



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

NHS Flu Vaccination Service

This year's NHS flu vaccination service started on the 1st of September.

A reminder that the following categories of healthcare staff for example, care home staff are included in the NHS service.

Frontline health and social care workers - Health and social care staff, employed by a registered residential care/nursing home or registered domiciliary care provider, who are directly involved in the care of vulnerable patients/clients who are at increased risk from exposure to influenza. Vulnerable means those patients/clients in a clinical risk group for flu or who are aged 65 years and over.

Hospice workers - Health and care staff, employed by a voluntary managed hospice provider, who are directly involved in the care of vulnerable patients/clients who are at increased risk from exposure to influenza.

Workers employed through direct payments and/or personal health budgets to deliver domiciliary care - Health and social care workers employed through direct payments and/or personal health budgets to deliver domiciliary care to patients and service users.

Pharmacy staff: Booking your autumn C-19 booster

NHS England has announced that from Wednesday 7th September 2022, around 7 million people (including those aged 75 and over, people who are immunosuppressed, and health and care workers) will be able to book an appointment for their COVID-19 booster vaccinations online or by calling 119.

From Wednesday, health and care workers, including pharmacy staff, can book their COVID-19 booster vaccinations through the National Booking Service. Eligible staff are encouraged to book an appointment for a booster dose as soon as possible, provided it has been at least three months since their last dose of the vaccine. [Find out more.](#)

Medicine Shortages

As pharmacies are dealing with the significant number of medicine shortages, there is an ask from GP surgeries that when an item is unavailable and a new prescription is required, could you let them know which alternative medicine is still in stock and available for the patient. The surgeries are aware that at the moment this can change at short notice but want to avoid where possible prescribing another product which is also out of stock.

Invitation Reminder

You are invited to the Community Pharmacy Surrey & Sussex Pharmacy Event
Sunday 18th September 2022 10:00-16:00
At the East Sussex National Golf Club, TN22 5ES



The day includes support for your GPhC revalidation with the opportunity to complete the peer review discussion and CPD sessions.

There will also be plenty of time to catch up with colleagues.

[To book your place click here.](#)

Local Services

New Condom Distribution service Surrey EOI deadline Tuesday 13th

September- only eligible for those commissioned for Chlamydia Screening Service if you have received the email please read through the details and email

Mariehockley@communitypharmacys.co.uk to indicate expression of interest.

CGL Sussex- Needle Exchange Stock

It has been brought to our attention that there is a back log in delivering Needle Exchange items. CGL are working with Verna Care to clear the back log hopefully by the end of this week.

We have been advised that Exchange Supplies are able to assist in the meantime.

Please contact Exchange Supplies on the details below to obtain stock.

monique@exchangesupplies.org phone number 020 8269 0662

<https://www.exchangesupplies.org/article> phone number 01305 262244

If you have any questions, please contact Tina on the details below

Tina Fowler Sussex Pharmacy Liaison Lead - M: 07789414270

Hypertensive case finding service and promoting Know Your Numbers! Week 5-11 September

This week is know your numbers week, please use this opportunity to link the hypertensive case finding service and locally commissioned services with this campaign in order to screen eligible patients. More information can be found [here](#).

Become a Pressure Partner

- Promote home blood pressure monitoring (HBPM) by encouraging purchase or signposting to GP surgery for BP@Home.
- Offer guidance on how to use a monitor properly and what to do if the reading is high.
- Offer the BP clinic check if eligible and if required ABPM.
- Direct people Blood Pressure UK website and helpline where they can find all sorts of information about choosing a home monitor, how to use it, and how to look after their blood pressure.
- Patients may not be able to get a blood pressure check in all pharmacies, but patients still need help and guidance from you and shared decision making on their treatment and medicine adherence. You have a vital role in offering this support, you can signpost to pharmacies in your PCN offering the hypertensive case finding service.
- Talk about the risks of high blood pressure such as heart disease, stroke, and dementia, and reinforce the healthy lifestyle message, namely the role of healthy eating and physical activity.
- Use your HLP champion and HLP board to promote the campaign.

Surrey Locally Commissioned Services

Each year we review the amounts paid for Public Health Agreement services with colleagues at the LPC. As this year for the first time the Public Health grant was

increased by 2.8%, we have agreed to increase PHA payments by the same amount, as detailed below

The increase will be payable from **Q2 2022-23**.

Updated Surrey CC Pharmacy PHA payments from Q2 2022-23

Procedure	Current payment	New payment with 2.8% increase
Emergency Hormonal Contraception consultation	£15.00	£15.42
Chlamydia Screening test	£10.00	£10.28
Chlamydia treatment	£20.00	£20.56
Needle Exchange per transaction	£1.50	£1.55
Needle Exchange return	£1.00	£1.03
Supervised Consumption per supervised dispensing	£2.00	£2.06
Naloxone per intervention (inc Guildford Action service)	£10.00	£10.28
Health Checks per check	£28.00	£28.79
BP+ per check	£14.00	£14.40

Training

Brighton and Hove HLP Training event

HLP training face to face

Please accept the teams invite that Roisin has emailed to pharmacies to indicate you will be attending please note this is a face-to-face meeting at hove town hall, please contact Roisin.Thurstan@brighton-hove.gov.uk if you have any questions,

The event is scheduled at Hove Town Hall for Tuesday October 25th from 14:30 – 16:00. The agenda for the day is currently in draft and you will be updated asap. In the meantime, please could confirm your attendance by return of email or acceptance of the teams invite.

East Sussex Locally Commissioned Service – Stop Smoking Training

Please email Tanya.Sutton@oneyoueastsussex.org.uk to request training for the stop smoking LCS.

Surrey BP+ and NHS Healthchecks Locally Commissioned Service Training

Please email Emma.R.Jones@surreycc.gov.uk to request training for BP+ and NHS Healthchecks.

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

Additionally you might be interested in.....

Community Pharmacy Dental Factsheets

The Health Education England (HEE) teams across London and the South East have collaborated to produce a series of dental factsheets specifically for community pharmacy teams. The recently updated factsheets are intended to be used by patient-facing team members to help them deal with common dental and oral symptoms/conditions and signpost patients where appropriate. Direct link [here](#).

Obtaining Prolia (denosumab) injection

In recent weeks the Fracture Liaison Service in East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust have had several messages from GP surgeries querying if there is an issue with obtaining Prolia.

The service has liaised with Amgen to resolve this, they have stated there are no supply issues currently, but they have changed wholesaler to AAH. The letter [here](#)

from Amgen explains what to do should the Community Pharmacy not already have an AAH account.

MHRA issues nebuliser warning to pharmacists and parents

Pharmacists should discourage parents from purchasing home-use nebuliser devices for children with asthma, the MHRA has said. In a statement, the watchdog said using nebulisers to deliver asthma rescue medication to children and adolescents without medical supervision “can mask a deterioration in the underlying disease” and potentially cause delays in seeking medical attention.

“Only specialists in asthma should initiate and clinically manage use of nebulisers and associated nebulised medicines at home for acute treatment of asthma in children and adolescents,” it said. The MHRA said it was aware of “a number of fatal cases” between 2008 and 2022 in which the clinically unsupervised use of a nebuliser may have contributed to a child’s death from asthma.

They have reviewed evidence from paediatricians, respiratory specialists and medicines and medical devices safety experts, adding that the product information for nebuliser asthma solutions has been updated to clarify that the unsupervised home use of nebulisers is not recommended.

The MHRA advised parents: “Only use a nebuliser device recommended by a doctor and ask for training from your asthma nurse, pharmacist, or other healthcare professional on how it should be used and maintained and when to seek medical advice.”

NICE clinical guidance states that should only be used under strict medical supervision in severe or life-threatening exacerbations of paediatric asthma or in patients with severe asthma who cannot use other inhaler devices. Any suspected adverse incidents involving nebulisers should be reported via the Yellow Card scheme, the MHRA stressed.

Sussex Hypertension Diagnosis two-part educational series webinar on hypertension by Professor Mike Okorie and Alison Warren

Mike Okorie is Consultant Physician and Associate Medical Director for Medicines Safety & Prescribing at University Hospitals Sussex (UHSussex). He is also Chair of

the British and Irish Hypertension Society (BIHS) Educational Programmes Working Party (EPWP). Alison Warren is Consultant Pharmacist in Cardiology, Sussex CCGs and UHSussex and a member of the BIHS EPWP.

The content includes the GP Network Contract DES Specification which includes new requirements for the delivery of a cardiovascular disease (CVD) prevention and diagnosis service by primary care networks (PCNs), with a focus on hypertension in line with the NICE Hypertension guidelines 2019 The LPC has provided content on the hypertensive case finding service to support collaborative working.

This invitation is open to GPs, practice nurses, advanced nurse practitioners, pharmacists and paramedic practitioners.

Dates: Thursday 8th September 2022, 1300-1400 – Hypertension – diagnosis, Q&A
Thursday 22nd September 2022, 1300-1400 – Hypertension – management, Q&A

Please email alison.warren6@nhs.net to request a Team invite.

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