

[Happy New Year from your CPSS team](#)

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

Resources to support influencing MP's

PSNC and CPSS are deeply aware of the crisis affecting the community pharmacy sector and the funding and operational pressures on contractors.

To support this work, PSNC has developed a range of resources to support contractors to influence MPs and other key political targets in line with our national messages. These include briefings to explain the current situation and guidance on writing to MPs and hosting MP visits. The resources align with our national priorities and messaging.

In addition, to the work that CPSS is doing, PSNC and CPSS is encouraging pharmacy contractors to write to their MPs outlining the severity of the funding pressures the sector is now facing and the impact it will have on patients if it continues.

PSNC Chief Executive Janet Morrison said: *"It is unacceptable for the costs and capacity pressures on the sector to continue – what's not good for pharmacies is not good for patients or the wider NHS. The Government needs to hear this message*

loud and clear – if the squeeze continues the consequences will be dire.”

This is a live page, and PSNC will follow up with further resources over the coming weeks and months. [Resources to support local influencing work - PSNC Website.](#)

Top tips to claim for and reconcile SSP payments

PSNC has been working with NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) to understand if claims for Serious Shortage Protocols (SSPs) are being submitted correctly. PSNC understands that a large number SSP claims continue to be deemed invalid by the NHSBSA due to incorrect endorsements applied by PMR systems and/or pharmacy staff.

PSNC has therefore created a guidance article to explain the common reasons for these incorrect/invalid SSP claims and provide top tips on how to endorse and declare SSP claims correctly. [View SSP claim top tips.](#)

Newsletters

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

To read the latest edition of the Surrey Heartlands Medicines Management matters click [here](#).

Additionally you might be interested in.....

Demystifying the role of a Pharmacist Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP) webinar.

HEE are hosting this webinar on the **9th of January** 2023 at 13:00-14:00. For more information click [here](#) and to register for the event click [here](#).

Funded NHS Leadership Programmes for Pharmacy Technicians 2023 – HEE Winter Training Offer Now Live

In line with The Pharmacy Technician and Pharmacy Support Staff Workforce Development Strategy, work is underway to make sure that the current workforce of pharmacy technicians benefits from increased post-registration opportunities to develop their leadership skills.

Recognising the need for a cohort of senior pharmacy technician leaders and the contribution they make to patients and health care systems, working with the NHS Leadership Academy, Health Education England (HEE) are funding leadership training offers for pharmacy technicians on the Mary Seacole and Rosalind Franklin programmes.

Such training will enable the pharmacy technician workforce in all sectors across England to develop their leadership skills whether they are in their first leadership role or in a mid-level leadership role.

Health Education England and the NHS Leadership Academy are pleased to announce that applications for the Mary Seacole and Rosalind Franklin programmes starting from February 2023 are now open.

55 places on the Mary Seacole programme and 12 places on the Rosalind Franklin programme will be available to pharmacy technicians who meet the required eligibility criteria:

1. GPhC registered pharmacy technician working in any sector in England
 2. At least two years post qualification
 3. Mary Seacole - first time leader in health and care in a 'formal' position of leadership with responsibilities for people and services. This may include the following, as an example:
 - Line managing staff
 - Supervising trainees
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- Day to day management of the dispensary, pharmacy, or your area of work, including allocating work and / or co-ordinating rotas
 - Problem solving / managing complaints
 - Managing projects

 - Liaising with different healthcare professionals
 - Initiating or contributing to change in the workplace
4. Rosalind Franklin - mid-level leader aspiring to lead large and complex programmes, departments, services, or systems.

Eligible pharmacy technicians will also need to demonstrate (as a minimum):

- The support of their line manager (evidence required)
- Availability to attend the mandatory study days
- Evidence that you meet the eligibility criteria

- Commitment to use the leadership skills within your area of competence and expertise, for the delivery of NHS services as they emerge.

Funding

Leadership training on both courses is available to pharmacy technicians who meet the eligibility criteria. The Mary Seacole places are fully funded by Health Education England and the Rosalind Franklin are fully funded in partnership with the NHS Leadership Academy.

Further information

Please visit the [HEE website](#) to find out more about this exciting new offer.

For any further enquiries, please contact

clinicalleadership@leadershipacademy.nhs.uk.

Frimley ICB Polypharmacy Community of Practice (CoP) - Confirmed Date for next session: 8th February 2023

The next Frimley ICB Polypharmacy Community of Practice session will be held on

Wednesday 8th February 19:00-20:00 virtually via Zoom or Teams.

It will focus on **the impact of polypharmacy from a community pharmacy perspective**. The session will be joined by Julia Powell, Chief Executive Officer, Community Pharmacy Surrey & Sussex, Deborah Crockford, Chief Officer, Community Pharmacy South Central and David Dean, Chief Executive Officer, Thames Valley Local Pharmaceutical Committee.

The agenda and joining instructions will be circulated closer to the time. In the meantime, please HOLD this date and time in your calendar till a link to the meeting is circulated.

If you would like to invite a colleague of yours to become a member of the Frimley ICB Polypharmacy Community of Practice and to receive notifications of future sessions, please forward this [flyer](#) and this [link to register](#) their interest.

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