

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

Contractors overwhelmingly vote in support of RSG Proposals on the future direction for PSNC and LPCs

The Review Steering Group (RSG) reported that community pharmacy contractors have voted overwhelmingly in support of its proposals for the future of PSNC and the LPCs. Both of the thresholds that the RSG had set for the vote have been met.

Contractors representing a total of **7601 ODS Codes** voted on the proposals, this is **68.3%** of the pharmacies in England. Of those contractors, a total of **6732** or **88.6%** of the votes cast were in favour of the proposals.

Via this vote, the wider contractor network has now made an unequivocal statement that they support the proposed changes. The RSG recognises that not everything will be possible to implement overnight – the RSG has suggested a review of progress in two years, and once again, contractors will need to lead that process. Contractors can expect to hear from PSNC and Community Pharmacy Surrey and Sussex over the coming weeks and months about how we will respond and implement the proposed changes.

East Sussex Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA 2022) – Consultation

The East Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board has completed a first draft of its pharmaceutical needs assessment and is opening it up for public consultation. The board will meet on 29th September 2022 to consider the report.

Please could you let East Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board know if there is any further information you feel should be included and any comments or observations you may have on the PNA report. This is now available online [here](#).

You can either add these directly to the consultation website or send via e-mail to Nick.Kendall@eastsussex.gov.uk.

Please can you reply by 30th July 2022 if you wish to contribute.

Thank you for taking time to read the report and for your contribution to developing pharmacy services in East Sussex over the next three years.

West Sussex Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA 2022) – Consultation

The West Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board has now published its draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) 2022 and is consulting organisations, community groups and residents for feedback on the draft report. The PNA assesses the current and future pharmaceutical service needs of the West Sussex population and is used by NHS England and NHS Improvement when considering applications for changes to existing services and for new pharmacies, dispensing doctors or appliance contractors.

You are invited to **share your views on the draft PNA**. The consultation is **open from Monday 20 June until Sunday 28 August 2022**. The draft PNA can be found on their website at www.westsussex.gov.uk/pna or on the West Sussex [Consultation hub](#).

Local Services

10 Top tips for pharmacies delivering GP CPCS in Surrey & Sussex

1. Ensure all pharmacy colleagues are familiar with the service CPCS Advanced Service Specification.
2. Ensure sufficient colleagues have access to the pharmacy NHS.net shared inbox and are checking regularly throughout the day for notifications.

3. Ensure the dispensary team build into the day the routine of checking [PharmOutcomes](#) at least twice a day – once in the morning and again at 4pm – to ensure all referrals are picked up and patients are contacted the same day if the referral is received before 4pm.
4. Plan time in the day to contact the referred patients and ensure locums are doing the same.
5. If you are using an alternative provider for NHS111 CPCS referrals, you will still need to check PharmOutcomes for GP CPCS referrals.
6. Include sufficient detail in all sections of the Consultation Outcome form on PharmOutcomes – the GP gets a copy of this back for the patient's notes.
7. Contact the referring GP surgery if you need to escalate a patient back to the GP.
8. Notify local GP practices if you are unable to accept referrals for a short time (e.g. temporary IT issue), or contact the DoS helpline on 0300 0200 363 for a temporary withdrawal of the service (e.g. temporary pharmacy closure).
9. Make sure you get paid for the work you have done! When you have spoken to the patient complete the Consultation Outcome form, even if they are feeling better now or need to be escalated or signposted – if you have advised the patient, you have completed the CPCS.
10. Contact Jess Turner at gpcpcs@communitypharmacyss.co.uk or 07483 430420 for any GP CPCS queries.

A webinar produced by CPSS is available [here](#) on top tips for the GP CPCS service.

If your pharmacy would like a reminder of when referrals are received into PharmOutcomes a PharmAlarm is available to support with this. Further information is available [here](#). Note there is a charge for this device.

Daily claiming is now available for the Hypertension Case-Finding Service

The NHS Business Services Authority has advised that claims for the Hypertension Case-Finding Service can now be entered each day onto the Manage Your Service (MYS) platform.

The change means that pharmacies can submit service activity daily throughout the

month. However, contractors still need to review and submit their data by the 5th of the following month. [Read more.](#)

CPPE Hypertension case finding service support document

CPPE has created a support document which can be found [here](#), which sets out the support available from CPPE for pharmacy teams setting up a Hypertension case-finding service.

Sussex Substance Misuse Service

Please remember to file prescriptions in your usual filing system received by recorded post for your substance misuses services once they have been signed. There have been some recent instances where prescriptions have been misplaced.

Sussex CGL Pharmacy Prescription change ticket

CGL have created this pharmacy script change ticket that will go out with new prescriptions where there has been a mid-prescription change for a patient. This advises that all further issues should be cancelled in any remaining prescriptions for the dates stated and the new prescription started, the aim is to reduce the risk of errors, this ticket will be attached to the new prescription(s).

<p>Please Note:</p> <p>The attached prescription is NEW and it replaces any prescriptions you have covering the same dates. Any previous scripts can be voided.</p> <p>Additional Information:</p> <p>Many Thanks Any queries please call the number below 01273 731900</p>	
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Training

2022 vaccination dates are now available for vaccination training

Listed are some of the training providers that have courses running near Sussex and

Surrey – **note there will be other companies available as well.** These are all for the face-to-face courses.

ECG have courses running in London, Reading, Brighton and Kent (Tunbridge Wells). If you are an NPA member you can also book this via them at a discounted price.

<https://ecgtraining.co.uk/product/fullvaccinetraining/>.

Avicenna have courses running in London, Brighton and Kent (Tunbridge Wells).

<https://avicenna.org/vaccination-training/>.

Alliance Healthcare haven't released their venues yet – so you need to send an email to register interest.

<https://www.alliance-healthcare.co.uk/pharmacies/flu-vaccination-training>.

Surrey Sexual Health Service C-card and Chlamydia / Gonorrhoea Testing

Thu, 14 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. [Surrey Sexual Health Service C-card and Chlamydia / Gonorrhoea Testing Registration, Thu 14 Jul 2022 at 19:30 | Eventbrite](#).

Newsletters

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

To read the CPPE summer newsletter for the South East click [here](#).

Additionally you might be interested in.....

Health Education England (HEE) Independent Prescribing for Pharmacists webinar

Choice of options to attend:

- **Tuesday 5th July - 18:00-20:00**
- **Thursday 7th July - 10:00-12:00**

The focus of this webinar will be an update on the Independent Prescribing (IP) for Pharmacists training offer currently being developed by HEE for Autumn 2022.

This session aims to inform, inspire and engage pharmacy colleagues who are interested in this training offer. The session will cover:

- How to access HEE funded IP training across all regions in England
- Designated medical practitioner (DMP) and designated prescribing practitioner (DPP) information and guidance
- Progress and next steps for the Initial Education and Training Standards of Pharmacists reform (IETP) and MPharm curriculum, which will enable pharmacists to be independent prescribers at the point of registration by 2026
- Support available from HEE regional and national teams.

To register for this event please complete this [short survey](#).

Astellas would like to invite you to this online meeting: Urinary Incontinence and the New Medicines Service – Educational Talk For Community Pharmacy Tuesday 28th June 2022: 19:30 – 21:00

Chair and speaker: **Dr Graham Stretch**, President of the Primary Care Pharmacy Association, Clinical Director of Brentworth PCN, Chief Pharmacist of Argyle Health Group.

19:30 - Welcome-Registration- All

19:35 - Urinary Incontinence and the New Medicines Service – Dr Graham Stretch

20:25 - Questions /Discussion - All

20:55 – Close

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

NHSE&I Safeguarding webinar for community pharmacy teams

NHS England and NHS Improvement Community Pharmacy and Safeguarding teams will be [hosting a Level 3 Safeguarding webinar](#) for staff working in community pharmacies on **Thursday 30 June, 7pm – 8pm**. With community pharmacy now being able to provide a number of clinical services, it is vital that community pharmacy staff are able to safeguard vulnerable adults, young people and children. A panel, including Kenny Gibson, National Head of Safeguarding, will discuss the signs of abuse and what to do if these signs are recognised in community pharmacy.

Inclusive Pharmacy Practice Advisory Board Community Pharmacy Professional Leader Participation

The Inclusive Pharmacy Practice (IPP) Advisory Board has been established following a programme of work to develop principles and a framework to encourage pharmacy organisations and professionals to embed inclusive pharmacy practice into their work and they now have an exciting opportunity for **2 x Community Pharmacy Professional Leaders** to join their Board.

The Board's objectives include providing advice, guidance and thought leadership to David Webb, Chief Pharmaceutical Officer for England, and the Pharmacy Advisory Group at NHSE&I and to guide and advise on the work of the IPP Programme; supporting partner organisations signed up to the IPP principles to make a measurable difference to patients, pharmacy teams and health inequalities.

The role is open to Pharmacy Technicians and Pharmacists within community pharmacy with the closing date to apply being **17:00 on 28th June 2022**.

Please see Expression of Interest [here](#) for more details, and please do share widely with community pharmacy colleagues.

Share your views on the antimicrobial stewardship activities

Pharmacy contractors and their teams are invited to complete a short voluntary survey about the TARGET antibiotic checklist and the other antimicrobial stewardship (AMS) activities that were part of the Prevention Domain of the 2021/22 Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS).

The survey, which has been created by the English surveillance programme for antimicrobial utilisation and resistance (ESPAUR), is open to all community pharmacy staff. This includes those who did not meet the Prevention Domain requirements and those who did not participate in PQS, as ESPAUR would like to understand the barriers and challenges faced. [Complete the survey.](#)

Sussex Police have asked for caution when supplying Tropicamide Eye Drops

These drops have been found in recreational areas where children / youths frequent in the Lewes area. The product is a POM and used as an antimuscarinic ophthalmic solution. Empty bottles have been found but no evidence of injecting at this time, please be aware should it catch on causing an influx of young people requesting these eye drops.

Details: Tropicamide (TPC) is an antimuscarinic ophthalmic solution. Recently, it is reported to be used intravenously for recreational purposes. Misuse of the drug may lead to several effects such as slurred speech, unconsciousness, hallucinations, dysphoria, suicidal feelings, convulsions, and tachycardia.

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