

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

PQS – PCN Flu Vaccination Domain

CPSS are hosting a webinar for all current **PCN Community Pharmacy Leads** in the Surrey & Sussex area. Details will be emailed directly. The event will be held on the **15th September** from 7.30pm.

Following this event, the PCN Leads will cascade information out to the community pharmacies in their PCN on how to support completion of the requirements for the PCN PQS section for PQS 2021-22.

PCN Lead Vacancies

The LPC would like to highlight that the following PCN areas are currently known to not have a PCN lead. If you are interested in taking on the role, please contact

PCN@communitypharmacys.co.uk

West Sussex LPC: Coastal & South Downs Care Partnership PCN

East Sussex LPC: East Eastbourne, Pevensey and Polegate PCN, Hailsham PCN, The Havens PCN

Surrey LPC: Care Collaborative PCN, CoCO PCN, East Waverley PCN, Farnham PCN, Redhill Phoenix PCN, Surrey Heath PCN

Local Services

Lung Cancer service extension

Lung Cancer service in Hastings and Crawley – this locally commissioned service has been extended until 31st March 2022. There may be an opportunity for additional pharmacies to express interest, look out for further information to follow shortly.

Surrey Public Health Tender Event – 7th September

This event is for you, if you currently deliver or want to deliver locally commissioned Surrey Public Health services in the future e.g. NHS Checks, sexual health services. Surrey Public Health are hosting a pre-tender engagement event to share their plans for a longer-term approach for the delivery of services moving to a three-year contract. This will involve the completion of an online application process. The event will be taking place online in the evening on the 7th of September, for more information and to book your place click [here](#).

Practical support and advice for pharmacies across Sussex and Surrey

End of temporary suspension of signatures on prescriptions

The temporary suspension of the requirement for patients (or their representatives) to sign the reverse of NHS prescription forms or Electronic Prescription Service (EPS) tokens ended on the **31st August 2021**.

The requirement to submit certain Electronic Prescription Service (EPS) tokens to the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) has resumed from today (**1st September 2021**).

Pre-registration Trainee Pharmacy Technician (PTPT) training – funding application

Health Education England's (HEE) process to support expansion of Pre-registration Trainee Pharmacy Technician (PTPT) training capacity. HEE will be seeking expressions of interest from employing organisations between 23 August 2021 – 26

September 2021. The attached [guidance document](#) outlines the minimum requirements employers must meet to be eligible to receive funding, as well as detailing the EOI process in full.

Funding - £46,099 will be available per PTPT over the 2-year apprenticeship training period.

Application Process - The application window is 23 August 2021 – 26 September 2021. Application is through an EOI submitted via an [online application](#) form.

Training

- Teva sponsored training session - **Inhaler training** webinar **7th October 2021** - [Agenda John Bell](#)
- **Brighton and Hove Healthy Living Pharmacies**- B&H HLP commissioned service Training event on **Wednesday September 15th** is now open to book: [HERE](#). The session will begin at 14:00 and will run for approximately 90 minutes. The aim of this session is to help you understand the local insight data packs circulated on the July 30th and how best to use them. Pharmacy attendees will be paid £50 on return of their completed evaluation forms. While more than one team member from each pharmacy can attend, only one place per pharmacy will be paid.

Newsletters

- Surrey Heartlands CCG Primary Care Newsletter Issue 62 [ISSUE 62: Surrey Heartlands CCG Primary Care Newsletter 26th August 2021 \(clarity.co.uk\)](#)
- Please find the link [here](#) to the August edition of the Sussex Prescribing News Bulletin.

Additionally you might be interested in.....

- Universities of Reading, Manchester and Cardiff survey on exploring UK Pharmacists' work-place stress, coping and burnout in response to the Covid-19 pandemic: a qualitative study – [Impact of Covid on Pharmacists](#)
- The Community Pharmacy Patient Safety Group has launched a survey to better understand the culture of safety reporting within community pharmacy. The survey, which will gather views anonymously, is open to all members of the community pharmacy team. [Safety culture survey – Community Pharmacy Patient Safety Group \(pharmacysafety.org\)](#)
- Surrey Heartlands Allied Health Professionals day which will be held online on the 14th of October. This is an annual opportunity for AHPs to come together and celebrate being part of the AHP workforce. For more information and to sign up, click [here](#).
- The **Guildford & Waverley Pharmacy Network Meeting** is taking place on the 21st September from 19:30-21:00 on MS Teams. The keynote speaker is Becky Beauchamp who will give a presentation drug diversion, an update on local drug issues and an insight into the role of a drugs liaison officer and expert witness. For more information and to sign up click [here](#).