

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

CPAF visits

There are a small number of CPAF (Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework) visits being carried out by NHSE&I across Surrey and Sussex. If your pharmacy is receiving one you will have already received confirmation of the visit via your pharmacy NHS mail account. If any pharmacy contractors would like any support with these visits, please contact us at lpc@communitypharmacy.co.uk.

RSG vote

RSG would like to remind community pharmacy contractors that the vote on its proposals will open **this Friday (27th May 2022)**.

In an email update issued last week, the RSG informed contractors that a second pre-vote notice has now been sent and that an on-demand version of an earlier national contractor briefing event is now available. [Visit the RSG website to learn more about its proposals.](#)

Local Services

Stock shortages - information to GP surgeries in the Surrey area

An information form is available to support communication between GP and community pharmacist in relation to medication shortages. The documentation is on the Surrey PAD [here](#). Appendix C: Template letter for communication between CP and GPs may be useful.

Surrey Substance misuse locally commissioned service

Due to the rising cost of Subutex and Espranor, a decision has been made to change back to prescribing buprenorphine where appropriate. If there are any concerns the pharmacies can contact: **Katie Matthews**, Associate Director Substance Misuse Services, iAccess on [01932 723309](tel:01932 723309) Katie.Matthews@sabp.nhs.uk.

Training

West Sussex Alcohol Intervention and Brief Advice service recorded webinar available

The West Sussex Public Health webinar from the 10th May is available to watch on demand [here](#) in our locally commissioned services table on the CPSS website.

Surrey Sexual Health Service C-card and Chlamydia / Gonorrhoea Testing Thursday 14th July 2022 19.30 - 21.00

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. To register click [here](#).

The previous webinar from the 10th March is also available to watch on demand [here](#) in our locally commissioned service table on the CPSS website.

Surrey BP+ Locally Commissioned Service recorded webinar available

The Surrey County Council relaunch webinar from the 23rd November 2021 is available to watch on demand [here](#) in our locally commissioned service table on the CPSS website.

Additionally you might be interested in.....

Independent Pharmacy Awards - New categories

The Independent Pharmacy Awards has two new categories this year and we'd love you or someone you know to enter.

Locum of the Year

This is open to pharmacist locums who have supported at least one independent pharmacy business over the past 12 months. Entrants can self-nominate, or pharmacies can put forward locums who have gone the extra mile for them.

Pharmacy Technician of the Year

This recognises the vital support pharmacy technicians provide in community pharmacy. Pharmacy technicians can self-nominate or be put forward by their pharmacy manager in independent pharmacy.

The winners will be announced of all six categories at the celebration lunch on 30 September at The House of Commons – the finalists in all categories are invited along with prominent figures from the community pharmacy sector.

The full list of categories and how to enter can be found [here](#).

Should you have any queries, please drop a line to Liz at liz.coop@1530.com.

Wellbeing Survey and Support

The latest [wellbeing survey](#) is now open for all staff working across primary care. The survey takes 10 minutes to complete - please let us know how you are and how we can further support you and your teams.

Thank you to everyone who completed the previous wellbeing survey back in January. Results show that wellbeing and resilience of the workforce remains a challenge. As we continue to work under many pressures, we encourage you and your teams to seek support if needed.

[Our health and wellbeing support is available on our FutureNHS space](#). This includes our [award-winning coaching programme](#), support for managing patients and promotional resources to share with teams.

Looking After You, a message from the Primary Care Culture & Wellbeing Team

It is vital to look after pharmacy staff especially during the unprecedented times recently experienced. The Primary Care Culture & Wellbeing Team have put together valuable coaching resources for pharmacy teams working in Primary care (both GP and Community pharmacy) and more information about the programme can be found [here](#). They have also provided a poster for your pharmacy which you can download [here](#) and a further document [here](#) with more information on how you and your colleagues can get support.

Inhixa information

Inhixa® is the brand of enoxaparin used in the following Trusts: University Hospitals Sussex NHS Trust (Royal Sussex County & Princess Royal Hospitals) & Surrey & Sussex NHS Trust (East Surrey Hospital).

Techdow can offer training resources for Inhixa® and can supply further copies of the patient information leaflet and dummy syringes for practice and demonstration, if required. If you would like these resources for your pharmacy contact Techdow.

Paracetamol use self-harm

There are increasing reports of self-harm/attempted suicide relating to paracetamol use particularly in young people. Please check that all pharmacy staff know to be aware of attempts at repeated sales of paracetamol and paracetamol containing products. CPSS has been alerted to a number of cases in teenagers in the Weybridge/Walton area.

Surrey Substance Misuse Event Thursday 16th June 2022

Booking is now open for the upcoming Substance Misuse Event in Surrey, bringing together a range of projects, people and organisations who have an interest in the delivery and future of Adult and Young People's Substance Use support and treatment. This exciting forum aims to showcase the range and delivery of substance use treatment services, highlight current and novel approaches, identify

challenges and discuss solutions. And be a great face to face opportunity for peer engagement and networking and development.

When: Thursday 16 June 2022

Where: The Rik Medlik Building, University of Surrey, Guildford GU2 7XH

Time: 9am for 9.30 start to 3.45pm

Topics: The programme is being finalised but will include presentations from the Office of Health Improvement and Disparities, Surrey Police, Cuckooing, Drug Related Deaths, Catch-22, SAM/Changing Futures, i-access and much more. Wide range of marketplace stalls hosted by a range of providers and support organisations and plenty of opportunity to network and learn.

You can sign up for the whole day, or just the morning or afternoon. To book your space click [here](#). For more information, contact: Jane de la Rosa JDLRProjects@gmail.com or 07949787520.



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