

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

### Special General Meeting

The three LPC's across Surrey and Sussex have reviewed the RSG recommendations and voting papers have been sent out based on the recommendations to all pharmacy contractors. We would encourage all pharmacy contractors to review the recommendations on the structure and new model constitution for the individual LPC's.

The Special General Meetings will be held on the following dates:

Surrey LPC – online at 7.30pm on 6<sup>th</sup> February

East Sussex LPC – online at 7.30pm on 9<sup>th</sup> February

West Sussex LPC – online at 7.00pm on 7<sup>th</sup> February

For further details on the meetings please see the individual email sent to pharmacy contractors or contact us at [lpc@communitypharmacys.co.uk](mailto:lpc@communitypharmacys.co.uk).

### Sussex Palliative Care Payments

There has been a payment issue with the Sussex Palliative Care service, where some contractors have not received reimbursement of up to £1850 in outstanding payments from the commissioner, dating back as far as 2020/2021.

We would sincerely like to thank all those Sussex contractors who have continued delivering the Palliative Care service in good faith for the benefit of our communities and for your patience whilst we investigated and tried to resolve the situation.

Our Deputy Chief Officer Marie has worked very hard over the last 6 months to identify and recover all monies owed to contractors, and we are pleased to report that Sussex ICB have now paid out a total of £48,100 with a further £59,200 in progress to be paid in the next couple of weeks directly to those pharmacies who were affected.

A fantastic result for our pharmacy teams and a big thanks and well done to Marie!

## Training

### **CPPE Optimising Inhaler Technique: Improving Patient Outcomes**

CPPE are hosting a face-to-face Optimising inhaler technique event on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2023 7-9pm at the West Hove Golf Club. To book your place click [here](#). There will be a light buffet served from 6.30pm.

### **Locally Commissioned sexual health service Surrey: Free online training for pharmacy staff**

This training provides an overview of Sexually Transmitted Infections, delivering EHC, Chlamydia and Gonorrhoea testing and the Condom Distribution scheme in Surrey which meets the requirements of the Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS).

#### **Objectives**

- Provides an overview of Sexually Transmitted Infections
- A clear understanding of the requirements of providing EHC, chlamydia and gonorrhoea testing and the Condom Distribution Scheme
- To enable Pharmacists to provide the service under the Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS)

Please book a place on one of the available training dates:

[10 February from 7pm](#)

[17 March from 7pm](#)

## PQS

### **NMS gateway criterion**

NHSBSA has uploaded a new spreadsheet [here](#) showing which contractors have met the NMS gateway criterion; this shows data from between April and October (you need to scroll down to the New Medicine Service (NMS) gateway criterion' section to view this).

## Newsletters

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

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

### **Funded NHS leadership programmes for pharmacy technicians 2023**

The deadline to apply for the NHS Mary Seacole and Rosalind Franklin programmes is extended to midnight on **Tuesday 17th January 2023**.

Programmes start from February 2023, with 55 places on the Mary Seacole programme and 12 places on the Rosalind Franklin programme available for eligible pharmacy technicians.

Find out more on the [HEE website](#).

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