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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

GP CPCS Training and Support Lead - Sussex - Recruitment Opportunity

CPSS are looking to recruit to a new position on a temporary basis to deliver training to GP Surgeries on the implementation of GP CPCS across Sussex. This role would suit an individual who is available on a part-time basis over the next 6 months. The role is open to pharmacists or registered technicians who have a background in community pharmacy or GP practices.

A description of the job role is available [here](#).

For further information please contact Julia Powell, CEO on juliapowell@communitypharmacyss.co.uk or 07483 176893.

LPC Communications

From time to time we need to send area specific emails to some contractors and not others for localised services, training etc. These are sent via the pharmacies shared NHS mail account. To maximise all of your opportunities, we are aiming to be able to send you

area specific services/news/expressions of interest etc. by email in addition to pharmacy NHS Shared mail addresses.

If you would like us to send you area specific emails you will need to update us with the areas e.g. Surrey, East Sussex, West Sussex.

Sign up [here](#) which will allow you to input the areas you are interested in.

Service support clinics - bookable timeslots on the 23rd and 30th September

Please email mariehockley@communitypharmacyss.co.uk to book an available slot via teams or telephone for one-to-one support with any locally commissioned service queries.

Flammable warnings

A local resident suffered burns and died at their home. The cause of the fire had been smoking materials coming into contact with flammable materials on the bed - the deceased used prescribed emollient creams containing flammable ingredients.

The CCG has asked primary care to be reminded to advise patients who use these products not to smoke or go near naked flames, and warn about the easy ignition of clothing, bedding, dressings, and other fabric that have dried residue of an emollient product on them.

Local Services

Covid Vaccinations and assisted LFT

County Councils across Surrey and Sussex would like to remind pharmacies that providing flu and covid vaccinations does not stop the pharmacy from also offering the Assisted Lateral Flow testing service. All of these services can be provided by the pharmacy where commissioned.

Surrey DPS tender process - Please be advised that you will need to register for an account on Proactis [here](#). **Please Note the Tender Process has been delayed and has not yet gone live** - you will not see any lots to bid for until the tender has gone live. We will let you know as soon as the tender has been published on the site. The

slides from the Surrey Pre-Tender engagement webinar are available [here](#).

Brighton Healthy Living Pharmacies

Pharmacies will receive a delivery of health promotion leaflets which will arrive tomorrow, September 23rd. The leaflet categories are Healthy Weight, Cancer screening, Smoking, Carers Centre and Healthy Lifestyle.

Training

East Sussex NHS HealthChecks - Training event 28th September

Please register for the training [here](#).

West Sussex Smoking cessation - Training event 15th October

Please register [here](#).

Brighton Smoking Cessation - Training Events 21st and 28th October

Please register [here](#).

Newsletters

Healthwatch Surrey August edition – Click [here](#).

Additionally you might be interested in.....

If you are an Independent Prescriber (IP) working in community pharmacy, we would like to invite you to join our very first IP Community Pharmacist focus

group.

The HEE London and South East (HEE LaSE) Pharmacy Team plans to establish an IP Community Pharmacist focus group. The aim would be to support the development of independent prescribers within the community pharmacy workforce across London and KSS, share learning across the region, and highlight any considerations and concerns surrounding IP development moving forward. The group will have a particular focus on independent prescribing in relation to the recent changes to the GPhC initial education and training (IET) standards and learning outcomes for pharmacists and how these can support services in community pharmacy moving forward.

The purpose of the IP Community Pharmacist focus group is:

- To create a community of practice of community pharmacy independent prescribers in London, Kent, Surrey and Sussex (KSS)
- To reassure stakeholders that IP considerations within community pharmacy is being explored
- To inform stakeholders that HEE is looking into establishing IP networks across London and KSS
- To enable discussion and co-design of workforce strategy, listen to stakeholders feedback and act on feedback received where needed
- To feedback to stakeholders any outcomes or conclusions from queries raised
- To provide stakeholders with information on the importance of developing networks to enable split placements and foundation trainee pharmacists to complete at least 90 hours of supervised practice in independent prescribing
- To use workforce data and local intelligence to establish the number of IP pharmacists in prescribing roles in community pharmacy regionally, along with the number of practicing Designated Prescribing Practitioners (DPP) in community pharmacy which will be able to support trainee pharmacists through the prescribing elements of the new IET learning outcomes moving forward

The meeting will be held via MS Teams in mid-October. The frequency of subsequent meetings will be decided as a group. Please note this invite is currently only open to independent prescribers working in a community pharmacy.

Please kindly confirm **by 24th September 2021** if you would like to be a part of the focus group by emailing Sureena Clement at sureena.clement@nhs.net. Kindly note, if there is

a great expression of interest, we may have to select individuals on a first response basis.