

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

MP visit



Kamsons Pharmacy, in Goring, Worthing, West Sussex hosted a visit with Sir Peter Bottomley, MP for Worthing West on Friday 29th April where he met with staff to discuss the main challenges impacting community pharmacy and the new national pharmacy services supporting patients in his constituency with their healthcare needs.

RSG proposals now published and upcoming briefing events

The Pharmacy Review Steering Group (RSG) proposals on the future of the representation and support provided by PSNC and LPCs have now been published on the RSG website. The RSG has been working to solve the issues identified by David Wright's Independent Review into community pharmacy contractor representation and support and publication of the proposals follows a year of extensive listening, exploratory work, analysis, and discussion within the sector. Contractors now have **four weeks** to read the proposals, after which you will be asked to vote to either accept or reject them in full. A **three-week** voting period will

begin in the **w/c 23rd May**, during which contractors can cast their vote using a secure and trusted online voting system.

To help contractors to understand the proposals the RSG plans to hold several national and regional briefing events during the pre-vote period in May. Information about these events is available on the [RSG website](#).

We strongly encourage all contractors within Surrey and Sussex to attend one of these briefing events/the regional events to learn more about the proposals and to ask any questions you may have.

Reminder to complete the NHSE&I e-mail sent to all contractors on the 3rd of May regarding opening hours over the June/Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday

The e-mail contained a draft list detailing which pharmacies will be open across the South East region. **Please can you check the list and that the details regarding your pharmacy are correct**, please could you let them know of any amendments by **Friday 13th May**.

Any amendments received after this date will not be amended on the finalised list, posters and maps detailing which pharmacies will be open.

If you need another copy of this e-mail please e-mail us at

lpc@communitypharmacys.co.uk.

Local Services

Reminder Transitional Payments (England only) Current Drug Tariff

From the 1st of January 2022, pharmacy contractors who dispense 101 prescription items or more in any month will receive a monthly Transitional Payment which consists of two separate payments - a dispensing payment and a service payment as set out in the Drug Tariff.

For the pharmacy contractors to receive the monthly service payment of the transitional payment they must have:

- (i) claimed for at least one New Medicine Service (NMS) in the previous month; and

- (ii) been registered to provide the Community Pharmacy Consultation Service (CPCS) on the Manage Your Service (MYS) platform for greater than or equal to half of the number of full days in the previous month.

A number of pharmacy contractors are not achieving the minimum requirements to receive the monthly service payment – further details are available in the online Drug Tariff under section Part VIA - Payment for Essential Services (Pharmacy Contractors).

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 cards, 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

Thursday 14th July 2022 19.30 - 21.00

Book your place [here](#).

West Sussex Pharmacies Public Health Alcohol brief intervention and advice locally commissioned service training event Tuesday 10th May 7:30pm-8:30pm

We invite you to attend the West Sussex Alcohol brief intervention and advice locally commissioned service training event presented by Holly Yandall, Public Health Lead for Substance Misuse. The webinar is for those pharmacies who are currently commissioned to provide the service and for any pharmacies who would like to be commissioned to attend the training and learn more about the service. The aim of this webinar is to support the delivery of the service across West Sussex and provide a clear understanding of the process. To book your place please sign up [here](#).

Newsletters

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

To read the latest edition of East Surrey Medicines Management Team Update click [here](#).

To read edition 47 of Hints and Tips for dispensing contractors click [here](#).

Additionally you might be interested in.....

May Measurement Month is an annual global screening campaign (held every May) to raise awareness of the risks of high blood pressure (hypertension) and to encourage people to get their blood pressure checked regularly. For more information click [here](#).

World Hypertension Day is held annually on 17th May and to explain the risks of hypertension and provide information on prevention, detection and treatment. For more information click [here](#).



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