



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

### Reminder Pandemic Delivery Service

The pandemic delivery service finished on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March and final claims need to be made by the 5<sup>th</sup> of April 2022.

### Flu vaccine ordering and planning for 2022-2023

#### The letter advises:

- Due to manufacturing processes and commissioning arrangements, some vaccines may only be available in limited quantities. Therefore, it is recommended that orders are placed with more than one manufacturer to ensure providers receive sufficient stock.
- It is not anticipated that any stock will be centrally procured by the Department of Health and Social Care for the 2022/23 season. Community pharmacy contractors are therefore strongly urged to order sufficient volumes of vaccine to serve their eligible populations in order to provide coverage at least equal to and ideally exceeding 2021/22 uptake levels.

It is important that all contractors that provide the Flu Vaccination Service review the contents of the letter and use the information contained within to inform their ordering of flu vaccine for the season ahead. [Read the NHSE&I letter on flu vaccines for the 2022/23 season.](#)

## Local Services

### Surrey Assisted LFT LCS

As part of 'Living with COVID' and the assisted testing programme in pharmacies ceasing at the end of March, the Testing Cell at SCC need to do an audit and record of the current stock you are holding. Therefore, can you please email the following information to [pat.barrie@nhs.net](mailto:pat.barrie@nhs.net) by **midday on Friday 11 March**:

1. The current supply of test kits you hold, ie both the boxes and packs of 25's
2. The batch number of boxes you hold
3. The expiry date of testing kits

### Sussex Assisted LFT LCS

Sussex will not be extending the assisted lateral flow testing locally commissioned service contracts and therefore the service will end on 31<sup>st</sup> March. As you are aware the stock cannot be given to the general public as they need to be administered by a professionally trained assistant. We would prefer that any complete unused boxes of tests are redistributed to our colleagues in the NHS. Please email [brettsmethurst20032@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:brettsmethurst20032@yahoo.co.uk) who will arrange up pick up, which will then be distributed to the NHS.

**Both Sussex and Surrey public health, council, and administration teams would like to recognise your contribution and appreciate all the hard work and support you have given your community during this period.**

### **West Sussex Alcohol Identification and Brief intervention Service**

This training will be jointly delivered by Dr James Morris and Angela Calcan from DrinkCoach. The session will cover Alcohol Awareness and Alcohol Identification and Brief Advice. Please book on the training to increase confidence and support delivery of the service.

Free half day online interactive training session available. **23rd March 9:30am – 1:30pm**: Click [here](#) to register.

New Date Added: **30th March 9:30am – 1:30pm**: Click [here](#) to register.

### **Hypertensive Case Finding Webinar**

The webinar will focus on Hypertension to match the advanced service '**Hypertension case finding service.**'

**There are two dates available presenting the same content on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 7:30pm – 8:30pm & Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 7:30pm – 8:30pm** for community Pharmacists.

It is a chance for Pharmacists to be able to upskill themselves and become further educated in hypertension and how this can be linked to the service being offered. It aims to cover clinical aspects as well as some of the patient pathway / referrals. This will help raise service awareness and increase the Pharmacists confidence. The timing should also allow enough time for the pharmacies to get in the 5 ABPM for the incentive payment.

This will be led by **Chaandni Sharma – Lead PCN Pharmacist Surrey and Senior Clinical Pharmacist across multiple Primary Care Networks in South West London.**

She will be going through hypertension and AF detection and linking this in with the case finding service. Please email [Mediha.Sarwar@bms.com](mailto:Mediha.Sarwar@bms.com) to book a place.

**Training**

### **AHSN Polypharmacy webinar**

The AHSN Polypharmacy Programme: Getting the balance right – 2 webinar dates available **24<sup>th</sup> March or 6<sup>th</sup> April 12:00pm to 1:30pm.**

The event will share information and insights into how the NHS BSA polypharmacy prescribing comparators can:

- Support primary care and wider health systems understand the variation in prescribing of multiple medicines.
- Identify patients who are more likely to be exposed to the risks that can be associated with taking large numbers of medicines or certain combinations of medicines.

For more information and to sign up click [here](#).

### **International C. Difficile infection webinar to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 13:30 – 14:30.**

This session will cover: What are the main challenges posed by C. difficile infection today? What impact has COVID-19 had on the management of C. difficile infections? How has the management of C. difficile changed over the last few years? How do the updated C. difficile guidelines by NICE and ESCMID compare? For more information click [here](#).

### **Dermatology educational webinar**

This event is for pharmacists and all health care professionals to upskill and gain CPD accreditation

“So you think you know dry skin - Are we only scratching the surface?”

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022, 7:30pm to 8:30pm** (including live Q&A)

Multidisciplinary Panel:

- Dr Roger Henderson GP, health broadcaster and writer
- Jeanette Milne Chief Matron for community services at Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust Darshan

- Negandhi MRPharmS Morden PCN Clinical Pharmacist and Trainer

Please register [here](#).

## Newsletters

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

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

For advice about guidelines & prescribing in Surrey please see [Surrey Prescribing Advisory Database](#)

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### **Nebuliser use in children – important if your pharmacy sells nebulisers**

The Surrey primary care newsletter on 23<sup>rd</sup> November clinical update highlighted a near miss with a home nebuliser in a child with asthma (see letter [here](#) and background information [here](#) from the CCG where the near miss was identified). Key risks identified are that the use of nebulisers at home for children increases the risk of delaying presentation in the event of an asthma attack and using an air driven home nebuliser can lead to hypoxia in an asthma attack. Home nebulisers are widely available to purchase, and parents may not be aware of the risks involved in their use without specialist medical supervision.

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### **Get involved: NHS primary care staff wanted for photography and case studies**

NHSE&I are keen to feature as many roles as they can, with a focus on including pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and pharmacy counter staff; dentists, dental nurses and dental receptionists; optometrists; GPs and GP receptionists. The photoshoot will be held in London and reasonable travel expenses will be covered.

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Please email [nhs@23red.com](mailto:nhs@23red.com) ASAP to express your interest and receive a form to complete. Completed forms must be received by **12pm on Monday 14 March 2022.**



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