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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

### **Pharmacy Pressures Survey: Please take part.**

PSNC has launched a Pharmacy Pressures Survey, and CPSS is asking local pharmacy business owners and staff members to take part.

Community pharmacy owners and teams in Surrey and Sussex are facing unprecedented financial and operational challenges. Alongside the national pharmacy bodies, CPSS is working hard to raise awareness of the severity of the problems to policy makers and lobby for action to ease the pressures. The 2023 Pharmacy Pressures Survey will help to inform this work.

The survey results will be critical to help show Government and the NHS how difficult things now are for pharmacies, and to persuade them to take action. PSNC will be using the results both in negotiations and in national media work as part of the [joint #saveourpharmacies campaign](#). CPSS and local pharmacy teams will also be able to use them in our own conversations with local MPs.

As last year, there are two separate surveys, one for pharmacy business owners/head office representatives, and the other for pharmacy teams. Many of the questions are similar to last year – this will give a clear comparison of how much things have worsened since last year.

The surveys will be open for completion until **COP Monday 20th February** and **should take around 15 minutes to complete.**

- [Survey for Pharmacy business owners/head office representatives](#)
- [Survey for Pharmacy teams](#)

PSNC has asked us to pass on their thanks for your continued support in completing these surveys, particularly at this very busy time.

## Local Services

### **North West Surrey Pharmacy Team get-together – organised by NHS Surrey Heartlands**

You are invited to a joint North West Surrey Pharmacy Team get-together on **Thursday 23rd March 7.30-9.30 pm** - we are currently looking at booking either a bar or restaurant in the Weybridge area. Any members of Pharmacy teams across North West Surrey are invited.

Please RSVP to [syheartlandsicb.nwsmt@nhs.net](mailto:syheartlandsicb.nwsmt@nhs.net) if you would like to attend by **Tuesday 28th February.**

### **Are you qualified or currently training to be an IP?**

We are currently looking to future commissioning of clinical services across Surrey and Sussex and are looking (1) to gather information on those pharmacists who are currently IP's or are going through the course and (2) if you are an IP, information about your DPP (Designated Prescribing Practitioner).

1. Your name and pharmacy, if you are an independent prescriber or on an IP training course currently.
2. We are looking to support other community pharmacists in locating DPP's to enable them to complete the course. Could you please tell us the name of your DPP and where they worked to enable us to liaise with them to see if they would also support other community pharmacists.

**Please email the information required to**

**[LPC@communitypharmacyss.co.uk](mailto:LPC@communitypharmacyss.co.uk) By 28<sup>th</sup> February.**

**Surrey Heartlands Pharmacists- Expression of interest: Opportunity for support to complete independent prescribing.**

We are looking to support community pharmacists in finding a DPP (Designated Prescribing Practitioner) where we can, to enable you to complete the Independent Prescribing course. Please indicate your interest by emailing **Your name, Pharmacy F code and Contact details** if you are looking to become an independent prescriber and would like this support.

**Please email [LPC@communitypharmacyss.co.uk](mailto:LPC@communitypharmacyss.co.uk) by 28<sup>th</sup> February**

Please note applying and securing your university place will be your responsibility. Below are links to resources that support the IP process.

<https://www.hee.nhs.uk/our-work/pharmacy/independent-prescribing>

<https://www.pharmacyregulation.org/education/pharmacist-independent-prescriber>

<https://www.pharmacyregulation.org/sites/default/files/document/standards-for-the-education-and-training-of-pharmacist-independent-prescribers-october-2022.pdf>

<https://www.pharmacyregulation.org/sites/default/files/document/guidance-to-support-the-implementation-of-the-standards-for-the-education-and-training-of-pharmacist-independent-prescribers-october-2022.pdf>

<https://www.pharmacyregulation.org/education/approved-providers-education-and-training/pharmacist-independent-prescriber-accredited-courses>

## Training

### **Free one day courses available for Community Pharmacists to upskill in mental health care**

Supported by HEE, Maudsley Learning is offering a [free one-day Simulation](#), focusing on promoting mental health and wellbeing in patients seen by community pharmacists and a [free one day Masterclass](#), covering core skills in psychiatric assessment and management, referral pathways and updates on latest evidence-based treatments.

Both of these courses are available to be booked now by community pharmacists in London, Surrey, Sussex and Kent. Please click on the course links above for more information.

### **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](#)

## PQS

### **Palliative care - PQS PEoLC criterion**

Your LPC has collated information to support the completion of the PEoLC criterion in the Addressing unwanted Variation in Care Domain, this has been emailed to your

pharmacies. If you would like this email to be resent, please contact [LPC@communitypharmacys.co.uk](mailto:LPC@communitypharmacys.co.uk).

## Newsletters

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

To read issue 50 of Hints and Tips for dispensing contractors click [here](#).

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

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

### **Be an NHS Pharmacy Ambassador and inspire children and young people in your community!**

The NHS Ambassador programme, through Inspiring the Future, connects NHS staff with schools to take part in a range of fun and interactive careers activities in 2023. NHSE are inviting pharmacy professionals to find out more about becoming an NHS Pharmacy Ambassador by joining an information session on Monday 6th February 2023 1-2pm and 7-8pm.

[Register here to attend session 1, 06/02/23 13:00-14:00](#)

[Register here to attend session 2, 06/02/23 19:00-20:00](#)

### **What is an NHS Pharmacy Ambassador?**

NHS Pharmacy Ambassadors connect the NHS with school children of all ages to explore the breadth. They take part in activities such as assemblies, speed networking, career days, and many more, alongside interactive virtual sessions to connect with young people online.

### **Why take part?**

To meet the current and future needs of patients and the public, we need to grow the Pharmacy workforce, ensuring that Pharmacy is seen as an attractive, varied, and

dynamic career choice. The programme also supports ambassadors to develop their skills, experience and confidence as advocates for the profession.

**The role of the NHS Pharmacy Ambassadors is:**

To raise awareness of pharmacy as a profession and promote pharmacy as a career.

To stimulate interest in students, school-leavers and job seekers to want to pursue a career in pharmacy.

To showcase the varied roles and impact the profession has on patients and the public.

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**Participating in National Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Recruitment 2023 via Oriel.**

**The registration for the 2023 cycle of the national foundation trainee pharmacist recruitment scheme is now open, with a deadline of 11.59pm on 1st March.**

HEE would like to remind pharmacy contractors that the Health Education England (London) Pharmacy team will be holding on-line drop-in sessions for employers throughout the registration window, with the below sessions remaining.

These sessions will provide the opportunity to ask any questions that you may have about the registration form/process to help you to complete your form as accurately as possible. You do not need to attend the whole session, just join at a convenient time to ask your question.

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Joining Link</b>
Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup> February	12.30 – 13.30	<a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>
Monday	6 <sup>th</sup> February	14.00 – 15.00	<a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>
Tuesday	14 <sup>th</sup> February	10.00 – 11.00	<a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>
Friday	24 <sup>th</sup> February	12.00 – 13.00	<a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>

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**HEE Placement resources have been developed to support placement implementation in Community pharmacy, GP practice and Hospital.**

HEE have developed a range of resources to enable training leads and supervisors to implement a short duration placement, designed to complement existing HEE

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resources.

The resources, available provide the Trainee Pharmacist and placement supervisor with suggested objectives, activities, and templates to adapt to their local training needs to support the placement development. More information can be found here:

[Foundation Training Year Short Duration Placements \(hee.nhs.uk\)](https://www.hee.nhs.uk/foundation-training-year-short-duration-placements).

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### **CPPE Newly Qualified Pharmacist Pathway for Community Pharmacy**

The CPPE Newly Qualified Pharmacist Programme registration is now open **until 13th March 2023**. The programme will begin on 27 March 2023.

The aim of the HEE CPPE Newly Qualified Pharmacist Programme is to support newly qualified pharmacists to develop and demonstrate confidence and competence in core areas of pharmacy practice. Pharmacists will be allocated a designated CPPE education supervisor, who will review progress in practice, and provide feedback and support that will develop the learner's confidence and competence to deliver high-quality pharmacy services.

The programme is mapped to the [Royal Pharmaceutical Society Post-registration foundation pharmacist curriculum](#) learning outcomes designed to develop prescribing competence. It does not include an independent prescribing qualification, but the programme will help develop the relevant skills and competence needed to prepare for a prescribing course.

The programme is for pharmacists employed (except Boots) or locuming in community pharmacy who have registered with the GPhC since 2020. Pharmacists who registered before 2020 and are returning from a career break or changing sectors are also eligible to apply.

More information can be found here: [Newly qualified pharmacist programme : CPPE](#).

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### **Brighton & Hove Workplace Health and Wellbeing Innovation Fund 2023**

Deadline for applications: Monday 27th February 2023 5pm.

The fund aims to improve the health and wellbeing of those working in the City by raising awareness and providing opportunities for workplaces to pilot health promoting initiatives that will lead to the development of a healthier workforce. The funding will address one or all of the below:

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Promoting mental health/ emotional health & wellbeing/ building resilience  
Promoting physical activity (including active travel)  
Promoting healthy eating  
Supporting musculoskeletal health  
Tackles isolation and promotes team building

**If you would like support with completing the application form or have any concerns regarding the deadline do get in touch to discuss at [workplacehealth@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:workplacehealth@brighton-hove.gov.uk).**

**If you are unsure what your staff health needs are we can support you by delivering a free health needs assessment and analysis report.**

### **How much funding can a business apply for?**

The innovation fund provides businesses and charities in the city with the opportunity to apply for up to a maximum of £500 to pilot a workplace health & wellbeing programme that aims to address one or more of the above themes.

Up to:

£200 for small workplaces = up to 49 employees

£300 for medium workplaces = 51 – 250 employees

£400 for large workplaces = 251 – 500 employees

£500 for large workplaces = 500+ employees

*Note:* This can be match funded by other funding streams or can subsidise activities for staff.

### **Who is eligible to apply?**

The fund is open to any workplace in Brighton & Hove. If there are a large number of applications workplaces that did not receive funding in 2022 may be prioritised.

### **How do I apply?**

Complete the application form attached providing as much information as possible and return it to: [workplacehealth@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:workplacehealth@brighton-hove.gov.uk).

If your application is successful and you receive funding the money must be spent in accordance with what is stated on your application. The only thing that we require



from you is that you monitor and evaluate the programme and provide a summary of the impact the funding made.

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