

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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Happy holidays. We hope you all have time for a break over the festive season. Our newsletters will take a break for 2 weeks unless there is any urgent news.

LPC News

Christmas and New Year pharmacy opening times

Links to the Christmas and New Year pharmacy opening times can be found below. Please note that Boxing Day (Sunday 26th December 2021) and New Year's Day

(Saturday 1st January 2022) are **not** Bank Holidays this year, but normal contractual days.

[Surrey](#) pharmacy opening times.

[Sussex](#) pharmacy opening times.

Lateral Flow Test availability: Update for pharmacy teams

PSNC has been in urgent discussions with the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) about the availability of NHS Test and Trace Lateral Flow Devices (LFDs) to pharmacies.

The UKHSA have confirmed that there are plenty of stocks available in the country, and that they have now activated contingency measures to support the supply of tests to pharmacies. Unfortunately, they are unable to lift the cap of one carton per pharmacy per day due to logistical limitations in the distribution system for the test kits.

Pharmacies should continue to order stock from Alliance Healthcare using the following PIP code: **PIP: 8943995 'DHSC ORIENT GENE test kits'**. If a pharmacy is getting an out-of-stock message from Alliance Healthcare, it is best to try again the next morning as systems will be updated as soon as that day's UKHSA stock arrives.

Local Services

LFT - Orient Gene and MYS claiming issues

Contractors have highlighted problems when trying to enter Orient Gene lateral flow device test kits onto the Manage Your Service (MYS) application. Contractors with affected stock will need to add the letter 'G' in front of the lot number to submit their data.

Assisted Lateral flow testing service

Please promote the service using the posters and highlight the service to patients who may be unable to get lateral flow tests for work and social occasions.

CPCS and DMS

Please remember to check PharmOutcomes and clear through any outstanding referrals.

DPS – Surrey procurement tender process

Deadline to complete your bid for LCS contract commencing April 2022 will close on the 11th of January at 12pm. Project Reference: **RFX1000001**.

Available Support:

1. Surrey County Council – more information & help with any part of the process
 - carolyn.seymour@surreycc.gov.uk (business support) or
 - 07971 005 554 / annette.engmann@surreycc.gov.uk (procurement)
2. LPC Support Clinics - please contact mariehockley@communitypharmacys.co.uk to arrange
3. E-sourcing Portal Helpdesk – pdf [here](#) and PowerPoint [here](#)

Pharmacy Quality Scheme 2021-2022

PSNC has reached agreement with NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) and the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) on several measures to help ease the immediate pressures on community pharmacies. Recognising the challenges that pharmacies are currently facing and the contribution of the pharmacy workforce to the COVID-19 vaccination programme, it has been agreed that:

- There will be an extension to the deadline for meeting the requirements of the Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) in line with last year's arrangements.
- Contractors will not be required to complete the Community Pharmacy Patient Questionnaire (CPPQ) for 2021/2022.
- The requirement for pharmacy teams to complete a national audit (intended to be on valproate) in 2021/22 will be waived; and
- The requirement for pharmacy teams to complete a contractor-chosen clinical audit in 2021/22 will be waived.

Pharmacies are still required to make the PQS declaration during the February window, but as last year, this will be a claim for work to be undertaken and evidenced by

30th June 2022. Further details will be published shortly as a Drug Tariff determination on the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) website with similar wording to last year. PSNC, NHSE&I and DHSC have also agreed to keep the situation under ongoing review. These measures are not all that PSNC requested from NHSE&I and DHSC, but they are the majority, and they are pleased that NHSE&I and DHSC have committed to keeping the situation under review.

PCN Domain

Please ensure you have engaged with your PCN lead and completed the engagement element of the domain. To meet this criterion the pharmacy must have submitted the Flu contractor survey and have attended a webinar or call with lead.

If you do not engage with your lead your pharmacy will be excluded from claiming the PCN domain. The deadline for engagement is the 31st of December 2021.

Newsletters

To read the Non Acute PPE Customer Insight Update click [here](#).

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

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

Additionally you might be interested in.....

Do The Right Thing Campaign

We wanted to let you know about the new campaign called 'Do The Right Thing' which tackles the subject of violence and abuse against women, and how men can take responsibility for helping to address the issue. It's a subject close to the heart of PCC Katy Bourne and something for which she's been awarded nearly £1m by the Home Office (in the latest round of Safer Streets funding) to work on various initiatives. Please take a moment to look at the information and watch the short video too, by clicking on this link: [SafeSpace Sussex - Do The Right Thing](#)

Businesses who want to get involved are invited to show their support for the campaign by signing up for the bystander training, or by registering their premises as a designated Safe Space for people if they feel threatened or at risk of harm. It will then be included on the Commissioner's soon to launch 'Safe Space Sussex' app which will direct those at risk to available safe spaces nearby.

Deployment of COVID-19 treatments for highest risk non-hospitalised patients

New COVID-19 treatments will be available for use for patients at highest risk in the community from 16 December. The four UK nations have announced information on providing neutralising monoclonal antibodies (nMABs) or antiviral treatments for the highest risk non-hospitalised patients with COVID-19 which can be found [here](#). Alongside these new routine treatments, the Government has announced details of 'PANORAMIC' – a national study to review the effectiveness of antivirals in a wider at risk patient cohort.



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