



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

Pharmacy Advice Audit 2022 extended

PSNC has already had an exceptional response to our 2022 Pharmacy Advice Audit: thank you to the pharmacies who have taken part this week. However, to ensure no pharmacy misses out on the chance to submit their data, PSNC have decided to extend the participation deadline to **Friday 18th February**. The more pharmacies that take part in this audit, the stronger the evidence base will be.

[Read how to take part in the audit](#)

New PSNC Chief Executive to take up post in March

Janet Morrison OBE has been appointed as the new Chief Executive of PSNC. Janet's previous roles include leading Independent Age, an influential national older people's organisation, and the Black Stork Charity, which worked very closely with the NHS.

The PSNC Appointments Panel, which includes PSNC Member representatives from all parts of the community pharmacy sector, voted unanimously in favour of Janet's appointment. Following approval from the full PSNC Committee this week, Janet will take up the post from 1st March 2022.

[Find out more about PSNC's new CEO](#)

Medicine Compliance Aids and 7-day prescriptions

Available [here](#) is a reminder of the LPC and LMC joint statement on medicines compliance aids. Note this also discusses when 7-day prescriptions may be appropriate.

Bank Holiday opening hours declaration

NHS England would like to remind pharmacies who are yet to submit their Bank Holiday Declaration that the original deadline has passed. The opening hours declarations are vitally important for NHS England to ensure adequate pharmaceutical coverage across the South East region during the Bank Holiday periods. Please note if you intend to be closed, you are still required to provide a declaration. Please could you submit your opening hours declaration no later than **28th February 2022**. [Submit your declarations here](#)

Additionally, please ensure that you update your DoS profile and NHS.UK Profile with your opening intentions.

Local Services

Brighton and Hove PNA – Pharmacy Contractors in Brighton & Hove please complete

The local authority would like to hear from every pharmacy that provides services in the city. The more pharmacies that respond the better they will be able to understand the service need. Please complete the survey as soon as possible or no later than midnight on Sunday 6 March. Please click here to go to the survey [PNA 2022 pharmacy survey](#). Please email david.golding@brighton-hove.gov.uk if you have any questions.

Service clinic

Our next available service advice clinic is 23rd February 8.30am-8.30pm please email

mariehockley@communitypharmacyss.co.uk to request a timeslot.

DMS

Please remember to check PharmOutcomes and clear through any outstanding referrals. It is vital that claims are submitted on MYS each month to ensure you get paid for the service, a report can be generated in PharmOutcomes to support you to upload the information on MYS. To download the details on how to generate the report click [here](#).

Pharmacy Quality Scheme

Contractors must make their declaration **between 3pm on Thursday 3rd February 2022 and 11.59pm on Wednesday 2nd March 2022**).

Contractors now have from 1st April 2021 **until 5th April 2022** to claim payments for the completion of a minimum of 20 completed New Medicine Service (NMS) provisions; this is a Gateway criterion.

For the other scheme requirements, contractors have until 31st March 2022 to complete the domains and until 30th June 2022 to gather the evidence to demonstrate compliance, except for the following:

- **PCN Domain** – this requires collaborative work on flu vaccination uptake which had to be completed by 31st December 2021.
- **Advice on return of unwanted and used inhalers (Respiratory Domain)** – the end of the period during which pharmacy teams should have had conversations with patients dispensed an inhaler was the 31st January 2022.

Training

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 card, 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](#)

Surrey NHS Health Check training event on the **28th of February** via MS teams.

Book a place and find out more about the session via the link [here](#).

Save the Date - University Hospitals Sussex Discharge Medicines Service webinar

To foster a collaborative approach to deliver the Discharge Medicines Service from the point of discharge through to pharmacy completion. This event is open to all pharmacy and hospital colleagues in Sussex. Sign up information will follow shortly.

Tuesday 8th March at 7:30pm -8:30pm

Wednesday 9th March at 1:00pm-2:00pm

Newsletters

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

To read the latest edition of the Healthwatch Surrey Bulletin click [here](#).

Additionally you might be interested in.....

The 2022 programme for **The Recognition of Excellence Awards** is now open and you are encouraged to enter. Please click [here](#) for more information for entries and nominations among the pharmacy support teams. There have been some fabulous winners in the past, from delivery drivers all the way to pharmacy technicians and we are excited to celebrate more acts of kindness, competence, teamwork and leadership this year. The link to the awards webpage is [here](#).

Opportunity - Medicines ordering, packing, and distribution - South East Coast Ambulance

SECAmb (South East Coast Ambulance Trust Foundation) is requesting information (RfI) regarding supplier capabilities for Medicine services to help inform its medicines strategy.

SECAmb are looking to potentially re-provide its internal medicine ordering, packing and distribution services which is currently provided in-house. Suitable interested parties should refer to the link below to understand the requirements and provide details of the services they could provide, in part or whole i.e ordering, packing and distribution.

[Medicines ordering, packing, and distribution - \(South East Coast Ambulance\) - Contracts Finder](#)



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