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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

HEE IP places

The next cohort of funded IP places will be launched this, Autumn. If you would like to apply for this cohort start to prepare for your application by looking for your DPP for the course now so that you are ready to apply as soon as the applications are available.

MYS

Contractors are reminded that from April 2022 (i.e., for prescriptions dispensed in March 2022), MYS will be the **only** route available to submit monthly FP34Cs.

Pharmacy Collect: End of service preparations

The last day on which the Community Pharmacy Lateral Flow Device Distribution Service, known publicly as Pharmacy Collect, will operate will be **31st March 2022**. After this date, free COVID-19 mass testing will end meaning contractors will no longer be able to legally distribute free NHS test kits.

PSNC, the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) and NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) have been working together on the final plans for the end of the service and the UKHSA has now provided a checklist for contractors to use as a guide to support the closure of the service. [Learn more and download the UKHSA checklist.](#)

Medication in a Monitored Dosage System (MDS) Changed Mid-Cycle

There was a locally reported incident where a neurologist made changes to a patient's medication. The GP was informed, and a new prescription generated. The patient was receiving their medication in a blister pack (MDS) but the new medicines were left in their original boxes rather than the MDS being re-dispensed with the new medicines included. The carer did not administer the new medicines and therefore the patient continued to take the old dose which resulted in them having a seizure.

What to do if there are changes to a prescription for a patient using a monitored dosage system (MDS) part way through the month?

If 28 days prescriptions have been issued, the pharmacy is not obliged to amend what has already been dispensed. A whole new set of prescriptions should be issued to enable the supply of a new compliance aid (discarding the previous one and its contents) following the pharmacy's Standard Operating Procedure. Once medicines have been dispensed by a pharmacist, whether in an MDS or in manufacturers' cartons, then no further changes to what has been dispensed should be made by a pharmacist. The NHS terms of service for pharmacies does not require pharmacists to modify previously provided MDS trays. For patients requiring frequent medication changes, the prescriber may decide to prescribe in 7-day quantities, to minimise the amounts of waste that would occur on medication changes. This would be a clinical decision by the prescriber, just as the decision to dispense in a MDS is a decision solely for the pharmacist.

Sussex Substance Misuse Locally Commissioned Service

From the 31st of March 2022, Lloyds Pharmacy Limited Accountable Lead Service will no longer be managing the pharmacy element of the Change, Grow, Live (CGL) substance misuse contract.

All payments up until the 31st of March will be processed via Lloyds Pharmacy Limited, your last payment from them will be in April 2022. Thereafter CGL will provide payment and will be using PharmOutcomes to manage future payments.

As part of the transition, CGL require your bank details to ensure that they can continue payment for your services. **Please use the document emailed to you from CGL and provide CGL with this as soon as possible, to ensure payment without delay.**

New pharmacy contracts will be drawn up shortly, however we are currently engaged with CGL to agree a new service specification and payment schedule. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the LPC on lpc@communitypharmacyss.co.uk or CGL Regional Director – Ian Dunster, ian.dunster@cgl.org.uk.

Healthy start

The NHS Healthy Start Scheme helps those who are pregnant or have responsibility for at least one child under four years of age who are on a low income in England. Families entitled to Healthy Start can get help to buy plain, fresh, frozen, or tinned fruit and vegetables, plain cow's milk, infant formula and fresh or tinned pulses. Beneficiaries of the scheme can also get free Healthy Start vitamins for women and children.

The Healthy Start scheme is in the process of becoming a digital service, offering an online application process, and introducing a prepaid card to be used for purchasing healthy food and milk. This digital service will replace the paper application forms and paper vouchers. **You may shortly be sent posters which you can choose to put up to signpost pregnant women and families with young children to apply for the service.**

Training

Royal Pharmaceutical Society CPCS Webinar

PharmOutcomes Masterclass - Wednesday 6 April | 7pm - 8pm

Have you received NHS CPCS referrals and were unsure how to process them? Have you ever wondered how NHS CPCS referrals are generated? Have you got any burning questions about using PharmOutcomes?

Register for the RPS webinar where their expert speakers will provide a step-by-step demonstration of how to manage your NHS CPCS referrals with PharmOutcomes using examples to get you ready to treat your CPCS patients and troubleshoot common problems. To book your space click [here](#).

Pharmacy team experience with NHS CPCS - Thursday 28 April | 7pm - 8pm

Do you want to provide the NHS CPCS service in your pharmacy but don't know where to begin? Do you already provide the service but think it could be optimised? Register for the RPS webinar where their expert Community Pharmacist describes their journey towards implementing a successful CPCS service and explains how you can avoid common pitfalls!

To book your space click [here](#).

Pharma training: Bristol Myers Squibb: Hypertensive case finding webinar

A clinical education session on Thursday 24th of March 19:30 – 20:30pm

This session will focus on Hypertension to match the advanced service that is currently being run. 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. **Please email**

Mediha.Sarwar@bms.com to book a place.

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

Additionally you might be interested in.....

NHS Pharmacy survey on genomics knowledge and training opportunities

We would like to invite you to complete a short survey on your current practice and training requests in relation to genomics. The survey can be completed online [here](#). The survey is open to all pharmacy staff, including pharmacy technicians, pharmacists and dispensers, assistants and support staff.

As you may be aware, as part of the NHS Long Term Plan, genomics is moving into routine NHS care. Seven Genomic Medicine Service Alliances and Genomic Laboratory Hubs have been established across England, with the core focus of ensuing equity of access to genomic testing for eligible patients across the country.

We are particularly interested in your experiences and opinions around current practice (if any) in genomic medicine, or preparedness for this, and preferences for delivery of future training in this field.

This survey should take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete, is anonymous, and will help us with genomics education and training plans for pharmacy colleagues.

Pharma training: Tillotts Training

Community Pharmacy IBD training modules are available [here](#). Its an exciting addition to support education on IBD and enables community pharmacists to

collect CPD points.

Tillotts LOGIC eLearning portal, where you are able to collect accredited CPD points, have access to IBD-related courses and materials. This can be done by visiting the new LOGIC website [here](#), or directly [here](#).



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