

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

### **August Bank Holiday 2022 declarations: Action needed!**

Please find the [draft list here](#) from NHS England detailing which pharmacies will be open across the South East region.

#### **Action 1: Please can you check the list and that the details regarding your pharmacy are correct.**

Please can you let the pharmacy team at NHSE know of any amendments by CoP Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July by completing the table below and emailing to: [England.southeastcommunitypharmacy@nhs.net](mailto:England.southeastcommunitypharmacy@nhs.net).

ODS Code:

Pharmacy Name:

Town:

Summer BH: 29<sup>th</sup> August 2022 – opening Hours:

Please note that any amendments received after this date will not be amended on the finalised list and posters. The finalised list and posters will be created and circulated by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August

**Action 2:** Please ensure that your DoS and NHS.UK profiles are updated with your opening hours (or if you are closed) on the Bank Holiday dates, this can be done via

the new [NHS Profile Manager](#). Further details can be found here: [New NHS Profile Manager has launched \(service.nhs.uk\)](#).

### **Medicine Supply Issues**

PSNC is becoming increasingly concerned about the sustained pressures on medicines supply and the very serious impact that this is having on community pharmacy teams and their patients. As we move into the second half of the year, PSNC are asking contractors and their teams to continue using their regular [reporting tools](#) to help them to demonstrate the scale of the problems to the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and to support escalations as needed.

The sustained increases in price concessions that they have seen so far in 2022 – with more than 100 concessions being granted in some months – show no signs of abating, and they know that many pharmacies now find themselves in a critical situation trying to source medicines in timely manner and facing significant financial risk due to greater uncertainty around expected reimbursement prices for a large number of medicines.

They have escalated the situation and their concerns with the Department and are seeking both an improved price concession process to streamline processes and give contractors better information, as well as recognition of the impact this is now having on pharmacy teams. [Medicine supply: Contractor Update from PSNC - PSNC Website](#).

### **Local Services**

#### **Hypertensive case finding service - BP results cards available to order to give to your patients after the BP clinic check.**

To support any CVD prevention work that you may be doing, KSS AHSN have recently launched the 'CVD Central' project in collaboration with British Heart Foundation and NHS Benchmarking. The aim is to help understand and demonstrate the impact and outcomes from health checks of various types in a variety of clinic and

community settings.

**Options 1-4 on offer for any organisation and setting to utilise:**

- **1.** = Results Cards
- **2.** = 1<sup>st</sup> patient experience survey – on the day of check
- **3.** = 2<sup>nd</sup> patient experience survey – one month post check
- **4.** = Resource pack – available in Word format and anyone is welcome to download amend / adapt it to suit your local project work... please feel free to add to it, re-brand it, or just take whatever you want from it to add to your own project. **click here to [Download & Amend](#)**
- **5.** For PCNs only - Clinical activity and outcome data collection

**To order results cards**, other enquiries about the CVD Central project, or to be added or removed from the CVD Central mailing list, please contact the CVD Central Team at KSS AHSN at: [kssahsn.cvdprevention@nhs.net](mailto:kssahsn.cvdprevention@nhs.net).

**Brighton Substance misuse service: Missed Doses**

CGL has requested to please ensure that missed doses are input into PharmOutcomes and if the client misses 3 consecutive days, please call 01272 731900 to advise the team.

Note under the service specification the entry of missed doses is paid for.

**Brighton HLP Locally Commissioned Service Training survey**

Brighton Public Health team would like to gain feedback on HLP Training sessions. This will inform their planning and help to make the face-to-face training sessions as accessible as possible to the greatest number of HLP's.

To complete the survey please click on the link [here](#). There are only 3 questions and can be completed in less than 2 minutes!

**East Sussex NHS Health Check Locally commissioned service**

To reinvigorate the service, Thrive Tribe have produced free of charge promotion materials for your pharmacies to order this includes, posters, stickers for prescription bags, leaflets and more. To order promotion materials and/or request training please email Dan Ford [dan.ford@oneyoueastsussex.org.uk](mailto:dan.ford@oneyoueastsussex.org.uk).

## Training

### **Sussex ICS Short Placement Opportunities for Community Trainee Pharmacists (TPs)**

There are opportunities for cross sectoral placements where community pharmacy TPs in Sussex undertake a short 1-2 week placement within the hospital setting and the hospital TP would undertake a reciprocal placement in the community setting.

Community pharmacy TPs undertaking cross sectoral placements would also be invited to join the Sussex Integrated TP Training events which will be held virtually every 4-6 weeks. The events focus on clinical topics with an emphasis on the transfer of medicines across primary and secondary care. The first training event will be scheduled in September, and it is intended this will be advertised by the Sussex Training Hub. If you are interested in your TP undertaking a cross sectoral placement and attending the Sussex Integrated Training events please contact Alice Conway, Sussex Early Careers Training Programme Director at [alice.conway@nhs.net](mailto:alice.conway@nhs.net) by **Friday August 19th**.

### **Other sector placements for community TPs**

There are also opportunities for community pharmacy TPs to undertake short placements during 2022/23 with:

- Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust
- Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
- GP Practices across Sussex

For more details of any of the above opportunities please contact Alice Conway-

### **Brighton and Hove Take home Naloxone locally commissioned service**

Training for people providing take-home naloxone service & emergency procedures is available on the following dates. If needed you can sign up to attend one of the following sessions:

22/08/22 3pm-4pm

20/09/22 11am-12pm

27/10/22 3pm-4pm

21/11/22 11am-12pm

The training can be booked via the BHCC Learning Portal ([https://learning.brighton-hove.gov.uk/courses/bookings/p\\_new\\_user\\_sg.asp](https://learning.brighton-hove.gov.uk/courses/bookings/p_new_user_sg.asp)).

## Newsletters

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

To read the Healthwatch Surrey Annual Report 2021/22 click [here](#).

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

## Additionally you might be interested in.....

### **Brighton and Hove Hep C Raising Awareness**

**When: 28th July 2022 Where: The Palace Pier Promenade, Carousel Corner, BN1 1NB**

In order to raise awareness on World Hepatitis Day this year, we are lighting up the Palace Pier in purple! The Hepatitis C Trust and University Hospitals Sussex will be there throughout the day and in to the evening, come down and join us!

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### **Frimley Antimicrobial Guidelines – Updated doses for children**

Frimley ICS are part of the South Central Antimicrobial Network (SCAN) and they feed into and follow the SCAN Guidelines. These can be accessed via the link [here](#) and are a useful resource for you.

Note from the guideline the treatment recommended for tonsillitis in children, if the FeverPAIN score is 4 or more, is:

**Amoxicillin** for 7 days

40mg/kg po BD (max 1g per dose) (off-label)

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Or by age:

**3-11 months:** 125mg po TDS3 or 250mg po BD4 (off-label)

**1-4 years:** 250mg po TDS3 or 500mg po BD4 (off-label)

**5-11 years:** 500mg po TDS3 or 750mg po BD4 (off-label)

**12 years and over:** 500mg po TDS3 or 1g po BD4 (off-label)”

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### **Are you a Surrey Heartlands pharmacist with an interest in tackling polypharmacy?**

**13th September 2022 12:00-14:00**

The National Academic Health Science Network (AHSN) is working on a new Programme on **Polypharmacy: Getting the Balance Right**. The AHSN Polypharmacy Programme is helping primary care colleagues tackle potential harm from multiple medications through improved use of data, education and training, and public behaviour change. We are supporting the education and training by setting up a Community of Practice.

**Community of Practice (CoP)** cultivates change through collaboration. It is self-organising, self-governing cross-professional and cross-organisational offering potential to reduce fragmentation of practice. The issues discussed are typically complex and beyond the scope of any individual, profession, or organisation. This is a network of key stakeholders that will meet regularly to support the delivery of this national programme, but also foster a culture of engagement, collaboration, learning and innovation to reduce problematic polypharmacy for their populations most at risk from harm.

Join their community of practice to:

- Meet like-minded people
- Share learning experiences

For more information click [here](#), for the agenda click [here](#), and to register for the event click [here](#).

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