

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

New CP COVID-19 Vaccination Enhanced Service Specifications for autumn/winter 2022

Further to the publication of the NHSE&I system letter of 22 June 2022 [\[here\]](#), NHSE&I have now published the new draft Enhanced Service Specifications (ES) for Community Pharmacy Contractors for the period from 1 September 2022 to 30 March 2023 (phase 5). For the Community Pharmacy specification please see [here](#). Please read the service specification alongside the [letter of 30 June](#) and guidance to support the Community Pharmacy site selection process [here](#).

All pharmacy contractors that are currently commissioned to provide COVID-19 vaccinations under the Phase 3 LES, including “paused” sites, that wish for their designated site to continue to deliver COVID-19 vaccinations from September 2022 should express an interest before 5pm on 14 July. Pharmacy contractors that are not currently commissioned but wish to participate in phase 5 should express an interest by 5pm on 20 July via the webform [here](#). An abbreviated form can be used if the pharmacy contractor has submitted information previously that remains relevant and appropriate. Services will be commissioned where there is a local population need, where pharmacy contractors can meet the key selection criteria and where NHS England considers the pharmacy contractor is best placed to meet that need.

The PSNC Covid-19 webpage is also available via the below link. It may assist contractors with information about the service and also signposts them to further resources. [COVID-19 Vaccination Service - PSNC Website](#).

The PSNC Briefing below, provides contractors with a non-exhaustive list of some considerations to support their decision on whether or not to submit an expression of interest in providing the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme: Phase 5 – 2022/23. [PSNC Briefing 016/22: Contractor checklist of considerations ahead of an expression of interest for the COVID-19 Vaccination Service - PSNC Website](#).

Freedom to Speak Up Guardian - reminder

In November 2016, NHS England published [Freedom to speak up in Primary Care](#) – guidance to primary care providers on supporting whistleblowing in the NHS.

To support contractors across Surrey and Sussex, Julia Powell, our chief executive officer, has agreed to be the Freedom to Speak up Guardian for independent contractors in the area if they wish. Further details are available on our website under A-Z, section F [here](#).

Local Services

Surrey Substance misuse Locally Commissioned Service

Ben Sylvester the public health lead for substance misuse will be contacting pharmacies in Surrey to support with the provision of the substance misuse locally commissioned services. He has produced a feedback form for pharmacies to complete. [Needle exchange services & clinical waste feedback](#).

Training

Brighton and Hove MECC training

This is the link to Brighton and Hove City Council, Learning Gateway MECC offer - community pharmacies can access this for free. [Making Every Contact Count](#).

West Sussex MECC training

Please follow the instructions below to register if you are in West sussex

1. Visit <https://learnpublichealth.westsussex.gov.uk>
2. Register to the site by selecting the "Create new account"
3. Activate your account via the automatic email (check your spam folder)

How do I get started?

1. Login to <https://learnpublichealth.westsussex.gov.uk> using the details set up at registration
2. Select the MECC button from the homepage to enrol onto the course
3. Complete the modules, online assessment and feedback form to download your certificate

MECC (Make Every Contact Count)

This is the link to the HEE MECC training – community pharmacies can access this for free. [Making Every Contact Count - elearning for healthcare \(e-lfh.org.uk\)](#).

The PSNC website also has information for community pharmacies about how to achieve and maintain HLP status which is now part of the CPCF. [HLP guidance and resources - PSNC Website](#).

Newsletters

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

To read the first edition of the Primary Care Appeals Updates please click [here](#).

Additionally you might be interested in.....

Community pharmacist survey on the delivery of advice and information to patients relating to diet, nutrition and supplementation

My name is Michael Wakeman; I am a pharmacist, currently undertaking a Professional Doctorate at the University of Sunderland through my research project investigating involvement of community pharmacists in providing nutrition guidance to patients.

You are invited to participate in a questionnaire that will acquire anonymised data relating to the level of engagement of community pharmacists in the delivery of advice and information to patients relating to diet, nutrition and supplementation.

This survey will inform further research into this topic intended for publication in peer reviewed literature relevant to the profession. It will take no more than 5 minutes and your participation is highly appreciated. [Survey link here.](#)

Funding opportunity for Independent Prescriber training (for Pharmacists in Primary Care including Community Pharmacy).

As part of the [Pharmacy Integration Programme 2021-24](#), NHS England and NHS Improvement is funding independent prescribing training from early 2022 for pharmacists contributing to primary care, including community pharmacy clinical services.

All programmes include a minimum of 26 days of teaching and learning activities, the structure and delivery of these vary between different providers. In addition to this, each pharmacist must successfully complete at least 12 days (90 hours) of learning in a practice environment where they develop their clinical, diagnostic and prescribing skills under the supervision of other healthcare professionals. HEE have drafted the attached document with some practical points that may help you support/signpost prospective IP pharmacists. For more information click [here](#).

Education and Training Tariff Webinar by Health Education England and the Pharmacy Schools Council

Event location: via MS Teams Thursday 14th July - 10:45-11:45

Invitation to a national briefing by Health Education England and the Pharmacy Schools Council. The briefing will inform stakeholders on the introduction of

Education and Training Tariff to contribute to undergraduate pharmacist clinical placements in England.

The event is aimed at potential placement providers including Schools of Pharmacy and pharmacist employers. Resources from the webinar will be shared after the event.

The briefing will cover the following:

1. An introduction to the Education & Training Tariff for undergraduate pharmacy students and the arrangements for 2022/23
2. Visibility of funding and challenges with flow
3. Next steps to engage across your region

There will be an opportunity to learn from placement providers from other professions. There will also be an opportunity for questions and answers, which will be followed up with an FAQ document. **Please register for this event by filling in this short [survey](#).**

From Surrey Heartlands ICS - Nutricia Oral Nutrition Supplement Supply Issues

Nutricia are currently experiencing low stocks of some flavours of oral nutritional supplements, particularly Fortisip Compact and Fortisip Compact Protein. Stocks vary by depot, below is the stock position as of 28/06/22:

| Fortisip Compact | | Fortisip Compact Protein | |
|------------------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Banana | Green | Banana | Green |
| Chocolate | Green | Mocha | Green |
| Mocha | Green | Peach & Mango | Green |
| Vanilla | Amber | Neutral | Amber |
| Apricot | Amber | Cool Red Fruits | Amber |
| Neutral | Amber | Strawberry | Red |
| Strawberry | Red | Vanilla | Red |
| Forest Fruits | Red | Berry | Red |
| | | Hot Tropical Ginger | Red |

- Green – good stocks, most depots should have this flavour.
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- Amber – low stocks, expect some depots to be out of stock of this flavour
- Red – very low stocks – expect several local depots to be out of stock of this flavour

At present “berry” flavours are particularly low stock. If patients report they only want strawberry flavour, please consider contacting their GP to ensure oral nutritional supplements are still required, and if they are request a prescription of Altraplen Compact Strawberry flavour.

NHS Community Pharmacy Smoking Cessation Service Webinar Tuesday 12th July 2022 at 7pm

NHS England and NHS Improvement is hosting a one-hour webinar about the NHS Community Pharmacy Smoking Cessation Service for community pharmacists and their teams, NHS trusts tobacco dependence leads and regional leads, on Tuesday 12th July 2022 at 7pm.

The community pharmacy service launched in March 2022 to provide ongoing support to patients with their stop smoking journey when they are referred to community pharmacy after discharge from hospital. As hospitals set up their in-house smoking cessation service, pharmacies can mobilise to be able to receive referrals. It complements existing local authority commissioned smoking cessation services, creating capacity in the system. The session will provide more details about the service, support with implementation for acute trusts and top tips and lessons learned from those already offering the service. To register please click the link [here](#).

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