

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

Sussex translation and interpretation services for Community Pharmacies

All Sussex GP practices, and Community Pharmacies can now access the same high-quality interpreting and translation services using the same process.

The following is available, please visit the NHS Sussex Intranet page to access the support if required:

- Face to face interpreting services.
- Telephone and remote interpreting.
- Face-to-face and remote / video British Sign Language.
- Lip reading and non-spoken interpreting services for people with sensory needs.
- Translation, transcription and ancillary services.

Information can be found here - [Translation and interpreting - NHS Sussex \(ics.nhs.uk\)](#).

You can sign up to access the NHS Intranet as a pharmacy colleague.

If you face any challenges or barriers when accessing these services, please email sxib.involvement@nhs.net FAO Antonia Bennett.

Local Services

Brighton and Hove Public Health Locally Commissioned Services

Due to new commissioning requirements, BHCC are changing the way they commission the Brighton & Hove city Council Public Health Locally Commissioned Services. The current contracts expire on 31st March 2023.

BHCC are looking to offer contracts for delivery of services (reminder list below) for 3 years + 3 years + 3 years. The longer period is intended to support pharmacies to embed and develop good quality delivery of these services. To enable this, BHCC have published a Prior Information Notice (PIN) and sent an email to all Community Pharmacies in Brighton & Hove from the Procurement Team.

At this early stage you can express interest in the services simply by responding to the email sent to the pharmacy to indicate that you would like to offer locally commissioned services. The email needs to be sent to Procurement@brighton-hove.gov.uk **before the Monday 13th February 2023.**

The updated Service Specifications will be shared with you after the 13th February, and that is when you will be able to select the service/s you wish to provide. The service specifications will include updates on guidance, good practice, clinical and contextual changes and updates on pricing. Contracts will start 1st April 2023 and will be shared at least one month in advance of the start date.

The PharmOutcomes system will continue to facilitate the payments, and as requested by the LPC this **will move from quarterly to monthly payments from 1st of April 2023.**

The focus for these BHCC Public Health services is on developing quality services for reducing health inequalities and improving health outcomes in the city and encourage pharmacies to work with their PCNs and GP practices, to consider how best to deliver these LCSs across their PCN, to play to the strengths of the workforces, and consider the needs of their local communities.

Expressing an interest does not commit your organisation to providing the Services, however, if you do not express an interest by 12:00pm on Monday 13th February 2023, the Council will not be able to continue commissioning these Services from your organisation and your Contract will not be renewed.

The Public Health Locally Commissioned Services that can be delivered in Community Pharmacies are:

- Community pharmacy stop smoking service which covers the generic adult smoking cessation service plus the following
 - Young Persons Stop Smoking Service
 - Nicotine Replacement Therapy Voucher Scheme
 - Provision of Varenicline on Patient Group Direction
 - Domiciliary
- Sexual Health and Contraceptive Service; emergency hormonal contraception plus advice, C-Card condoms plus, chlamydia tests, and as an additional optional service chlamydia treatment.
- Healthy Living Pharmacy Level 2 service to improve uptake and access of health improvement services and advice, health campaigns.

If you need further information or have not received the e-mail to respond to please contact us at lpc@communitypharmacys.co.uk.

Training

Surrey Heartlands Community of Practice 28th February 2023 12:00-13:00

Some of you may be aware of the first event and of the programme but for those who are not the National Academic Health Science Network (AHSN) is working on a national programme on **Polypharmacy: Getting the Balance Right**. The AHSN Polypharmacy Programme is helping primary care colleagues tackle potential harm from multiple medications through improved use of data, education and training, and public behaviour change. They are supporting the education and training by setting up a Community of Practice.

The AHSN was pleased to welcome people from a wide range of disciplines across the sector, GP's, pharmacists, geriatricians and many more to our first event and began to explore the challenges around the subject. Why not join us this time, where some of your local colleagues will be sharing the impact so far of the learning, they have put into practice and presenting posters outlining this.

Register via the Eventbrite link [here](#)

This is an open invitation to all pharmacy colleagues to learn from each other, there is no need to have been at the first event it is open to all colleagues who may also be interested.

If you would like to find out more about the programme [click](#) here or contact us on kssahsn.medsops@nhs.net or visit [Polypharmacy Programme: getting the balance right - AHSN Network](#).

PQS

PQS Declaration Questions

The NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) has published the declaration questions for the 2022/23 Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS). The questions are available in the 'Declaration questions' section on the [NHSBSA PQS hub page](#). The declaration period opens on Monday 6th February and closes at midnight on 3rd March 2023. Contractors are advised to view the declaration questions ahead of making their declaration. [Find out more about making a PQS Declaration](#).

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

Additionally you might be interested in.....

Independent Prescribing Webinar: Expression of Interest for ICB's to join Pathfinder programme

To support independent prescribing in community pharmacy, NHS England are looking to establish 'Pathfinder' sites to identify and test the delivery of independent prescribing across all regions in England.

NHSE are hosting a webinar for community pharmacy contractors and community pharmacists interested in becoming a Pathfinder site to find out more about the programme including the expression of interest process that is being led by Integrated Care Boards.

The webinar will take place on **Wednesday 25th January 2023 from 7pm – 8pm.**

Please register your interest using the following link:

[Independent Prescribing Webinar: Expression of Interest to join Pathfinder programme | NHS England Events](#). If you have any problems please contact england.pharmacyintegration@nhs.net.

Burns Management in Community Pharmacy - Survey by Queen Victoria Hospital

The Queen Victoria Hospital Burns Unit would like to gain an understanding of the level of expertise and degree of management of burns undertaken by pharmacists / pharmacies in the Surrey and Sussex areas. They would appreciate the completion of this survey to enable them to identify areas of improvement and knowledge gaps. Please see the survey link [here](#). Your support in completing this quick survey is appreciated.

Demystifying the role of a Pharmacist Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP) Webinar January 23rd 19:30-20:30

HEE Pharmacy London and South East would like to invite all pharmacists across the region to a repeat of the introductory webinar on becoming a DPP.

Please register to attend the event [here](#).

Please note this is a repeat of the London and South East webinar held on January 9th 2023.

The webinar will:

- provide attendees with a brief overview of the initial education and training reforms for pharmacists
- outline the need to support the growth and development of Pharmacist DPPs over the coming years
- feature case studies, insights and a Q&A with four pharmacist DPPs working in different sectors locally
- Signpost attendees to relevant guidance and documentation about becoming a DPP

The DPP panel represents Community Pharmacy, Community Health Services (Care Homes), Primary care and Secondary Care, and we are delighted to be joined by the following:

- Annant Damani: Cystic Fibrosis Pharmacist, Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust
- Kayt Blythin: Principal Clinical Pharmacist, Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust and Medicines Optimisation for Care Homes
- Maureen Aruede: Community Pharmacist, Kent.
- Sarah Trust, Prescribing Support Pharmacist, Chapel Street Surgery, Newhaven.

The session will be chaired by Shane Costigan, Pharmacy Dean HEE South East, and we will also hear from Rachel Mackay, Associate Director of Pharmacy & Medicines Optimisation, Surrey Heartlands Integrated Care System (ICS) on the role systems play in supporting the development of DPPs across an ICS.

The session will not be recorded but a date for further sessions will be announced in due course. This is intended to be an introductory webinar and future events will build on themes identified through discussion during the webinar and feedback captured in the post webinar survey.

For detailed information about this webinar please click [here](#) or for further questions, please contact lasepharmacy@hee.nhs.uk.

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