

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

CPSS Team Support

Your CPSS team is available for any support or guidance that you need and can help to answer any queries that you or your pharmacy teams have. We are always available to contact via our email address or phone number at any time, we are also here for anyone who would like longer dedicated one-to-one time with a member of the CPSS team and can book this in at a time that is convenient for you.

Please don't hesitate to contact us at:

LPC@communitypharmacys.co.uk, 01372 417726.

NHS Sussex - Information and pathway for Annual Pre-Payment Prescription Certificates for eligible Care Leavers

NHS Sussex (ICB) has agreed to provide care leavers who are not entitled to free prescriptions with an annual pre-payment certificate, so they do not need to pay for items prescribed by their GP. [For more information and full criteria click here.](#)

Please inform all pharmacy staff members so that they are aware of this process and can signpost young people on how to apply for the annual pre-payment certificate if appropriate.

Local Services

North-West Surrey Pharmacy Team get-together

You are invited by NHS Surrey Heartlands to a North West Surrey Pharmacy Team get-together on **Thursday 23rd March 7.30-9.30 pm**. They 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 if you would like to attend by **Tuesday 28th February**.

Training

Register for the PSNC Data Security and Protection Webinar

PSNC will be holding a webinar on Thursday 23rd February at 7pm to help community pharmacy contractors to complete the Data Security and Protection Toolkit for 2022/23.

During the webinar, representatives from PSNC and NHS Digital will discuss the Toolkit questions, talk delegates through the available guidance materials and answer contractors' questions about making the declaration. We encourage contractors to register and join PSNC in this webinar as they and NHS Digital are eager to support you as you work your way through the Toolkit.

[Register for the webinar](#).

Newsletters

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

Additionally you might be interested in.....

Sussex Polypharmacy Community of Practice Event on 7th March 12-1pm

NHS Sussex were pleased to welcome people from a wide range of disciplines across the sector, GP's, pharmacists, geriatricians, ANP's and many more to their first 2 events and began to explore the challenges around the subject. Why not join this time, where some of your local colleagues will be sharing the impact so far of the learning they have put in to practice and presenting posters outlining this.

Register via the Eventbrite link [here](#).

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

Dexcom CGM Transmitters – change to ordering process – important for Sussex pharmacies

Following on from the discussions with both PSNC and DHSC, Dexcom has been informed that the transmitter will be listed on the England and Wales Drug Tariff from 1st March 2023.

From the 1st March patients will need to obtain new transmitters (usually needed every 3 months) via a FP10 prescription from their GP surgery for dispensing by their community pharmacy. Community pharmacies will no longer be able to obtain them free of charge for patients, if ordered after the 1st March for a patient these need to be on a FP10 as Alliance Healthcare will be charging the pharmacy for the transmitters.

Tackling health inequalities for Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities resources

[Friends, Families and Travellers](#) have shared some resources which we hope you will find useful:

- [Guide to tackling health inequalities for Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities](#)
 - [Support for Sussex Gypsy, Roma or Traveller residents from Friends, Families and Travellers](#)
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- [Bespoke cultural awareness training sessions from Friends, Families and Travellers](#)

Signposting Information - Bereavement Support Groups in Surrey

The Brigitte Trust is running free structured 8-week bereavement programmes run by a professional facilitator for anyone in Surrey struggling with their own grief and bereavement. The sessions are limited to a maximum of 12 people and will be offered in different parts of Surrey according to need.

The aims of the programme are to:

- provide support with focus
- encourage mutual support
- share experiences
- learn new coping strategies
- develop some altered thoughts

Course Dates:

Cranleigh

Friday, 10 March 2023, 10.00 – 12.00 for 8 weeks

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Wednesday, 8 March 2023, 10.00 – 12 00 for 8 weeks

For more information or to book a place contact **Sarah Pattenden** on 07469 932192

or email sarah.pattenden@brigitte-trust.com.

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