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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

Pharmacy Technician Day on 18 October

Pharmacy Technician Day recognises the invaluable contributions made by pharmacy technicians to patient health, safety and as an integral part of the healthcare team. It's a day for pharmacy technicians to reflect on their careers and realize the impact they've had on patients and fellow pharmacy professionals.

Training

Surrey Sexual Health training webinar

This training event is specifically designed for pharmacies who are providing C cards, EHC and Chlamydia / Gonorrhoea Testing.

The aim of the session is to provide training for the EHC, 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.

Please choose from the below dates to sign up for the training, please note you only need to attend one session but can send more than one colleague from each pharmacy to any of the sessions.

Wednesday 16th November 19.00 -21.00

Eventbrite: [here](#)

Wednesday 7th December 19.00 - 21.00

Eventbrite: [here](#)

Friday 10th February 19.00 - 21.00

Eventbrite: [here](#)

Friday 17th March 19.00 - 21.00

Eventbrite: [here](#)

Surrey Discharge Medicines Service webinar: Tuesday 29th November at 7:30pm-8:30pm

To support the continued rollout of DMS and embed this essential service, CPSS has teamed up with our colleagues across NHS Surrey Heartlands to invite you to attend the Surrey wide Hospital Discharge Medicines Service Webinar on Tuesday 29th November at 7:30pm-8:30pm.

This webinar aims to foster a continued collaborative approach to deliver the Discharge Medicines Service from point of discharge through to pharmacy, completion and claiming. We aim to support you to navigate the discharge journey.

The webinar will include information provided by Marie Hockley Deputy Chief Officer Community Pharmacy Surrey and Sussex, Jaspal Chander Lead Pharmacist at Surrey and Borders Partnership Hospital, Tim Dowdall Pharmacy Business Services and Transformation Manager for Royal Surrey Hospital, Nikki Smith Head of

Medicines Safety Surrey ICS, Mohammadhadi Zare Community Pharmacy Integration Project Manager Surrey ICS and Hursh Gagda Community Pharmacy Clinical Lead Surrey ICS. This event is open to all pharmacy and hospital colleagues in Surrey. **Please book your place [here](#).**

PQS

Aspiration payment

The aspiration payment window opened at 9am on Monday (10th October 2022) and closes at 11.59pm on 4th November 2022. Claims for an Aspiration payment for the PQS 2022/23 are made on the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) [Manage Your Service \(MYS\) portal](#).

Contractors are encouraged to review the Drug Tariff wording soon to decide which domains they want to work towards meeting by 31st March 2023, and therefore be in a position to claim their Aspiration payment (this is optional for contractors and not claiming it will not impact on the contractor's ability to claim payment for PQS 2022/23). Contractors who claim for an Aspiration payment within the above time period will be paid this on the 1st of December 2022.

Respiratory Domain – Criteria that started on 10th October 2022

The following criteria included in the Respiratory Domain requires contractors to start working towards them from Monday (10th October 2022) and continue with this until the day of declaration (between 9am on Monday 6th February 2023 and 11.59pm on 3rd March 2023):

- Inhaler waste management;
- Use of a spacer in patients aged 5-15 years; and
- Personalised asthma action plans.

Most pharmacy teams will be very familiar with these requirements, as they have been included in previous schemes. Several resources are available to support contractors with meeting the above criteria on the PSNC website and more will be

available soon on the [PQS hub page](#).

CPPE PQS Support

CPPE have set up a web page which links to information on the various PQS requirements.

Pharmacy Quality Scheme CPPE web

page; <https://www.cppe.ac.uk/services/pharmacy-quality-scheme#navTop>.

Newsletters

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

Additionally you might be interested in.....

Frimley Healthier Together App

Parents, carers, and young people can access concise NHS traffic light guidance on a range of childhood illnesses by downloading the Frimley Healthier Together App.

The app provides advice on what 'red-flag' signs to look out for, where to seek help if required, what to do to keep a child comfortable and how long a child's symptoms are likely to last, with push notifications to the registered phone to prompt monitoring of the condition against Red and Amber symptoms.

Complimentary to the [Frimley Healthier Together](#) website, the app can be download today from your app store of choice. <https://bit.ly/FHTApp>.

Please support by raising awareness of this App and if you have any questions or requests contact: Kirsty.north6@nhs.net or Zara.devine@nhs.net.

Community Pharmacy Commercial research study in cold sores on the lips of the mouth (herpes labialis)

Can you assist with regards to a commercial research study looking at cold sores on the lips of the mouth (herpes labialis)? This is a commercial research study with paid reimbursement for taking part.

The Pharmacist would need to identify those presenting with an active infection from herpes labialis between 12-70 years of age. They would then be introduced to the study to see if they may be interested. If so and they agree to being screened, they would be screened and invited to join the study if eligible.

Please see the study form [here](#) with some further information.

If you would like to express an interest for this study, you would need to have completed an expression of interest form by the **14th of October**. Please see the expression of interest form [here](#). Commercial studies can be quite competitive so if you would like support with your expression of interest form, please let Kate Weeks know at crnkss.studysupport@nihr.ac.uk. Please return forms to crnkss.studysupport@nihr.ac.uk so they can submit them on your behalf.

Free Training Opportunity for Community Pharmacists to Upskill in Mental Health

Supported by HEE, Maudsley Learning is offering a free one-day [Simulation](#), focusing on promoting mental health and wellbeing in patients seen by community pharmacists and a free one-day [Masterclass](#), covering core skills in psychiatric assessment and management, referral pathways and updates on latest evidence-based treatments. Both courses are available to be booked now by community pharmacists in London, Surrey, Sussex and Kent. Please refer to the flyers for further information.

Nutricia range supply issues – Guidance from NHS Surrey Heartlands.

Nutricia continue to experience stock shortages of various products within their ranges of oral nutritional supplements and enteral feeds. Some metabolic and ketogenic products are also affected. Information on the current product shortages can be found [here](#).

For oral nutritional supplements, the alternative product recommended by Nutricia are from their own product portfolio and aren't in line with our local preferred products. NHS Surrey Heartlands local resources can be accessed [here](#), including preferred products and information resources to download or print. Please encourage patients to speak to the dietitian or clinician who initiate the oral nutritional supplement if they have any queries or concerns. For all enteral feeding or metabolic product queries please encourage patients to discuss alternatives with their dietitian.

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