

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

Vote now on the proposals for the future of PSNC and the LPCs

Community pharmacy contractors are reminded that they have until **23.59 on Friday 17th June 2022** to vote on the Pharmacy Review Steering Group proposals for the future of PSNC and the LPCs.

To help contractors to make an informed decision when voting, the RSG has produced several resources including a two-page summary, explanatory animations, and answers to contractors' questions in various formats.

All contractors should by now have received their unique link for the online voting portal from takepart@cesvotes.com. This has been sent to the shared NHSmail email inbox of each pharmacy premises, or to a nominated head office contact.

The vote asks contractors to either accept or reject the proposals in their entirety. The ballot question is as follows: **Do you accept the proposals setting the direction for pharmacy representation?** Civica Election Services are managing and overseeing the vote and are also acting as Independent Scrutineer, to ensure the impartiality and integrity of the process.

[Read the proposals](#)

[View all the information and resources on the RSG's website](#)

Is your Smartcard due for renewal soon?

Community pharmacy team members are encouraged to check the expiry date of their NHS Smartcards and if the expiry date is approaching, ensure they renew it in advance of the expiry date.

A large number of Smartcards are due to pass their expiry date in June 2022, and if a Smartcard passes its expiry date without renewal, additional steps will be needed to get the Smartcard working again. [Read more](#).

Prescription Exemptions

Social care colleagues at Brighton and Hove County Council have raised the issue that due to the rising costs of living some patients are unable to afford the NHS prescription charge. Just a reminder that patients can be supported to find out if they're entitled to help with NHS costs using the [online eligibility checker](#).

Further information is available here: [Patient exemptions: Communications toolkit for primary care teams in England \(nhsbsa.nhs.uk\)](#).

Local Services

Hypertensive case finding service: AccuRx an initiative to increase collaborative working and increase identification of undiagnosed BP

The hypertensive case finding service is a national service for community pharmacy, this service enables the pharmacist to identify a cohort of patients meeting inclusion criteria or any patient that has been referred/verbally signposted by GP surgeries to check BP and if clinically indicated offer ABPM.

A pathway has been developed with the Sussex and Surrey Heartlands CCG's and CPSS for using AccuRx messaging to patients in a targeted way. The pathway can be adapted as required locally. It has been designed to enable a collaborative approach between GP surgeries and community pharmacy for the service. Pilot sites

are currently being implemented across Surrey and Sussex.

Short summary of pathway

A member of the PCN team identifies a cohort of patients, for example patients who have not had a BP check in 5 years. This patient is sent a secure text message inviting them to either take their BP at home and upload the result using the link or to visit a participating pharmacy. We have developed a Google map that the GP surgery/PCN embed in the text message, so patients only visit/contact those pharmacies who are live. The pharmacist will conduct the service as per service specification and the result is uploaded onto a secure link, this message is sent directly back as agreed and is coded into patient records.

The LPC is contacting pharmacies in the PCNs that are on the rollout list to check service information and to discuss the pathway.

This is a fantastic way to work together across the PCNs and detect undiagnosed blood pressure in our communities.

Opportunity to run Men's Health Week 13-19th June campaign

This campaign links to NHS Healthchecks. Sharing the message of 'Time for your MOT' provides an opportunity to link this Campaign with the locally commissioned services that your pharmacy provides.

More information and resources can be found here [Man MOT | Men's Health Forum \(menshealthforum.org.uk\)](https://www.menshealthforum.org.uk).

Training

HEE Funding to support Pre-registration Trainee Pharmacy Technician placements

Health Education England (HEE) are pleased to announce they have secured funding to further support growth of the pharmacy technician workforce in 22/23 through expansion of pre-registration trainee pharmacy technician (PTPT) training capacity in community pharmacy **or** as part of a cross sector integrated

apprenticeship programme.

They would like to invite you to join a webinar on **Monday 27 June 2022** where information regarding training programme requirements and the funding application process will be shared. Please see the flyer [here](#) for an overview of the funding offer and details of the webinar or follow one of the links below to complete the registration form to attend.

[Link to registration form for MORNING 10am webinar](#)

[Link to registration form for EVENING 7pm webinar](#)

PCN Lead

PCN Lead Accelerating hypertension case-finding enhanced service report- Claim for £800 by 20th June

As part of the NHSEI Southeast Region pharmacy enhanced service to accelerate implementation of the hypertension case-finding advanced service, Community Pharmacy PCN Leads for each PCN in the Region were invited to submit a proposal to deliver the enhanced service.

If you applied for this enhanced service, please complete the following form to explain what you did and how you have met the outcomes set out in your proposal.

[Hypertension enhanced PCN service](#)

Please complete the form, setting out your report and submit this **no later than 0800 on 20 June 2022**.

PCN Lead hypertensive case finding plans

Remember to submit your completed document back to

MarieHockley@communitypharmacys.co.uk by the **19th of June**.

Newsletters

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

To read the latest Healthwatch Surrey Insight Bulletin click [here](#).

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

Additionally you might be interested in.....

RPS: Vision for Pharmacy Practice Events

As part of its programme of work to develop a new vision for pharmacy practice, the Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS) plans to hold two virtual events for contractors on Wednesday, 15th June from 10-11:30am and Monday, 27th June from 7-8.30pm. At these events, delegates will explore the themes from The King's Fund literature review in more depth, discuss how policy developments is shaping the future of pharmacy and more. [Book a place for one of the RPS events](#).

Designated Supervisor (pre-registration tutor) HEE need your voice!

To support the implementation of the full [initial education and training reforms](#), HEE LaSE is exploring the current supervision and mentorship models that exist within primary care for trainee pharmacists (TPs). All Designated Supervisors (DS) who work in a community pharmacy in London, Kent, Surrey or Sussex are invited to take part in a 1 hour focus group in July (dates to be confirmed).

Some of the key aims and objectives that we will discuss are:

- current models of TP mentorship and supervision
- capacity required for TP supervision
- DS experience and views of current supervisory models and impact of undergraduate placements to current infrastructure

If you would like to take part in the focus group, please email Sureena Clement at Sureena.clement@nhs.net by Friday 10th June.

HEE Multi-professional SIM fellow opportunity

There is an opportunity to be part of the Simulation-Based Education and

Technology-Enhanced Learning (SIM-TEL) Multi-professional Fellowship programme. More information, including the project application form, can be found [here](#).

HEE Initial education and training of pharmacists' newsletter

To receive news by email about the initial education and training of pharmacists, make sure to sign up to the newsletter (it takes less than 5 minutes to complete): [Initial education and training of pharmacists newsletter sign-up | Health Education England \(hee.nhs.uk\)](#).

HEE Clinical Skills Training Survey – deadline: Friday 17 June 2022

At Health Education England (HEE) we are working closely with our colleagues at NHS England and NHS Improvement to provide training opportunities to pharmacists delivering NHS community pharmacy services across England.

During 2019-2022 CPPE and RPS delivered Pharmacy Integration Programme-funded training to support the delivery of the community pharmacist consultation service. An evaluation of this training highlighted many positive aspects and taking this further, we are commissioning the next phase of training for post-registration pharmacists delivering NHS community pharmacy services.

To collate as much frontline knowledge in the development of the training modules, we are seeking opinions from learning and education leads, frontline pharmacists, and employers.

To support this work please complete this [survey](#) by Friday 17 June 2022, to allow us to gather feedback on the commentary we have received from the employer groups and gain an understanding of frontline pharmacists' skills and potential gaps in training.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the team via pharmacyteam@hee.nhs.uk stating – Clinical Skills Training

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