

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

Have you completed the mandatory community pharmacy workforce survey?

Community pharmacy contractors are reminded of the **mandatory requirement** to complete the 2022 Community Pharmacy Workforce Survey, managed by Health Education England (HEE), by 30th November 2022.

The NHS Business Services Authority sent an email to contractors on 6th October 2022 containing a link to the survey. In some cases, e.g., Company Chemists' Association member companies and other larger multiple pharmacy groups, head offices will complete the survey centrally. If you are not sure whether the survey will be completed centrally, please ask your head office for guidance. [Find out more about the survey.](#)

Training

Free HEE 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 of these courses are available to be booked now by community pharmacists in London, Surrey, Sussex and Kent.

Please click [here](#) for Mental wellbeing update for Pharmacists Simulation course 1.

Please click [here](#) for Mental health update for Pharmacists Masterclass course 2.

For more information, please contact maudsleylearning@slam.nhs.uk.

Brighton and Hove HLP Locally Commissioned Service face to face training event

Healthy Living Pharmacy – Face To Face Training Session at Hove Town Hall on Tuesday December 13th at 14:00 – 15:30.

In order to support the January, Quit Smoking campaign, this session will be facilitated by some of the Healthy Lifestyles Team. One of the Health Trainers will advise how to best support clients who wish to quit, and our Referral Coordinator will detail what services are available and how to refer into them.

Please confirm your attendance by sending an email to Roisin.Thurstan@brighton-hove.gov.uk.

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.

Surrey Sexual health training event for Locally Commissioned Service

This training session will focus on upskilling colleagues who provide sexual health services in Surrey this includes EHC, Chlamydia screening and treatment and Condom distribution. Please click on your preferred date below to register for the training events.

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

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

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

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

Surrey Discharge Medicines Service Training Webinar

Please book a place to attend the DMS webinar on Tuesday 29th November at 7:30pm-8:30pm. This webinar will take you through the service from discharge to claiming and provide support on how to deliver this essential service. Book your place [here](#).

PQS

Domain 1 – Risk management and safeguarding; Quality criterion: Safeguarding level 3 webinar

The [NHS Safeguarding app](#) is useful to download as it contains a lot of information about safeguarding in general and also about how to make a local referral wherever you are in England.

Newsletters

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

To read the latest edition of the Healthwatch Surrey Insight Bulletin click [here](#).

To read Issue 49 of Hints & Tips for Dispensing Contractors click [here](#).

Additionally you might be interested in.....

HEE Mentoring Survey

HEE London and the South East are calling for those with experience of being a mentor, mentee or developing mentorship models for staff, including but not exclusive to, Trainee Pharmacists, Preregistration Trainee Pharmacy Technicians, Designated Supervisors, Education Leads, Independent Prescribers and Designated Prescribing Practitioners. You are invited to complete this [survey](#) and share your experiences, including details of what has worked well and the advice you would give to others for establishing similar models, so that we can develop case studies of good practice. If you have any questions regarding the mentoring survey or seeking an experienced mentor, please do not hesitate to contact Alice Conway Early Careers Training Programme Director Sussex ICS Alice.Conway@nhs.net.

Questionnaire on: Exploring any barriers and enablers associated with the education, training, and professional development of pharmacy technicians in community pharmacy

HEE South have commissioned a project, led by a pharmacy clinical fellow, to explore any barriers and enablers associated with the education, training, and professional development of pharmacy technicians in community pharmacy.

The project seeks to understand the perspectives of pharmacy technicians in the sector, as well as those of community pharmacy managers who are, or have been, responsible for the employment and training of pharmacy technicians.

Meeting the increased demand for clinical community pharmacy services in the future will rely on the support of well-trained pharmacy teams. Pharmacy technicians, as registered pharmacy professionals, are ideally placed to work alongside community pharmacists and their teams, to assist in the delivery of these plans and services. HEE are keen to understand any barriers and enablers to growing this workforce in community pharmacy, to support and inform work with the sector in this area.

The questionnaire can be found [here](#) and was launched at The Pharmacy show on 17th October 2022 **and will close on the evening of Friday 11th November**. All

responses will be fully anonymised, and any themes identified will be generic across regions.

AHSN 2nd Sussex Polypharmacy Community of Practice

Please see below an invitation to the 2nd Sussex Polypharmacy Community of Practice on **29th November 12:00-13:00**. Some of you will have attended the first event and are aware of the programme but for those who are not The National Academic Health Science Network (AHSN) is working on a new national programme on **Polypharmacy: Getting the Balance Right**. The AHSN Polypharmacy Programme is helping primary care colleagues tackle potential harm from multiple medications through improved use of data, education and training, and public behaviour change. The AHSN are supporting the education and training by setting up a Community of Practice.

Why not join this time, the Community of Practice is an open invitation to all colleagues to learn from each other.

Register via the Eventbrite link [here](#). The AHSN will follow up your registration with a calendar invite for your diary.

If you would like to find out more about the programme, please contact us on kssahsn.medsops@nhs.net or visit [Polypharmacy Programme: getting the balance right -](#)

[AHSN Network.](#)

KSS AHSN and NHS Sussex Polypharmacy Community of Practice

The AHSN Network

Polypharmacy: 
getting the balance right



The AHSN Polypharmacy Programme is supporting our region's health systems and primary care to identify patients at potential risk of harm due to multiple medications and encourage better conversations about medicines.

If you are a Sussex GP, pharmacist, geriatrician, nurse, AHP patient or patient rep with an interest in tackling polypharmacy then join colleagues online at our 2nd Community of Practice on 29th November 12:00-13:00 to share learning and support one another

Register via the Eventbrite link [here](#)

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CVD education opportunities, please see links for free educational material for hypertension.

The Hypertension educational material produced by Dr Michael Jackson, Lead Pharmacist for Cardiology and Anticoagulation are **FREE** and can be used by and the links shared with anyone. The material is created to be beneficial to pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, nurses and doctors.

<https://learning.holisticservice.co.uk/hypertension-for-pharmacy-prescribers-module-1>
[Hypertension for Pharmacy Prescribers](#)

This course is designed to supplement mentorship provided to Pharmacists and Pharmacy technicians working in primary care with hypertension. The course is split into THREE MODULES (also referred to as levels) each becoming more advanced and engaging. It is recommended that you commence with level 1 and follow the modules in sequence.

The second lecture explores the psychology of medication-taking behaviours in hypertension. <https://learning.holisticservice.co.uk/how-to-improve-adherence-to-blood-pressure-medicines>

[How to improve adherence to blood pressure medicines: TOP TIPS](#)

Shockingly around 50% of your patients are taking their medicines correctly. This presentation focusses on medication-taking-behaviours in those using hypertensive medicines. This video follows Patrick who at first glance is a respectable solicitor. Find out if Patrick is adherent to his medicines. At the end of the video are some important interventions to put into practice in ALL patients.

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