

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

6 days to complete mandatory workforce survey

Contractors are reminded that they must complete the 2022 Community Pharmacy Workforce Survey by **Wednesday 30th November**. Completion of the survey is a **mandatory requirement** for all contractors.

Workforce challenges are being particularly acutely felt within community pharmacy and this survey will provide important information for the sector, helping make sure that the Government and NHS has access to high quality data for use in workforce planning. Find out more about the survey.

Local Services

Surrey Locally Commissioned Service Sexual Health needs assessment survey

Please complete the 10-minute survey which has been sent by Public Health, Surrey County Council. Public Health is supporting the integrated sexual health and HIV service in developing its sexual health training offer and want to hear from practitioners across Surrey about sexual health training needs or what the workforce development needs are.

The survey will help to enable a tailored support package. All survey information will be treated in confidence and needs to be submitted by Tuesday 3 January 2023.

Access and complete the survey.

Training

Surrey Sexual Health Locally Commissioned Service Training event

Please book onto one of the below training sessions to support delivery of the sexual health service across Surrey. It is a requirement of the condom distribution and chlamydia service to attend a training session. Further dates will also be scheduled for later in 2023.

7 December from 7pm

10 February from 7pm

17 March from 7pm

PQS

Palliative Care and End of Life Care action plan

An e-mail is being sent to all pharmacy contractors shared NHS email address this week from CPSS, detailing information to support with the completion of the palliative care action plan.

If you would like this information sent to any other e-mail address just e-mail lpc@communitypharmacy.co.uk and this will be sent on to you.

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To read the latest edition of the NHSE primary care bulletin click here.

Additionally you might be interested in.....

South East Coast Ambulance Service Health Professionals Feedback form

Bath University Research Survey on views of community pharmacists and the impact of Covid

Final year pharmacy students from the University of Bath, supervised by Dr Philip Rogers (p.j.rogers@bath.ac.uk) are currently carrying out their final year research project to explore how different key stakeholders perceive community pharmacists. This involves investigating views on community pharmacists' professionalism, responsibilities and whether COVID-19 had an impact on it.

It is important for them to get responses from community pharmacists, to see what their current perspective on the profession may be.

If you could support and complete the questionnaire which will remain open until the end of the month (30/11/22). You can find the link to the questionnaire here.

PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis) awareness week 28th November to 4th December, this is our best weapon against HIV!

PrEP awareness week is a time to encourage people to consider their risk of HIV, help them to learn about PrEP and find their local service so they can start benefiting from PrEP.

PrEP is a medication taken by people who are HIV-negative to stop them contracting HIV. It is up to 99% effective when taken correctly. PrEP works by stopping the HIV virus from entering the cells in the body that it uses to reproduce itself. In this way, if someone is taking PrEP correctly and they are exposed to HIV, it can't become established in the body, and they would remain negative.

From 28th November to 4th December, its PrEP Awareness Week, so it's a great time to check out the <u>Quick Guide to PreP</u>. Find out more <u>here</u>.

East Sussex COPD Booklet for patient signposting

NHS Sussex have produced a COPD Booklet which can be used as a patient resource for signposting and supporting patients to manage their conditions. If you would like to download the booklet please click here or to order paper copies to hand out to patients, please email tracey.strudwick@eastsussex.gov.uk.

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