 12 areas still with vacancies are set out below and require someone to step-up to ensure all pharmacies in the area can meet the PQS requirements? Contractors, or colleagues, who may be able to help should email pcn@communitypharmacyss.co.uk

PCN	LPC Area
ALPSGroup	East Sussex, Brighton & Hove
Chanctonbury	West Sussex
Cissbury Integrated Care	West Sussex
Horsham Collaborative	West Sussex
PCN1 Brighton & Hove	East Sussex, Brighton & Hove
PCN 2 Brighton & Hove	East Sussex, Brighton & Hove
Care Collaborative (Redhill)	Surrey
CoCo PCN (Chertsey)	Surrey
Integrated Care Partnership (Epsom)	Surrey
SASSE Network 2 (Staines)	Surrey
SASSE Network 3 (Stanwell)	Surrey
Woking Wise 2	Surrey

All pharmacies who intend to participate in PQS part 2 should now engage with their local community pharmacy PCN lead to help support them meet the requirements of collaborating at a local level.

- This [short survey](#) (MS Word) created by PSNC, and adapted by us for local use, is for every participating pharmacy to fill in and send back to their PCN lead, as soon as possible. We would recommend this is done by Friday 20 November 2020. [Identify your PCN lead here](#). Contact us if your PCN has a vacancy as above.
- If you haven't registered already, see below for details of how to secure a place at our digital event designed to help pharmacy teams in Sussex and Surrey understand the local PCN requirements.

New on our website

- P for PPE– some common user questions about the PPE portal

Webinars and digital events

PQS Part 2 – understanding next steps for local teams

Thursday 19th November – 7:30pm – 8:30pm [Register here](#)

At this virtual meeting LPC staff will present a briefing on the local elements of PQS part 2 (domains 1,4 and 5). With Q&A session

- What actions you need to take to meet the requirements and by when
- How to engage with your PCN lead and what to expect from them
- Resources to help and sharing hints and tips from colleagues

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- We aim to send out at least one LPC bulletin according to our published [distribution schedule](#), but in order to be effective and timely we remain flexible and will delay or bring forward distribution to include information that is emerging and important.
- Issue 10 of our regular round-up with links to partners regular newsletters, press releases and assets will be distributed on Monday 23 November. Please look out for it as it contains important information.
- View [news archive](#)

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