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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

Community Pharmacy Surrey & Sussex Pharmacy Conference!

Community Pharmacy Surrey & Sussex are hosting a pharmacy conference on **Sunday the 12th of March 2023** 10am to 3.30pm at the [East Sussex National Resort](#). This conference is open to all community pharmacy staff and promises to be a conference worth attending!

The agenda for the day can be found [here](#) and includes talks from PSNC, HEE, NHSE and the local Pharmacy Successes & Innovations awards.

There will also be time to catch up with your colleagues for networking which is much needed after the past couple of years! We look forward to seeing you on the day.

[To book your place click here.](#)

Dress code: Casual

Surrey LPC Chair, Jay Patel meets with Prime Minister Rishi Sunak

AIMp board director and Day Lewis executive director Jay Patel and some PSNC members attended an emergency NHS recovery meeting with the Prime Minister Rishi Sunak on the 7th of January.

In the meeting, he warned of the challenges facing community pharmacies, including the significant demand due to poor access into the health service and real-term funding cuts leaving many pharmacies in a cashflow crisis.

Local Services

NHSE Independent Prescribing Pathfinder programme

Every Integrated Care System in England has been asked to express interest in providing a Community Pharmacy Independent Prescribing program. They have been asked to scope out and submit their proposals for services which use IP's within community pharmacies.

To support this CPSS have sent out comms to community pharmacies across Surrey and Sussex to determine how many independent prescribers we have within community pharmacy already. If you have not yet responded, please let us know by e-mailing lpc@communitypharmacyss.co.uk.

This will enable us to keep you updated on developments. Your support with this is appreciated.

Training

East Sussex Locally Commissioned Stop Smoking Service

If you would like to book training please email tanya.sutton@oneyoueastsussex.org.uk.

East Sussex Locally Commissioned Service NHS Healthchecks

If you would like to book training please email dan.ford@oneyoueastsussex.org.uk.

Surrey Locally Commissioned Service NHS Healthchecks or BP+

If you would like to book training please email Emma.R.Jones@surreycc.gov.uk.

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 once a year. Further dates will also be scheduled for later in 2023.

[10 February from 7pm](#)

[17 March from 7pm](#)

West Sussex Locally Commissioned Service NHS Healthchecks

NHS Health Check Core Skills Training Monday 13th February 9:30am-3:30pm, to book a place visit the West Sussex learning and development gateway [here](#). Enter NHS HEALTH in the search bar, click search and click request a place.

Please note you will need to register on the website to make a free account to access training.

PQS

NHS Profile Manager updated for PQS PEOLC criterion

Community pharmacy contractors are now able to update NHS Profile Manager if they routinely hold the 16 palliative and end of life care (PEoLC) medicines listed in the Drug Tariff and can support local access to parenteral haloperidol.

If contractors meet the relevant Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) requirement, they are encouraged to update NHS Profile Manager as soon as possible and before 31st March 2023 to meet the PQS criterion.

[Find out more here](#).

Newsletters

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

Additionally you might be interested in.....

Sussex Polypharmacy Community of Practice 7th March 2023

The AHSN Polypharmacy Programme is supporting our region's health systems and primary care to identify patients at potential risk of harm due to multiple medications and encourage better conversations about medicines. If you are a Sussex GP, pharmacist, geriatrician, nurse, AHP patient or patient rep with an interest in tackling polypharmacy then there is another opportunity to join colleagues online at our 3rd Community of Practice on 7th March 12:00-13:00 to share learning and support one another. For more information click [here](#) and to register for the event click [here](#).

NHS CPCS Clinical Training courses funded by HEE.

How confident are you in managing clinical conditions referred to you via the NHS Community Pharmacist Consultation Service?

The HEE programme of interactive webinar courses look at core clinical areas, to support you with the skills to diagnose, intervene, and help patients directly.

For more information click [here](#) and for the workbook click [here](#).

Course #5 - Clinical Skills

Course #4 - Paediatrics

Course #3 - Respiratory – Last chance to attend!

Course #2 - Dermatology – Last chance to attend!

Course #1 - Eye Care – Last chance to attend!

And remember, all these CPCS courses are free to attend!

NHS Surrey Heartlands Community Pharmacy Integration Project Manager Role – Please note this is a temporary role which would be for a number of hours in addition to any current role.

An exciting opportunity has arisen for an individual(s) to work as a Pharmacy Integration Project Manager across Surrey Heartlands. Given the breadth and cross-system nature of community pharmacy clinical services, the role of Community Pharmacy Integration Project Manager has been developed to undertake some immediate implementation actions, to enable the roll out, uptake and embedding of new and recently commissioned community pharmacy clinical services included within the [community pharmacy contractual framework](#).

This opportunity is available to all the pharmacy workforce within Surrey Heartlands and is open for an individual/s to express an interest to undertake additional hours to support this programme of work.

If you want to know more about this opportunity click [here](#) or contact linda.honey1@nhs.net 07803124289. Alternatively, if you wish to submit an expression of interest, please email linda.honey1@nhs.net by the 6th February including the following details in your email:

- Details about your current role
- Why you are interested in being considered for the pharmacy integration project manager role
- How many hours you would be interested in working within this role (note these are additional hours to your current role).

COVID-19 vaccinations and patients taking immunosuppressive medicines

NHSE is promoting communication on the importance of COVID-19 vaccinations for patients taking immunosuppressive medications. Some patients may not understand that their medicines are immunosuppressants or what that really means for them and the importance of covid-19 vaccination for them. Important messaging at the point of prescribing or dispensing immunosuppressed medicines could be as follows:

- This medicine reduces your protection against infection and puts you at greater risk of serious illness.
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- Vaccinations are important to protect you from serious illness so make sure you have them when invited (but not live vaccines).
- People who live with you can help protect you by getting COVID-19 vaccinations, and other vaccines you are offered, e.g. flu.

Please take the opportunity to discuss this with patients whenever these medicines are prescribed, dispensed or there is any review.

Please discuss infection risks and vaccination with the patients on the following medication, but note that the list is not exhaustive.

- Azathioprine
- Cyclophosphamide
- Ciclosporin
- Methotrexate
- Mycophenolate mofetil
- Sulfasalazine
- Tacrolimus
- Patients prescribed systemic steroids for more than a month at a dose equivalent to prednisolone at 20mg or more per day

National HIV Testing Week - 6 to 12 February 2023

National HIV Testing Week is back on Monday 6 February 2023, to promote regular testing among key population groups in England. This year, the campaign returns with a new strapline, 'I Test.'

How can someone test for HIV in Surrey?

- During February as part of National HIV Testing campaign: Order a free self-sampling kit from www.freetesting.hiv
- Online STI and HIV kit for Surrey residents: [Order a free STI testing kit](#)
- Sexual Health clinic: [Surrey sexual health clinic information](#).

Campaign resources can be downloaded and ordered [here](#).

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