

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

Community Pharmacy Winter Planning – Requirements for Christmas and New Year 2022/2023

In accordance with the Pharmaceutical Regulations NHS England South East is collating the details of pharmaceutical provision during the Christmas and New Year holiday period to ensure adequate coverage across the region. This information will also be communicated to the public, NHS 111 and the Out of Hours services.

NHSE have asked if you could complete the online declaration via the link below no later than COP Friday 26th August 2022.

- If you plan to be closed on all the bank holiday dates, please still provide a declaration.
- If you have already emailed NHSE a declaration using the old declaration form, please resubmit your declaration using the online submission.

Declarations to be returned here: [Submit your declaration here](#)

Further information can be found on the NHSE e-mail sent to pharmacies on the 5th August. If you require another copy of the email – let us know at lpc@communitypharmacys.co.uk

Reminder if contractors want to reduce their hours, for example, to close early on Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve or to amend opening hours on New Year's Day, you must give notice to NHS England at least three months in advance, unless NHS England agrees otherwise. Therefore, the last day to give notice for 24th December, for any guaranteed reduction in supplementary hours, is on **24th September** and NHS England must receive the notification, for example, by email, on or before that date. Unless you have notified NHS England of changes to your supplementary hours at least three months before the date, or applied successfully for amendment of core hours, you are unlikely to be able to close early.

Please note that New Year's Day (Sunday 1st January 2023) is this year classed as a normal working day for community pharmacy opening hours.

August Bank Holiday Pharmacy Opening Hours

The opening hours and posters for the upcoming August bank holiday on the 29th have been released by NHSE.

The Surrey pharmacy opening hours can be found [here](#).

The Sussex pharmacy opening hours can be found [here](#).

Reminder CPAF screening process deadline

Contractors are reminded that they have until midnight on **Wednesday the 31st of August 2022** to complete the 2022/23 Community Pharmacy Assurance Framework (CPAF) screening questionnaire.

As a result of NHS regulations introduced at the end of 2020, completion of CPAF is now a requirement of the Terms of Service. Therefore, contractors must complete the screening questionnaire and, if required, the full CPAF questionnaire.

We recommend that any contractor who has yet to do so takes immediate action. It should only take approximately 10-20 minutes to complete. [Find out more](#).

Local Services

Want to maximise your pharmacies Service potential?

The first edition of our services newsletter was distributed on the 9th of August. If you missed it, click [here](#) to catch up on all the Services news.

West Sussex County Council has issued the following message regarding delayed payment

Dear Provider, as you may be aware there has been a delay to the monthly payment for June to pharmacies for the continued delivery of West Sussex County Council services. We are working on rectifying this as soon as possible; in the meantime, we wish to express our gratitude to you for continuing to prioritise these services for the benefit of our West Sussex residents. We apologise for any inconvenience this has caused and have identified the problem to ensure this does not happen to subsequent payments.

West Sussex EHC PGD renewal

Please find below the new EHC PGD's, these documents are uploaded onto the PharmOutcomes service and signed PGD copies will need to be returned by the **9th of September** to Moria Jones Moria.Jones@westsussex.gov.uk.

PGD start date 1.9.22 and expires 31.8.24

Ulipristal Acetate 30mg Tablets [here](#).

Levonorgestrel 1.5mg Tablets [here](#).

EHC Specification [here](#).

Surrey Locally Commissioned Services Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) Tender portal open

The portal is now opened to apply for locally commissioned Public Health services in Surrey e.g. EHC, chlamydia treatment, NHS Healthchecks. The Proactis tender reference number is **rfx1000195**.

Please read through the bidding guide [Pharmacies Bidding Guide.pdf](#) and complete your application on the DPS Proactis portal. **It is essential you read the bidders guide and read through the LOT questions to ensure you are following the correct process.**

If you need any support, please email mariehockley@communitypharmacyss.co.uk.

Newsletters

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

Additionally you might be interested in.....

AIDS is over, if you want it – new HIV animation

A new HIV animation has been developed by the Martin Fisher Foundation (charity based in Brighton & Hove) and other partners. Please see link to the animation: [HIV animation](#).

Independent Prescribing Provision 2022 – 2023

Health Education England (HEE) has announced the outcome of the procurement for national Independent Prescriber training provision, for courses starting from Autumn 2022.

Almost 3,000 Independent prescribing courses will be available to pharmacists who meet the required eligibility criteria, for community pharmacy this is community pharmacists (including locum pharmacists).

Courses will be available from September 2022 to March 2023, with several universities offering multiple dates for cohort intakes. Cohort start dates will depend on the university provider.

University providers are now taking applications. Don't miss out – check your eligibility and apply now.

Eligible pharmacists will also need to demonstrate (as a minimum):

- The support of an identified designated prescribing practitioner (DPP).
 - An appropriate practice-based learning environment in a prescribing setting that can offer appropriate clinical support.
 - Evidence that you meet the course provider eligibility criteria (applicants will be subject to their chosen university's enrolment processes).
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- Commitment to use the skill within your area of competence and expertise, for the delivery of NHS clinical services as they emerge.

If you would like to know more about the General Pharmaceutical Council's eligibility criteria, please [visit the GPhC website](#).

Eligible pharmacists may apply only to those universities as listed on [their website](#).

Universities are listed by sector. Please note the available universities differ depending on the sector you work in.

As part of the application process, all learners will need to assure their chosen university meets the course requirements.

Course length and the number of face-to-face days required vary between universities. Please check the individual university webpages for further information on course format.

Funding

Independent Prescribing (IP) training is available to pharmacists who meet the eligibility criteria. Tuition fees are fully funded by Health Education England (HEE).

For further information or for any queries, please contact pharmacyteam@hee.nhs.uk.

Look-Alike and Sound-Alike



University of Bristol Pressure Survey

Researchers working on the [Pressure](#) study at the University of Bristol have found that healthcare professionals experience domestic abuse at high rates, and they are keen to improve the support available for these staff. One of their first tasks, is to identify whether there are any staff policies currently in place in primary and community healthcare settings (including pharmacies) in England. They anticipate that few organisations/practices will have such a policy but want to confirm this. If

your pharmacy has a staff domestic abuse policy please get in touch with the [Presure study team](#) (email: alison.gregory@bristol.ac.uk).

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