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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

### **NHSE - Your support is appreciated in completing the flu evaluation Survey 2022/23**

As we near the end of this year's flu programme 2022/23, the NHSE South East's Regional Flu programme board has launched a short survey online to help inform its plans for next year and would really appreciate your support in completing it.

[Survey link.](#)

NHSE are particularly keen to hear about what went well for you and what may have hindered your efforts. The findings of the survey will be shared with regional and national colleagues as well as system colleagues. **The survey will close on 27th February 2023.**

## Local Services

### **NHS Surrey Heartlands advice on managing medicines stock shortages in primary care**

NHS Surrey Heartlands have updated their guidance to GP surgeries on why there are medicines shortages and how GP Surgeries and Community Pharmacies can work together to support patients to access their medication. The advice is available [here](#).

### **Surrey Public Health Survey**

Surrey Public Health are running a short survey to ask about Public Health Services in community pharmacies. Everyone working in a pharmacy is welcome to take part. The survey is anonymous and you can opt to be entered into a raffle to win a **£20 voucher**. If you have any questions email: [sabina.stanescu@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:sabina.stanescu@surreycc.gov.uk). To enter the survey click [here](#).

## **Training**

### **Naloxone Training: eLearning module**

Naloxone is a drug that can reverse the effects of opioids. Anyone can use naloxone in an emergency. The course covers recognising and responding to an opioid overdose, and how to use naloxone to potentially save someone's life.

Once you complete the training and pass the quiz, you will get a certificate.

It takes 10-15 minutes of your time and could save a service users life!

[Training for people providing a take-home naloxone service \(changegrowlive.org\)](https://www.changegrowlive.org).

## **PQS**

### **Don't forget to claim for the New Medicines Service!**

Please don't miss out on the opportunity to create pharmacy service income by

completing NMS. To qualify for PQS this year, the Gateway criteria states that Contractors must have delivered a minimum of 20 NMS between 1st April 2022 and end of 31st March 2023.

**Reminder: Have you made your PQS declaration yet?**

Community pharmacy contractors have until 11.59pm on Friday 3rd March 2023 to make their Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) 2022/23 declaration through the [MYS portal](#), as the window for claiming this payment will then close.

**Newsletters**

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

**Additionally you might be interested in.....**

**Stop Smoking Locally commissioned service:**

**Opportunity to promote No Smoking Day Wednesday 8th March 2023**

No Smoking Day takes place on Wednesday the 8th of March, a toolkit can be downloaded [here](#).

The theme for No Smoking Day is brain health and the link between smoking and dementia. ASH (Action on Smoking and Health) has worked with Alzheimer's Research UK in development of the toolkit whose research demonstrates low awareness amongst smokers of the increased risk of dementia caused by smoking.

The campaign will encourage smokers to 'never give up giving up' and signpost them to the [NHS Better Health Quit Smoking website](#) which includes a wealth of information and support to help smokers on their quitting journey.

There's also a range of free quit smoking resources available on the DHSC [Campaign Resource Centre](#) to support ongoing quit smoking activity.

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**Challenges the myths: What does it mean to live well with HIV?**

**Thursday 2 March, 6pm** on Zoom - [book here](#).

Treatment for people living with HIV has improved dramatically over recent years – as has our knowledge of how to fight and prevent it.

Dr Laura Waters, CNWL's HIV and Hepatitis Lead, Chair of the British HIV Association and HIV Treatment Advisor at NHS England, will be joining this webinar with CNWL Lead Governor, Cllr Ketan Sheth, to discuss the myths and misconceptions surrounding HIV at the start of March to discuss how we can stop HIV from being a barrier to good health and equality.

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