



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

June Bank holiday pharmacy opening hours

The June pharmacy Bank Holiday opening hours have been circulated by NHS England and NHS Improvement South East Region.

To download the opening time posters for Surrey and Sussex click [here](#).

Local Services

Have your say – Surrey Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment - Shaping Pharmacy Services in Surrey

Thank you to everyone who has already taken the time to give invaluable feedback on pharmacy services in Surrey, through the community pharmacy survey. A draft pharmaceutical needs assessment (PNA) has now been developed. The PNA is an assessment of needs for pharmaceutical services in an area, which must be revised every three years. The PNA sets out what pharmaceutical services are currently offered and assesses whether these meet current and future needs of the population

of Surrey.

The Surrey Health and Wellbeing Board, would like to invite you to take part in the consultation stage of the process. The consultation seeks to ensure the information presented is accurate and that the conclusions made are appropriate.

Your answers to the consultation will help inform the final Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) 2022, to be published by 1st October 2022, which looks at health needs in Surrey, the level and accessibility of pharmacy services and how these will be maintained and developed in the future.

Take part by reading the PNA [Draft PNA](#) and completing the survey online using this link: [PNA Survey](#)

The consultation closes on the Tuesday **12th July 2022**

If you have any questions or comments on the PNA, please contact us via email public.health@surreycc.gov.uk or call 020 8541 7976.

Sexual Health Services update from Public Health at East Sussex County Council

All information about free and confidential sexual health and contraception services across East Sussex is available at [East Sussex Sexual Health | East Sussex Healthcare](#).

Emergency Hormonal Contraception (EHC update):

- A new PGD has been issued and shared with providers
- Please NOTE **Boots Pharmacy do not offer the free EHC service to 15 to 24 year olds in East Sussex**. Public Health have received intelligence that pharmacies are directing to Boots and young people are then told at Boots that the service is unavailable.
- For those who do not offer free EHC, there is free EHC available to those aged 16 - 24 online via SH.24 [SH:24 Free Home STI STD Test | Sexual & Reproductive Health \(sh24.org.uk\)](#) and at GPs
- All EHC community pharmacy providers of free EHC are listed at East Sussex Sexual Health at [Community Pharmacy | East Sussex Sexual Health](#) – users can search for their nearest provider via the search function

- Pharmacies can request a free window sticker (see below) to promote the service via Public.health@eastsussex.gov.uk – please display this in your front window.

East Sussex C-Card condom distribution scheme update;

- Free resources, including condoms, C-Cards, window stickers, leaflets and training is available from East Sussex Health Care Trust, who deliver the local Specialist Sexual Health Service that co-ordinates the East Sussex C-Card condom distribution scheme
<https://www.eastsussexsexualhealth.co.uk/page/c-card-condom-distribution-scheme-for-young-people>
- Please display your C-Card window sticker – this is available from [Order C-Card products and condoms online](#)
- **Please NOTE Boots Pharmacy, no longer provides the C-Card scheme or issues free condoms in East Sussex**
- **Anyone over 16 years old can register for a C-Card online via [Condoms | Information on & How To Get Condoms \(eastsussexsexualhealth.co.uk\)](#) – they will receive their C-Card via post**
- **Youth services and the school nurse / School Health Service can issue C-Cards to those aged 13-15 years old.**
- Free condoms and STI testing kits are also available via post from [SH.UK – Free STI / STD Testing & Reproductive Health](#)
- Further Information for professionals who deliver the C-Card scheme can be found at <https://www.eastsussexsexualhealth.co.uk/page/c-card-condom-distribution-scheme-for-young-people>
- Attached HERE is the East Sussex Condom Distribution C-Card scheme guidance

Brighton Smoking Cessation Face to Face training event on the 15 June 2022

12:30pm-4:30pm at Whitehawk Community Hub and Library.

This course is restricted for Pharmacy and GP staff only. When you book a place on this course, please state which Pharmacy you are from - thank you.

All smokers in the country deserve high quality evidence-based behavioral support.

For this to be achieved, Stop Smoking advisors need to be trained to a minimum

standard and be able to demonstrate competence to fulfil their role.

Book [here](#) (search for Smoking, click on request a place).

Newsletters

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

To read the latest Primary Care Update from Sussex NHS Commissioners click [here](#)

(please note the first time you access this you will need to register).

Additionally you might be interested in.....

Tegretol Prolonged Release stock in the UK – Update on 11 May 2022

We have had several enquiries recently about supply of Tegretol. Novartis have told us they are in stock of all formulations and strengths but are having some issues with restocking 200mg Tegretol prolonged release and 200mg Tegretol standard release tablets. This may be leading to some wholesalers running out of stock. Novartis hope to get this issue resolved by the end of May 2022.

If your pharmacy can't obtain this medicine from your usual supplier, you can order direct from Novartis Customer Services on 08457 419 442 or email novartis.customercare@novartis.com.

GPhC Survey closing 6 June - share your views on draft equality guidance for pharmacies now

Have you seen the [draft equality guidance for pharmacies](#)? GPhC want to sense-check

the guidance with you to make sure it is easy to understand and apply, and to check if anything is missing. [Complete their survey](#) by 6 June. It only takes 5-10 minutes to complete.

Free Shared Decision Making training available for community pharmacy

The Personalised Care Institute is offering [free 30-minute courses](#) on Shared Decision Making (SDM) for colleagues who wish to offer this service. [Shared Decision Making](#) allows patients to receive the expert advice and support they need in order to make the right decisions for their own personal health care, with support from their clinician.

SDM can form part of [your reflective account for GPhC revalidation](#) under standard one (pharmacy professionals must **provide person-centered care**) which is required from 1 October 2022.

Help improve the Electronic Prescription Service (EPS)

NHS Digital would like to talk to pharmacies about their experience of using EPS, including any challenges. User feedback is essential to help inform future improvements and the next generation of the system. If you can spare some time to take part and provide your views, [please sign up](#).



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