

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

### **Please take part in 2022 Pharmacy Advice Audit**

Community pharmacy contractors and their teams are being asked to take part in PSNC's latest Pharmacy Advice Audit in w/c 31st January 2022. The audit will once again ask pharmacy teams to record information about the informal healthcare advice that they are giving over the course of a single day (or until a minimum number of consultations is reached), with the results providing a critical temperature check on how people are continuing to rely on community pharmacies.

This is third Advice Audit that pharmacies have been asked to take part in, and the results will once again provide critical evidence for use in our funding discussions with HM Government and the NHS. [Learn more about the 2022 audit.](#)

### **Pharmacy Collect: Additional LFD stock available**

Community pharmacy contractors requiring additional stocks of LFD test kits for their pharmacies can request up to three additional cartons of test kits. This order is in addition to the one carton daily order allowance that contractors can place through Alliance Healthcare. Orders will be dealt with on a first come, first served basis. For more information click [here](#).

### **Emollients and Flammable warnings**

The CCG have 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. A useful leaflet which can be printed off and given to patients can be found [here](#). Other useful toolkit resources can also be found on the following [website](#).

### **Raising awareness: ambulatory BP monitoring over the transdermal patch and opioid overdose**

We wish to raise awareness of the potential harm of placing a BP monitoring cuff over the top of a transdermal patch as an opioid overdose occurred attributed to wearing an ABPM. The use of ambulatory BP monitoring through the hypertensive case finding service is now commonly used and as the use of strong opioids in patch formulation is becoming more common the chance of a similar event occurring is obvious. For more information click [here](#).

## **Local Services**

### **East Sussex Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA): Community Pharmacies - Have your say! Your views matter.**

This is your opportunity to submit an accurate overview of the services provided by your pharmacy, but more importantly you'll have a chance to share your views on the future of community pharmacy provision. The questionnaire takes 10 minutes to complete, please click on the link [here](#) to go to the Community Pharmacy Consultation PNA 2022.

### **Surrey Sexual Health Service C-card and Chlamydia / Gonorrhoea Testing**

This training event is specifically designed for pharmacies who intend to, or are providing C cards, EHC and Chlamydia / Gonorrhoea Testing. The aim of the session is to explain the Chlamydia and Gonorrhoea testing Programme in Surrey, to provide an overview of Sexually Transmitted Infections, to provide a clear understanding of the C-card Scheme and support the training requirements of the service specification.

Pharmacy training dates (only one session needs to be attended) – Book a place now

17th February 2022      19.30 - 21.00 [here](#)  
10th March 2022        19.30 - 21.00 [here](#)  
14th July 2022          19.30 - 21.00 [here](#)

### **Discharge Medicines Service**

Please remember to check PharmOutcomes and NHS mail for DMS referrals every day. Please visit the PSNC website [here](#) for more information on how to complete this essential service and FAQ's.

## **Training**

### **MECC: Make Every Contact Count Training for East Sussex**

This training is an approach to healthcare that ensures you will have the skills, knowledge, and confidence to 'make every contact count' when opportunities arise with patients. You will be well equipped to have brief conversations about their health and wellbeing and on how they might make positive improvements. Combined with practical face to face skills training you will receive on this course; you will be well equipped to engage patients in difficult conversation. Click [here](#) to register to attend this event at Faraday House Eastbourne on the 10th of February at 11am-2pm.

### **Trainee Pharmacist Recruitment 2023-24**

Registration for the 2023-24 cohort of trainee pharmacists is now open and will close at 11:59pm on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022. To recruit via Oriel, employers must register each year via the online form. You will need to provide programme specific information and agree to meet the terms of participation. For more information including accessing the employer handbook and recruitment overview [click here](#).

### **Initial education and training of pharmacist's newsletter**

To receive news by email about the initial education and training of pharmacists, sign up to the newsletter [here](#).

### **Newly Qualified Pharmacist Pathway (NQPP): Live**

This new (optional) pathway is designed for learners across all sectors of pharmacy, to help them meet their development needs as they enter newly qualified practice. The pathway aims to link the initial education and training reforms to a continuum of post-registration development. It is also intended to help pharmacists make the transition to more independent learning, and to act as a stepping-stone towards advanced practice.

[Find out more about funded support and how to register here.](#)

**There will be 2 webinars run by the RPS to support the launch of the Post-registration foundation pharmacist e-portfolio:**

Online webinar registration: [Wednesday 26th January 7-8.30pm \(for educational supervisors\)](#).

Online webinar registration: [Wednesday 2nd February 7-8.30pm \(for learners\)](#).

If you are not able to attend the webinars but would like to receive the recordings, please use the links below to register:

[Recorded webinar registration \(for educational supervisors\)](#).

[Recorded webinar registration \(for learners\)](#).

## Newsletters

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

To read the January Edition of Medicines Safety Matters click [here](#).

## Additionally you might be interested in.....

### Help improve patient records technology

NHS Digital want to hear from those of you who use the Summary Care Record, Summary Care Record application, and any other local shared care records, to better understand your experience (including challenges and frustrations) to help them tailor future developments based on your needs. To find out more and take part in the research click [here](#).

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### Virtual Visits research

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We would like to remind contractors of the invitation to participate in research trialling the new NHSmail Virtual Visits appointment booking and remote consultation platform. To learn more about this research click [here](#).

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### **HEE workforce survey results published**

Health Education England (HEE) has published the results of the community pharmacy workforce survey undertaken in early 2021. These results provide a snapshot of the community pharmacy workforce in spring 2021 and will help HEE and partners to inform future planning and investment decisions. HEE is now working with stakeholders to repeat this data collection on an annual basis. To read more about the HEE workforce survey click [here](#).

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### **Face coverings**

Following the Government's announcement earlier this week that from January 27th, face coverings will no longer be mandatory in public places, pharmacy teams are reminded that the UK Health Security Agency's (UKHSA's) infection prevention control (IPC) guidance will continue to apply to patients and staff in healthcare settings, including community pharmacy, to ensure that everyone is protected.

Resources supporting the IPC guidance, including posters to use at entrances to notify visitors that they must wear a face covering, are available for download on the PSNC website [here](#).

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### **National consultation termination of pregnancy services**

The national survey to assess healthcare practitioners' views will be running over the next few months. Sites, where all eligible staff will be asked to complete a short questionnaire, have been randomly identified to ensure representation across England, Scotland, and Wales. The proposed decriminalisation and demedicalisation of abortion will have significant implications for all methods of delivery and care, and for health care practitioners' roles in administering and supporting abortion procedures. If you have any questions about this survey, please contact Dr Rebecca French at [Rebecca.French@lshtm.ac.uk](mailto:Rebecca.French@lshtm.ac.uk). Further information is available at The SACHA study website [here](#).

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