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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

CPSS Vacancy, are you our new Service Development & Support Lead?

Job Description

Job Title: Service Development & Support Lead
Accountable to: Chief Executive Officer
Responsible to: LPC Committees
Location: Working across Surrey & Sussex
Working Hours: Full or part time considered

Community Pharmacy Surrey & Sussex (CPSS) have an exciting new vacancy for a new Service Development & Support Lead (SDSL) following the promotion of our previous SDSL, Marie Hockley who is now our Deputy Chief Officer.

Are you looking for a new role helping to support all our 510 contractors to get the best possible services for their pharmacies? CPSS are now looking for an SDSL to optimise service development by forming key stakeholder relationships and to maximise service delivery through the provision of support to contractors across

Surrey and Sussex. For further information on the role click [here](#).

How to Apply

Apply by sending your CV and a short covering letter of no more than 500 words. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for interview, scheduled to take place week commencing 7th November 2022.

Applications should be returned by 5pm on 2nd November to:

Michaela Cassar

Business Administrator

Community Pharmacy Surrey & Sussex

Email michaelacassar@communitypharmacyss.co.uk

For an informal confidential discussion, please contact the CEO Julia Powell or the previous post holder, now the Deputy Chief Officer Marie Hockley on 01372 417726 or by email

to: juliapowell@communitypharmacyss.co.uk or mariehockley@communitypharmacyss.co.uk.

Local Services

NHS Surrey Heartlands – new c diff service

A new service is being commissioned by NHS Surrey Heartlands to stock medication for c. difficile infections, this includes two forms of fidaxomicin and two forms of vancomycin. If your pharmacy is interested in providing this service, please contact lpc@communitypharmacyss.co.uk to request a copy of the service specification. The EOI on page 6 of the service specification needs to be completed and returned back to CPSS by **5pm on the 25th of October 2022**. Pharmacies will then be contacted by the 27th of October with the outcome of their Expression of Interest.

Flu Locally Commissioned Service for Surrey County Council employees

A reminder to contractors who submitted an expression of interest in providing the service. Please ensure you return your signed agreement back to hrcontracts@surreycc.gov.uk and luke.mileham@surreycc.gov.uk as soon as possible.

Sexual Health Services update

Surrey County Council Public Health Team went through a procurement to refresh the sexual health services across Surrey. Central and North West London Foundation Trust (CNWL) was the successful bidder to continue the service delivery.

- Many clinical services remain the same across 3 main clinics and 5 spokes [Sexual Health \(STI\) Clinics for London and Surrey | CNWL Sexual Health Services](#)
- The CNWL outreach training offer is expanding
- They are developing a clinical network to bring together professionals across the system to share best practice
- Improvement to outreach offer
 - Online provision - Online contraception 18yrs +
 - Online STI testing 16yrs +

CNWL are keen to work more closely with community pharmacies. If you would like the opportunity to discuss this, please contact kate.crockatt@surreycc.gov.uk.

Surrey County Council Public health Team is currently carrying out pharmacy visits to distribute promotional material and support the sexual health services we commission.

- Free EHC has been expanded to be available for over 25yrs at the pharmacist discretion
- Chlamydia screening programme offer must now include testing AND treatment
- The condom distribution scheme is being piloting in some pharmacies as distribution points.

Public Health thanks, appreciate and value all the hard work and support that is provided. If you need further support or have any feedback or ideas, please do not hesitate to contact kate.crockatt@surreycc.gov.uk.

Training

Sexual Health Services training webinars

Surrey sexual health training webinars available for pharmacies providing C cards, EHC and Chlamydia / Gonorrhoea Testing. Please choose from one of the following dates:

Wednesday 16th November 19.00 - 21.00 [here](#).

Wednesday 7th December 19.00 - 21.00 [here](#).

Friday 10th February 19.00 - 21.00 [here](#).

Friday 17th March 19.00 - 21.00 [here](#).

PQS

To support contractors with PQS PSNC has launched a workbook that can be used to record activity and provides examples of suggested evidence that contractors can use to confirm you have the necessary evidence ready to make the PQS declaration. The workbook can be downloaded [here](#).

In order to meet the gateway criteria contractors will need to have completed a minimum of 20 NMS between 1st April 2022 and end of 31st March 2023. More information on providing the NMS service can be found [here](#).

Antibiotic Formularies

To support the prevention domain the antibiotic formularies across Surrey and Sussex can be found on the following links:

- For Surrey Heartlands Pharmacies, information [here](#).
- For Frimley Pharmacies, information [here](#).
- For Coastal West Sussex Pharmacies, information [here](#).
- For Crawley, Horsham and Mid Sussex Pharmacies, information [here](#).
- For Brighton and Hove and High Weald Lewes and Havens pharmacies, information [here](#).

- For Eastbourne, Hailsham and Seaford and Hastings and Rother pharmacies areas, information [here](#).

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

Additionally you might be interested in.....

Royal Society for Public Health – Preventing and reducing violence in community pharmacy

The Royal Society for Public Health is working with NHS England to ask staff working across healthcare settings in Sussex, for their views in relation to preventing and reducing violence. This will help to design a new national training offer, which will be rolled out during 2023.

They would really appreciate if colleagues working in **any community pharmacy or healthcare setting in Sussex**, would consider taking five minutes to complete their [short survey](#), which will help them to better understand:

- Your experiences around violence and aggression in the workplace
- The support that you would like to see in place to prevent and reduce violence and aggression in your organisation
- Your views around any training that would help you to feel more confident in preventing and reducing violence and aggression

If you have any questions or would like to find out more about this work, please contact Aaron Mansfield (AMansfield@rsph.org.uk), Education Manager at the Royal Society for Public Health.

Highlighting the dangers associated with using Paraben based skin creams

There have been a number of concerns related to smoking and skin creams in the last 10 years and certain skin conditions such as eczema, pyrosis etc. can lead to risk of fire if people use the creams regularly and do not change their beddings, clothes etc. and wash them at a high temperature, then the paraffin residue can soak into the fabric, making it flammable. More information can be found [here](#).

- Advise patients that if you use creams such as E45, Epaderm cream etc. to be careful around candles
- Patients should be washing bedding at least 60 degrees as well as clothing
- The fire service can offer fire retardant bedding – includes sheets, pillows, duvets and fire-retardant lap blankets
- Make people aware of the benefits of stopping smoking if they do use these paraffin-based skin creams - offer advice around this, open days, public events to link in with stopping smoking, display with the creams that can help etc.

Brighton and Hove - National recycling week, can your pharmacy help?

NHS Sussex would like to share the poster [here](#) with community pharmacies within the Brighton and Hove area. It describes details of a very worthwhile initiative (run by BHCC and NHS Sussex) that is happening during National Recycling Week (17-23 October) where locations across Brighton and Hove will be taking unwanted walking aids (crutches, sticks, frames) to be cleaned up and recycled or reused. They would greatly appreciate the help of community pharmacists to spread awareness by putting this poster on a window or wall.

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