

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

Pharmacy Careers Map

We are really pleased to share with you the Pharmacy Careers Map website - which is now live. It is an interactive pharmacy careers map with animated pharmacy roles in a virtual town. The objectives of the map are to support undergraduates and trainee pharmacists with decision making around their career. Also, to develop a website that can be used by career advisors, parents, and school children to generate an insight into pharmacy careers and to create a platform to champion pharmacy roles within Kent, Surrey and Sussex and Nationwide.

This is the culmination of a year's hard work led by Shabina Azmi from Health Education England with support from Kent LPC and CPSS. This would not have been possible without valuable contributions from our pharmacy teams, and we would like to thank you all for your efforts, that have helped bring this website together. We hope you are happy with the outcome. Please find the website link below:

<https://careersinpharmacy.uk/>

Service support clinics - bookable timeslots on the 10th of November

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.

Local Services

East and West Sussex - Needle exchange stock issues

Please be aware that Frontier are experiencing stock issues and you may not receive the full orders placed. Lines affected but not limited to – Green Fixed 1ml expected October, Blue 2ml hit kits with Vit C expected November. Please contact the customer service team if you need any further information [0044 1495 235 800](tel:00441495235800) / [01495 235800](tel:01495235800).

Surrey Chlamydia service – Focus target area for Women

Surrey Public Health have launched a campaign which focuses on identifying opportunities to screen women for chlamydia. **Please note men can still access the service and should be encouraged to get tested, there is no change to the service specification.** The focus amongst women is led by the increasing harm that undiagnosed chlamydia infection can cause and if left untreated, it can spread to the womb and cause a serious condition called **pelvic inflammatory disease (PID)**. As part of this initiative please offer chlamydia testing to all eligible women within your service specification inclusion criteria and eligible patients that request EHC, contraceptive medication, purchase condoms or ask for advice where chlamydia testing could be offered. Any patients who do not meet the criteria for the service please signpost to the online home screening kit order form link [here](#).

Sussex Assisted LFT commissioned service

A pharmacy poster to display will be sent to stores over the coming week to be used to promote the service. The aim is to increase awareness and highlight the service to patients visiting the pharmacies. This can be displayed on HLP board.

Brighton HLP Pharmacies – Weight Management Referrals

As part of the locally commissioned service Healthy Living Pharmacy in Brighton weight management referrals has been introduced with two different payments:

- The targeted payment is £10 for referrals made on behalf of someone from a Black, Asian, or ethnic minority
- The standard payment is £5 for all other referrals

The reason for the differential payment is supported by the PHE Excess Weight and COVID-19 report published in July last year which details evidence-based insights on the

relationship between excess weight and COVID-19. Excess weight affects all population groups but is higher for some Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic (BAME) groups compared with the general population. It is established that the health risk of excess weight for some BAME groups occur at a lower BMI than for White populations.

Did you know.... this incentivised HLP scheme also supports the PQS 2021/22 Healthy Living Support Domain. This will allow pharmacies to claim the maximum points available for this domain as well as payment under the HLP service.

Pharmacy Quality Scheme 2021-2022

Weight Management

To support the healthy living domain, we have produced a document that includes all local authority tier 2 weight management programs and the national referral routes.

Pharmacy teams must proactively discuss weight management with a minimum of 25 patients for the intervention element and refer 1 patient into the national weight management program or into a local authority tier 2 program to claim the referral element.

The document can be accessed [here](#) and is on our website under A-Z under PQS please keep this in your evidence folder and highlight to your teams.

Have you engaged with your PCN lead to meet the requirement for the PCN domain?

Your PCN lead has already or will be making contact with you (please check your emails) and asking for your participation regarding Flu and increasing the uptake within your PCN.

Please attend the webinar your PCN lead is organising and meet the deadlines of the information that they ask you to provide. This is to ensure all contractors can claim the maximum amount of points. If you need any additional support, please email

LPC@communitypharmacyss.co.uk

Antibiotic formularies

To support the prevention domain links to the local area antibiotic formularies can be found on our CPSS website in the A-Z under A [Antibiotic Formularies](#).

Return of Unused and Unwanted Inhalers

Reminder that as part of this domain there is not a separate collection for inhalers – any returned inhalers are to be placed in the normal patient returns waste medication collection.

Training

FREE Peer to peer online training for Surrey Healthcare Professionals – ‘Physical Activity for the prevention and management of long-term conditions’.

Delivered by Dr Sarah Kay, GP, and Physical Activity Clinical Champion

Tuesday 5 October

12.30pm - 2.00pm

Book: [Physical Activity for the Prevention & Management of Long-Term Conditions - Booking](#)

Brighton Smoking Cessation Training on Teams

Thursday 21st October 2021 13:30 – 16:00

Thursday 28th October 2021 10:00 – 12:30

Book [here](#) - [View Details | Brighton & Hove CPD Online \(brighton-hove.gov.uk\)](#)

Participants to attend both sessions and backfill of £100 can be claimed.

Please note that it is a requirement to complete the online National Centre for Smoking Cessation and Training (NCSCT) online practitioner and Stop Smoking medications training before attending the above course. It takes on average 3-5 hours to complete, though can vary.

Link to online course [here](#). [NCSCT e-learning](#)

Newsletters

To read the Surrey Medicines Safety Matters click [here](#).

To read the September issue of West Sussex Prescribing News click [here](#).

To read Oral Nutrition Support Guidelines, West Sussex click [here](#).

To read West Sussex Food First Advice click [here](#).

Additionally you might be interested in.....

NHSE&I have agreed with PSNC that there will be no requirement to report NMS quarterly data at the end of Q2 and to re-start the NMS quarterly reporting in Q3 of 2021/22 (from the end of December 2021).