



This LPC newsletter 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

Community Pharmacy - Mandated Health Campaigns for 2021/2022

NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSEI) and the Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee (PSNC) have agreed the national health campaigns, which community pharmacy contractors must participate in, covering the remainder of 2021/22.

The campaigns are:

Health campaign	Campaign sponsor	Campaign period
Winter vaccines	Cabinet Office	22 November – 31 December 2021
Weight management	Office for Health Improvement & Disparities	4 January – 31 January 2022
Smoking cessation	Office for Health Improvement & Disparities.	21 February - 31 March 2022

Further information will be shared with Pharmacy Contractors and NHSEI regional teams closer to each campaign launch date so you are aware of when you will receive printed resources, where other social media and digital resources are available, and the campaign delivery dates. If contractors have not received the winter vaccines campaign materials by 1st December 2021, they should email Marketing@dhsc.gov.uk stating the pharmacy's name, address, and the name of the campaign that campaign materials are missing for.

SASH Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing

SASH has adopted new antimicrobial susceptibility testing guidelines which indicate

some patients may require a higher dose of antibiotics for them to be effective. These higher doses can be found on this [link](#). As a consequence of this you may occasionally see higher doses of antibiotics being prescribed for susceptible patients.

Translation services

There are a number of English to other language translation services available if needed to support community pharmacy staff with conversations with patients. These can be accessed via paid translation services or free of charge via various websites which enable typed or spoken English to be converted to another language or even into sign language. If you do not already have these resources available, please choose and save suitable sites so that they are readily available for when support is needed to enable you to speak with someone where their first language is not English. Sample website for text to sign language translator [English to Sign Language \(BSL\) Translator \(wecapable.com\)](#).

Local Services

Discharge Medicines Service University Hospitals Sussex East (BSUH) go live 22nd November 2021

Please ensure you let all pharmacy colleagues know the service will be live and familiarise yourself with the process. Initially the trust will be targeting Blister Pack/Dosette patients, but this will be expanded in due course.

Surrey Dynamic Purchasing System Tender

There are a number of pharmacies who have not started the tender process, this is a requirement to bid for commissioned services in Surrey. Please email Mariehockley@communitypharmacys.co.uk if you need support.

CV19 Pharmacy collect lateral flow testing kits

Please ensure all members of the team are aware of the new process with supplying lateral flow kits to patients. The patient should be encouraged to obtain a 16-digit code however patients are allowed to collect anonymously. The service should not be refused if the patient does not have the code or declines to obtain one.

Surrey NHS Health Check commissioned service

Jason Ralphs, the public health service lead for NHS Health Checks, will be sending a short survey via email to commissioned pharmacies to complete, a link to the survey can be found [here](#). Please complete this survey to confirm you intend to restart the service or submit any training needs, barriers or challenges you are facing. We will use this data to support you to restart the service.

BP+ Surrey

Launch webinar **Tuesday 23rd November at 7:30pm**. The webinar will enable you to start the service if previously commissioned and for those new to the service provide details on how to start providing. Please register on the Eventbrite link [here](#).

Pharmacy Quality Scheme 2021-2022

PCN Lead vacancies – we have the following PCN lead vacancies please email PCN@communitypharmacys.co.uk to express interest.

Care Collaborative PCN
Coastal & South Downs Care Partnership PCN
CoCO PCN
Farnham PCN
Surrey Heath PCN
Woking Wise 2
SASSE Network 2

Training

Virtual Pharmacy Network Event – 1st December 2021 on Opioid Prescribing and Environmental Impact of Inhalers

This training event is part of the Multisector Vocational Training Programme, and is open to all HCPs within ESHT, MOCH, SPFT, CCG & GP Practices in East Eastbourne, Bexhill, Hastings and Rural Rother PCNs including community pharmacists. Through this

programme we aim to promote a culture of multi-professional and multi-sectoral working. For more information click [here](#).

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To read the November edition of the Primary Care Bulletin click [here](#).

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Community Pharmacy Joint Pain Champions

A [Pharmacy Learning Centre on joint pain](#) has been recently launched providing free and open learning resources. Over the coming months they aim to work with pharmacy employers and training providers to test the wider adoption of their [joint pain management pathway](#) across the community pharmacy sector. They are looking for pharmacists and pharmacy teams to join their exciting new project working group and work with them to become community pharmacy joint pain champions.

Their joint pain champions will be interested in developing specialist expertise in joint pain management to deliver outstanding patient-centred care to their local population and promote continuing professional development in community pharmacy and will be profiled on the Pharmacy Learning Centre. Prior knowledge or extensive clinical experience is not required, but they will be required to regularly consult with patients with joint pain.

Specifically, they want to hear from working group participants about their experiences implementing and adopting their learning materials into their daily practice, through completion of a specially designed consultation form and the recording of 'video diaries', to tell them what can be improved to provide better care for patients and support wider adoption across the community pharmacy sector, as more patients begin to think 'Pharmacy First'.

The details on how to sign-up can be found [here](#), but you can also email editor@pharmaceutical-journal.com to register your interest.



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