



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

**Urgent Reminder - NHSE CPAF long version – deadline 4<sup>th</sup> of December**  
Around 50 pharmacies across CPSS received the long version of the CPAF to complete. The e-mail was sent to the pharmacies shared NHS email address. Please remember that this needs to be submitted by Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> of December.

From those submissions a short-list of pharmacies who will receive a follow-up visit will be selected. If you do not submit by the deadline the pharmacy will be chosen for a visit.

### **Reminder 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](#).

## Newsletters

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

To read the latest edition of Medicines safety Matters click [here](#).

## Additionally you might be interested in.....

### **[Funding grants available for green initiatives – local pharmacies across CPSS have already applied and been successful in obtaining funding](#)**

If you're a GP or independent pharmacy, LoCASE can help you cut your energy costs, get greener and future ready. LoCASE offers grants from £1,000 and up to £20,000, covering 40% of eligible costs, to implement energy efficiency measures such as upgrade to LED lighting, insulation, installing air source heat pump or solar panels, changing equipment like fridges to more efficient models, upgrading to a second-hand electric vehicle for deliveries and more. Register at [locase.co.uk](https://locase.co.uk)

We run sessions online on How to apply to LoCASE, you can book at [LoCASE programme manager, Greener Futures, Surrey County Council Events | Eventbrite](#)

LoCASE also offers access to free courses; giving you the tools and means to build a more sustainable business. Find out more at

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/businessgreencourses>

To read more click on the leaflet [here](#), for more information on the net zero presentation click [here](#), and for more information on how to apply click [here](#).

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### **Reminder: 9<sup>th</sup> Dec Deadline for Workforce Transformation Initiatives 2022/23**

HEE London and South East (LaSE) Pharmacy team will be supporting another

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round of transformation funding 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: [Workforce Transformation Projects \(hee.nhs.uk\)](#) and complete the submission form by **Midnight Friday 9th December**.

Any queries regarding the transformation initiatives, please do not hesitate to contact the team by emailing [lasepharmacy@hee.nhs.uk](mailto:lasepharmacy@hee.nhs.uk).

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### **Sussex Integrated Trainee Pharmacist Programme**

The Sussex Integrated Trainee Pharmacist Programme is a programme of virtual, monthly training events for trainee pharmacists working within primary and secondary care in Sussex and parts of Surrey. This is applicable for those undertaking a short duration placement or a split-sector programme in another sector. The programme aims to promote a culture of multi-sectoral working, supporting the safe transfer of medicines across primary and secondary care, improving patient safety, and being aware of the role of pharmacy in other sectors. The programme has incorporated the Sussex Medicines Optimisation priorities which are:

- Dependence forming medicines (DFM)
- Antimicrobial stewardship (AMS)
- Lipid management in Diabetes for secondary prevention of cardiovascular disease (CVD)
- Low value medicines – self-care prescribing (LVM)

Further details of the 2022-23 programme can be found on [Pharmacy trainees - Sussex Training Hub](#) including the **session organiser contact details**, pre-work, booking details and timetable.

#### **Collaborators of the design and delivery of the programme include:**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust , Health Education England London and the South East, Kamsons Pharmacy, Paydens Pharmacy, Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust and University Hospital Sussex NHS Foundation Trust.

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### **Lamotrigine Availability – obtaining stock direct from Jansen**

The epilepsy society has details on how to about obtain stocks directly from Jansen when there is a shortage issue: [Medication updates | Epilepsy Society](#).

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### **Sussex infant formula prescribing guidance.**

NHS Sussex are pleased to share with you the updated specialist infant formula prescribing guidance. This [guidance](#) has been agreed for use across NHS Sussex, and is available on the Brighton & Hove, Crawley, Horsham and Mid Sussex, Coastal West Sussex, and East Sussex formularies.

The update aims to:

- Provide more advice to help support continued breastfeeding
- Give easy access to information and resources about Infant Feeding and Specialist Infant Formula
- Help ensure guidance and care is consistent across the whole of Sussex

There are three documents available:

1. [Guidance for prescribing specialist infant formula for cow's milk allergy](#)
2. [Guidance for prescribing high energy formula for faltering growth and pre-term formula](#)
3. [Guidance for specialist infant formula and thickening powder available to purchase OTC](#)

As well as additional resources to help with the management of cow's milk allergy in infants.

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### **Surrey County Council Directory of Support – helpful signposting information**

Earlier this month, the Surrey County Council Directory of Support was sent to Surrey households. We know that people all across Surrey are feeling the impact of the Cost of Living crisis. The Directory of Support is designed to help, by pulling together all the financial and welfare advice on offer in the county.

The [Cost of Living Directory of Support](#) is also available online.

In addition, [alternative versions of the Cost of Living Directory of Support](#) (Screen Reader Accessible, Large Print and Easy Read) are available online as well.

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However, if you require a hard copy of the alternative formats or require the document in another language, please contact us as follows:

**Telephone:** 0300 200 1008

**SMS:** 07860 053 465 (for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community)

Relay UK: 18001 0300 200 1008

**British Sign Language:** via [SignLive Video Relay Service](#)

**Email:** [contactcentre@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:contactcentre@surreycc.gov.uk)

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### **Pharmacy Leaders Development Programme**

Please see attached a letter [here](#) about the Chief Pharmaceutical Officer's Pharmacy Leaders Development Programme: [CPhO's pharmacy leaders development programme : CPPE](#).

Applications close on Monday 12 December. Potential applicants are invited to register for a webinar where they will have the opportunity to ask questions about the programme. This will be held at 11.00-12.00 on Monday 5 December: [CPhO Pharmacy Leaders Development Programme webinar | NHS England Events](#).

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