

This LPC bulletin is for community pharmacy contractors, managers and team members in Surrey and Sussex. It contains local information and local news items, local diary dates and other local topics to help effectively manage NHS and locally commissioned contracts.

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LPC News

PCN verification for PQS 2021-22

To ensure that all pharmacy contractors are within their chosen PCN for this year's PQS 2021-22 please check the following link [here](#). If the pharmacy wishes to be placed within a different PCN please let us know by the 30th of September at lpc@communitypharmacys.co.uk

Local Services

Surrey Assisted Lateral Flow Testing Service

Surrey County Council are delivering a programme of Targeted Community Testing using supervised Lateral Flow Tests (LFT). Community Pharmacy has a further opportunity to participate in the supervised Lateral Flow Testing service. The service has been extended until 31st December 2021 and we are looking to onboard additional pharmacies across Surrey. If you are interested, please respond back by **Friday 24th September** to LPC@communitypharmacys.co.uk

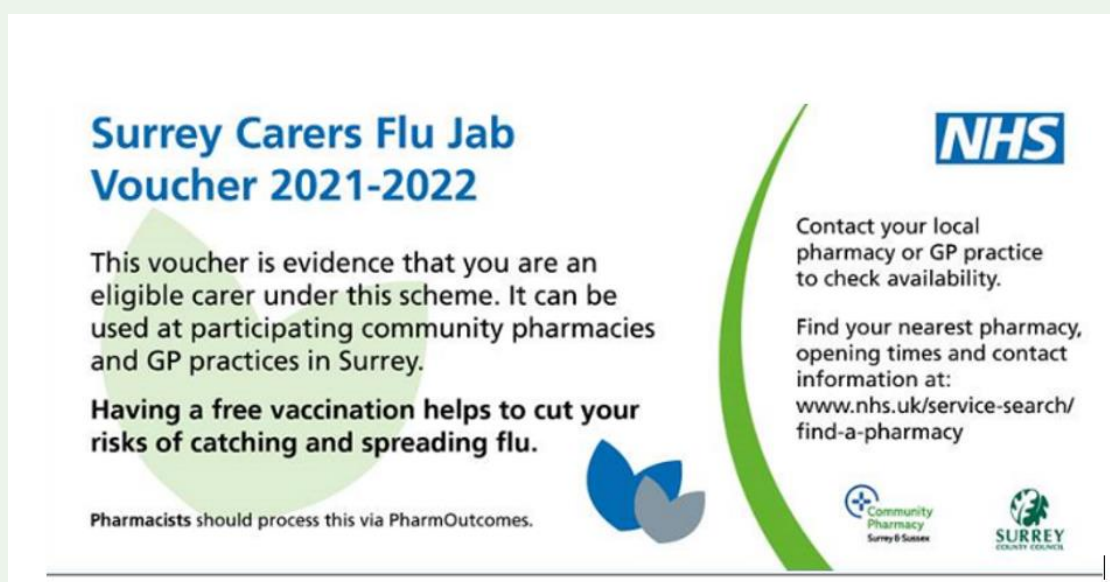
Surrey Flu service

Surrey County Council has agreed to extend the flu immunisation programme to eligible SCC employees to receive the free flu vaccination. The vaccinations will be administered

to individual staff presenting at community pharmacies commissioned to provide the service. More information and service specification coming soon. Payment for service £10.30p per vaccine plus drug price as per drug tariff. Please express your interest now. Email lpc@communitypharmacyss.co.uk. **Deadline 17th September 2021**

Surrey Carer Vouchers

Pharmacies may receive copies of the voucher below from carers in Surrey. The vouchers are being distributed to carers in the area to encourage them to receive a flu vaccination. If carers do not have the vouchers they can complete the declaration on the flu consent form – proof is not required. Click [here](#) for more information.



Surrey Carers Flu Job Voucher 2021-2022

This voucher is evidence that you are an eligible carer under this scheme. It can be used at participating community pharmacies and GP practices in Surrey.

Having a free vaccination helps to cut your risks of catching and spreading flu.

Pharmacists should process this via PharmOutcomes.

NHS

Contact your local pharmacy or GP practice to check availability.

Find your nearest pharmacy, opening times and contact information at:
www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-pharmacy

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Practical support and advice for pharmacies across Sussex and Surrey

Changes to the COVID-19 test kit distribution service

The current COVID-19 test kit distribution service has been extended until 3 October 2021. An amended COVID-19 test kit distribution service will begin from **4 October 2021**. As part of the changes, people wanting a kit will be asked to register on gov.uk or via 119 for a collect code to pick up test kits. For service spec click [here](#) and for more information click [here](#).

Key points:

- The payment is in two tiers – for patients who submit the code the pharmacies will be able to claim £1.70 per transaction; if the patient doesn't want to register, they will be logged as anonymous, and payment will be £1.20 per transactions
- Only two kits per transaction – reduced from four.
- Age for collection of the test kits has reduced to 16 years.

Check your Smartcard! Does it need replacing? Series 4 of the smartcard is expiring at the end of December. Click [here](#) for more information.

PQS 2021-2022 – NMS Gateway Criteria – using MYS

NMS - please ensure you are signed up and are using MYS to claim NMS this is part of the PQS scheme, and you will miss out on this criterion if you have not used MYS to submit your data. See more info [here](#)

Christmas and New Year's opening hours

Pharmacies will not be required to open their normal hours on Christmas Day even though it falls on a Saturday. The exceptions to this will be that the pharmacy is signed up to the enhanced service to open on Christmas Day or is directed by NHS England to open for a rota service. The details of who will be directed to open have not yet been released.

Note though that where New Year's Day falls on the Saturday this will be classed as a normal working day, as the substitute Bank Holiday Day is Monday 3rd 2022. The pharmacy would need to open for their normal Saturday hours unless agreed by NHS England that the pharmacy can close. To close on the 1st you could apply with 90 days' notice if the pharmacy only has supplementary hours on this day or ask for an amendment to the pharmacies core hours. The 90 days' notice would need to be given by the **1st of October**. For further information click [here](#).

Training

Sign up to attend the **Sussex Diabetes Conference** on the 24th of September 2021. This will either be held at the Kings Centre, Eastbourne or virtually. For more information and

to register click [here](#).

East Sussex NHS HealthCheck's training refresher course 28th September 2021
register [here](#)

MECC- Make every contact count training course East Sussex 10th Feb 2022 Book [here](#)

Introducing Horizon TV, an initiative by the BMS/Pfizer Alliance providing training material for pharmacists. For more information and to register click on their website [here](#).

Newsletters

Click [here](#) for the September edition of East Surrey Medicines Management Team Update.

Additionally you might be interested in.....

Are migrants automatically exempt for NHS prescription charges?

No, to be exempt from prescriptions charges they would need to be in possession of a valid HC2 (full help) certificate. The route of obtaining the HC2 (full help) certificate may depend on whether the migrant is classed under refugee or asylum seeker status.

- **Asylum seekers:** Patients should apply for support using the [HC1 form](#).
- **Refugees:** if supported by UK Visa's and Immigration (UKV&I), NHSBSA will automatically send a HC2 (full help) certificate entitling refugees to help with health costs including free prescriptions. If they are not supported by UKV&I they would need to complete an HC1 and state they are not supported.

If a patient is unsure whether they are entitled to free prescriptions, pharmacy staff should advise the patient to pay for their prescription and provide them with an FP57 Refund form with information on how to claim a refund at a later date. Further information

for patients can be found at www.nhs.uk/healthcosts.



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