

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

Brighton & Hove Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

The local authority would like to hear from all pharmacies in the city. The more pharmacies that respond the better they will be able to understand the current services and the needs for future pharmacy services. Please complete the survey as soon as possible or no later than midnight on Sunday 20th 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.

Local Services

Surrey: Assisted Lateral Flow Testing Locally Commissioned Service

The service will end on the 31st of March 2022.

Regarding your stock, the local authority will be unable to take this back as the Targeted Community Testing programme will cease. If you can distribute to a care home/hospital in your area after the 31st March, who can make use of these tests please do so. As you are aware the stock cannot be given to the general public as they need to be administered by a professionally trained assistant. If you need to dispose of the stock, this can be placed in the **general rubbish** and not your clinical

waste.

Sussex: Assisted Lateral Flow Testing Locally Commissioned Service

The service will end on the 31st of March 2022.

Moira Jones will be emailing commissioned pharmacies to advise on next steps regarding stock. Please look out for this email and respond as instructed in the email.

Sussex DMS webinar

To support the continued rollout of DMS and embed this essential service, we have teamed up with Sam Coffey Clinical EPMA Lead Pharmacist and Mairead O'Malley Lead Pharmacist for Acute and Specialty Medicine at University Hospitals Sussex (BSUH) to invite you to attend the University Hospitals Sussex Discharge Medicines service webinar.

This event is open to all pharmacy and hospital colleagues in Sussex, there are two events to choose from which will present the same content so please choose whichever session suits you best. Please sign up on the links below.

08/03/22- Tuesday 8th March at 7:30pm -8:30pm - Eventbrite link [here](#).

09/03/22- Wednesday 9th March at 1:00pm-2:00pm - Eventbrite link [here](#).

Pharmacy Quality Scheme 2022/23

Antibiotic Checklist Data available

Please note the data only goes up to the **7th of February 2022** so pharmacy contractors may, by now, have submitted more data. [Click here for the data.](#)

ESPAUR has agreed for another spreadsheet to be published mid-March ahead of the [31st March 2021 deadline](#) for completing the requirements for this domain. We will again highlight this to you when available.

Training

Brighton Healthy Living Pharmacies

We are pleased to announce a new free course for practitioners across Brighton & Hove starting in March:

Royal Society Public Health (RSPH) Level 2 Award in Encouraging Vaccination Uptake

It is delivered via 2 sessions, **Friday 25th March and Friday 1st April 9:30am-1pm via zoom**. Please see full details/ book [here](#).

Info on our other free Health Promotion courses coming up in March:

Making Every Contact Count: Weds 9th March, 9:30-12:30 via zoom. For more information click [here](#).

Advanced Behaviour Change: Monday 21st March, Friday 25th March, Friday 1st April and Friday 29th April 10-1 via zoom. For more information click [here](#).

Newsletters

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

Additionally you might be interested in.....

Save the Date - Guildford & Waverley – For PCN, Practice Pharmacy Teams, Community Pharmacists

Surrey Heartlands CCG will be running their Guildford and Waverley ICP pharmacy network meeting again on the **30th of March 2022 7.30pm – 8.30pm** via teams. The event is for pharmacy professionals working in Guildford and Waverley and it would be great if there was a good mix of pharmacy representatives from community, primary and secondary/tertiary care. For more information and how to sign up to the

event click [here](#).

Urgent recall

You should have received a communication from Abbott regarding a Product Recall for Elecare Similac and Alimentum Similac infant formula powders, because they might contain Salmonella and Cronobacter sakazakii.

The MHRA have also sent a CAS (Central Alerting System) communication on Monday and updated on Tuesday regarding the Food Standards Agency food alert which can be found here - <https://www.food.gov.uk/news-alerts/alert/fsa-prin-11-2022-update-1>

Abbott's advice to consumers is –

If you have purchased or been prescribed any of the above product batches, do not feed it to your baby and return to the place of purchase. If you have additional questions, please contact Abbott on 01795 580303

The MHRA urges healthcare professionals to contact all patients who have been dispensed the impacted* batches immediately.

*All batches of Elecare Similac and Alimentum Similac infant formula powders are being recalled, therefore patients will need to be changed to an alternative product.

