

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

CPD Peer Review Event

As the planned Pharmacy Event on the 18th of September has been postponed, CPSS will be running an evening online event to support registered professionals to complete their GPhC Peer Review discussion.

The meeting will allow pharmacists and technicians to break out into smaller groups to enable discussion to fulfil the requirement.

If you would like to attend the meeting 7.30pm to 8.15pm on **Monday 17th of October**, please sign up [here](#).

NMS Quarterly Reports

NHS England has confirmed, in its [primary care bulletin](#), that community pharmacy contractors are **not** required to submit their completed New Medicine Service (NMS) quarterly summary data to the NHS Business Services Authority for July to September 2022 (Quarter 2), as this requirement has been postponed again. PSNC is pressing NHS England for a review of this data requirement and for early confirmation for contractors on a decision regarding reporting for quarters 3 and 4 in 2022/23.

Change of Pharmacy Supplementary Opening hours

For a pharmacy to change their supplementary opening hours the following amendments to the NHS requirements are now in place from the 1st of October:

- If a contractor wants to increase supplementary hours at the pharmacy this can be done with no notice – but notification of the change must be given to NHSE.
- If a contractor wants to decrease supplementary hours at the pharmacy, 5 weeks' notice must be given.

These replace the previous 90 days' notice requirement.

Local services

Surrey and Sussex Services Commissioning and Claiming

The booklet covers information on all the locally commissioned services across Surrey and Sussex and has been produced by Marie Hockley, CPSS Services Development and Support Lead.

To download a printable copy of the CPSS information booklet on Surrey and Sussex Services Commissioned & Claiming Information booklet click [here](#).

Training

East Sussex Stop Smoking Locally Commissioned Service Stoptober webinar

If you missed the Stoptober training, the 20min session can be viewed on demand [Stoptober webinar 2022 - YouTube](#).

**Surrey NHS Healthcheck network meeting via Teams on the 3rd of November
12:30-13:30.**

Please join Emma Jones Public Health Lead at this informal meeting to share best practice with colleagues and highlight any pressing issues. To book a place please email Emma.R.Jones@surreycc.gov.uk.

Newsletters

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

Additionally you might be interested in.....

Novo Nordisk PenCycle recycling scheme

Novo Nordisk have launched their [PenCycle recycling scheme](#) to reduce plastic devices entering UK landfills by up to 1.1 million in the next year. To help with this cause community pharmacies can [sign-up](#) and participate in this initiative to recycle empty pens, used for diabetes and weight management, in partnership with Novo Nordisk and other partners. This scheme is completely free and all materials will be provided for you free of charge by Alliance Healthcare. This scheme will help to reduce waste and support the sustainability agenda of community pharmacy. For more information click [here](#).

Metolazone tablets – Caution needed when dispensing

Metolazone 2.5 mg tablets are only available as an unlicensed product for any prescriptions requesting 2.5mg tablets. However, for the metolazone 5mg strength there is now a new licensed product available called Xaqua – if a prescription has been written generically for the 5mg strength please check with the prescriber which product is required as the new licensed product has a bioavailability twice that of the unlicensed medication, Zaroxoyln. A dose change may be needed when changing from the unlicensed product to the new licensed product. If the unlicensed product is required a new prescription by Brand name would need to be generated. Further information is available from the Specialist Pharmacy Service [here](#).

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