

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 Vision: First chance to share views

PSNC has launched an open consultation to hear from contractors, LPCs and others about their views on the future of the sector. The consultation – which takes the form of an online survey – is the first opportunity within PSNC's vision project for individuals and organisations to share their thoughts with Nuffield Trust and The King's Fund.

The survey is happening in addition to an extensive programme of research, interviews and initial meetings of the vision Steering Group, Advisory Panel, and Working Groups, all of which have contractors, LPCs and other representatives of the sector at their heart. The short survey will be open for a month, closing at 11.59pm on Friday 9th December 2022. [Learn more about the consultation.](#)

What would you like raised at the November LPC meetings?

If you have a topic or issue that you would like to be raised at the November LPC meetings click [here](#) to submit your question.

Community Pharmacy Workforce Survey – Reminder

As you are aware the survey is due to end on **30 November 2022**. Thank you to

those who have already completed the survey and if you are yet to complete the survey, please could you ensure it is submitted by the deadline. The link to the survey was sent to the pharmacy shared e-mail address. from the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) to complete the survey online, with the first email having been sent on 6th October 2022. The email will contain further information on the process and a link to the online survey.

Note if you are part of a multiple group – this maybe completed centrally check with your Head Office.

Mandatory Valproate Audit

NHS England has published the national audit 2022/23 paperwork on their website. The audit is on valproate, with the aim of reducing the potential harm caused by taking valproate during pregnancy. PSNC have published a news story about this on their website [here](#).

Local Services

Take Home Naloxone Services - Alert

Some batches of Prenoxad have been reported as liable to include some kits that contain only one or no needle (the usual is two). The number of kits affected is thought to be very small, and it is easy to check whether kits contain needles, but the consequences of only discovering that needles are missing at the point of need in the event of an overdose could be fatal. Kits in these batches that have been issued should be replaced unless users are able to reassure themselves that needles are in the kit, using the instructions in the alert. The alert can be found [here](#).

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

Additionally you might be interested in.....

The AHSN Polypharmacy Programme Webinar

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.

Sussex ICB Event 29th November 12:00-13:00

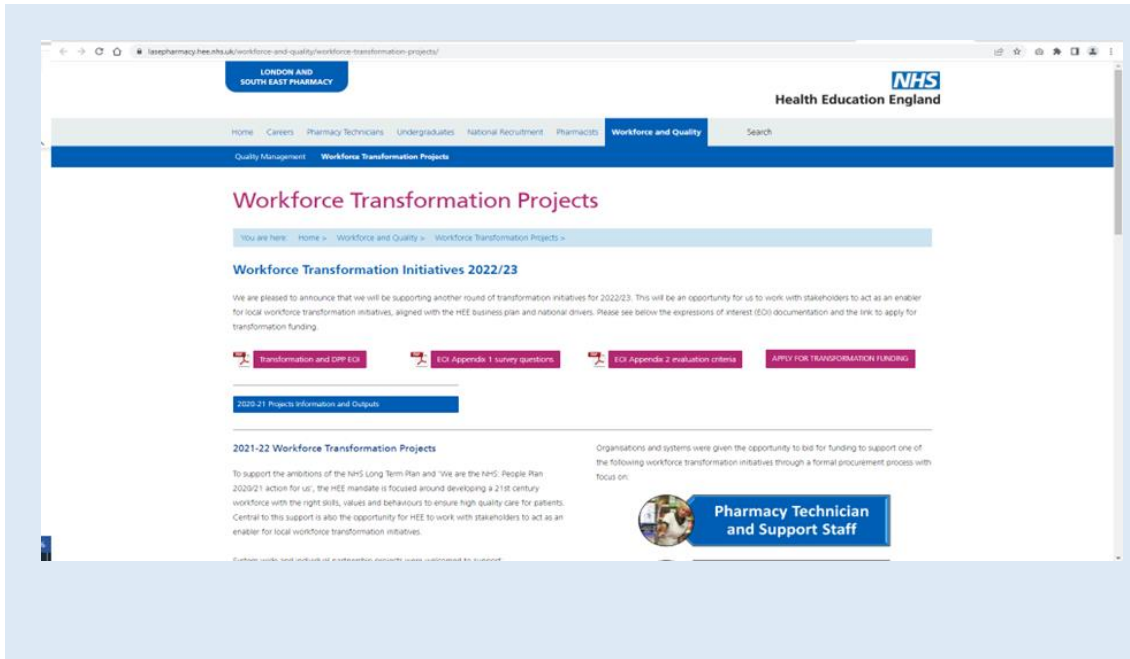
If you are a Sussex GP, pharmacist, geriatrician, nurse, AHP patient or patient rep with an interest in tackling polypharmacy then join colleagues online at the 2nd Community of Practice on 29th November 12:00-13:00 to share learning and support one another. For more information and to sign up click [here](#).

Frimley ICB Registration

To join the Frimley ICS Polypharmacy Community of Practice and to be informed of future events, please sign up via the registration page found [here](#).

HEE Workforce Transformation Funding

HEE London and Southeast Pharmacy team will be supporting another round of transformation initiatives for 2022/23. For more information about the Expression of Interest as well as how organisations may bid for support, please refer to the [HEE LaSE webpage by 11:59pm Friday 9th December](#). Any queries regarding the transformation initiatives, please do not hesitate to contact the team by emailing lasepharmacy@hee.nhs.uk.



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