

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-Community Pharmacy Placements

The HEE London and Southeast (LaSE) Early Careers Programme team want to offer support to community pharmacies across LaSE to implement a 2-week GP taster placement in Spring 2022 for trainee pharmacists.

The benefits of split-sector taster placements provides you:

1. the opportunity to develop training partnerships between community pharmacies and GP practices, with HEE's support.
2. the experience of hosting a split-sector placement in your pharmacy, and an opportunity to expand this into a longer term offer that could attract future trainee pharmacists.
3. your trainee pharmacist further support to meet the GPhC Learning Outcomes that may be a challenge to otherwise meet in a single sector placement.

If this is of interest to you then please contact **Ritienne Fenech** at ritienne.fenech@nhs.net (for Frimley Health and Surrey Heartlands ICS) or **Alice Conway** alice.conway@nhs.net (for Sussex ICS) by **Friday 3rd December.**

Second mandated health campaign of 2021/22: Winter vaccines

This is the second mandated health campaign for 2021/22, which contractors **must** undertake as part of their NHS contractual requirements.

Community pharmacies will be receiving promotional materials to support the Winter

vaccines campaign which launched on TV and other media in October, and which will run until December. The campaign promotes the adult flu vaccination and the COVID-19 booster. Pharmacies will receive printed resources from the 8 November 2021. The resource packs will include display materials, a briefing sheet, and FAQ to support community pharmacy teams' conversations with patients. [Social media and digital resources for these campaigns are also available](#). Please brief your staff and display the posters as soon as you receive them.

[Please email if you have not received your pack](#) by **1 December 2021**, stating your pharmacy name, address, and the name of the materials that you require.

NHS 111 CPCS CD supplies

The CD Accountable Officer for NHS E&I South East has asked us to remind all pharmacists that under the urgent medication referrals service from NHS 111 that for a schedule 4 or 5 CD that no greater than a 5 day supply should be made. This is also flagged on PharmOutcomes when the medication details are entered.

To make sure urgent medicines supplies for Controlled Drugs are provided appropriately, please remember that:

- Emergency supplies of Schedule 2 and Schedule 3 Controlled Drugs are not permitted by the Human Medicines Regulations, with the exception of phenobarbitone or phenobarbital sodium for the treatment of epilepsy.
- Temazepam, gabapentin, pregabalin and tramadol are all Schedule 3 Controlled Drugs. Emergency supplies of these medicines are not allowed and so they cannot be supplied via the CPCS.
- Medicines such as **benzodiazepines** (apart from temazepam, which is Schedule 3), **zopiclone**, and **zolpidem** are Schedule 4 Controlled Drugs. **Up to five days' treatment may be supplied**, if it is clinically appropriate and after an assessment has been made of the risk that the patient is using the CPCS to inappropriately gain additional supplies.
- Medicines such as **dihydrocodeine** and **codeine** containing products (including **co-codamol 30mg/500mg**) are Schedule 5 Controlled Drugs. **Up to five days' treatment may be supplied** if it is clinically appropriate and after an assessment has been made of the risk that the patient is using the CPCS to inappropriately gain additional supplies.

GP CPCS Sussex Update

The GP CPCS contract for the integrated EMIS and PharmRefer systems has now been finalised and the rollout of the service across Sussex has started this week. As each GP surgery goes live the community pharmacies will be notified in that locality. Look out for further information updates on our website and in our newsletters as the GP surgeries go live.

Surrey DPS - Tender process. The deadline for tender submissions is 12 noon on Monday 6 December 2021 - Search for reference - RFX1000001.

SCC require all pharmacies who wish to be contracted to submit the tender for any or all of the service listed here: Sexual Health - Emergency Hormonal Contraception (morning-after pill) - Chlamydia screening and treatment Drug Misuse services - Needle Exchange - Supervised Consumption - Take Home Naloxone Other - Health Checks in Pharmacy - BP+.

Pharmacies must register and apply for any, all or any combination of the locally commissioned services. The contract will start from 1st April 2022 but you must submit all the required information by Monday 6th December 12pm. Please do not delay, remember you can complete in parts to manage workload and time.

Please read through the documents on the portal under the general section, you will need to answer all questions and upload a signed bidder's warranty as well as any other supporting documents required.

If you have any questions, please use the message function on the portal to send clarification questions to SCC Procurement and Commissioning teams, no later than 29 November 2021.

Surrey DPS Tender process clinics – if you are unsure of the process or would like to talk through the required actions, please request protected time with

Mariehockley@communitypharmacyss.co.uk

Please indicate via email your preferred day and a timeslot can be arranged. Clinics

will run on the following dates: 19th November 22nd November 26th November 1st December and 3rd December.

Pharmacy Quality Scheme 2021-2022

PCN Domain - Primary care networks without a lead are at a risk of losing the income for that domain. All PCN pharmacies without a lead will have received an email to complete the flu contractor survey. Please complete this survey and return back to pcn@communitypharmacyss.co.uk **by the 10th of November.**

PCN Leads - you will have received an email asking for an update on the progress made within your PCN please reply back to pcn@communitypharmacyss.co.uk we are collating all the information in order to support where required.

Thank you and well done to Emma Saunders lead of Greater Wealden PCN, Jenny Hyde lead of Central Worthing PCN and Mary Boaithey lead of East Grinstead PCN for confirming that all of the required actions for the PCN domain activities are completed.

Training

Novo Nordisk has created this non promotional **Diabetes review toolkit** [here](#). It is a therapy review toolkit for Type 2 diabetes mellitus based on using the skills of healthcare professionals to improve patient outcomes and has a training guide on how to undertake diabetes medication reviews. This could be particularly useful when undertaking NMS consultations or completing CPD.

Newsletters

Read the NHS England Primary Care Bulletin [here](#).

Read the Surrey HealthWatch Insight Bulletin October [here](#).

Read the East Surrey Medicines Management Teams Update for October [here](#).

Read the West Sussex Prescribing News bulletin [here](#).

Read the Surrey Microbial Matters Newsletter [here](#).

Additionally you might be interested in.....

Carers Rights Day Thursday 25th November 2021. This day recognises the contribution of millions of carers who are taking on caring responsibilities for their relatives and friends who are disabled, ill or older and who need support. Carers Rights Day highlights the need for carers to know their rights and to protect their health and wellbeing. Brighton and Hove are hosting a Carers Rights Day event, poster can be downloaded [here](#).