

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

### **West Sussex Locally Commissioned Service: Smoking and NHS Healthchecks**

We are delighted to announce that your LPC has negotiated a substantial increase with the commissioner who has agreed an uplift in fees for provision of these services. This will be applied to the new contracts starting on the 1st of April.

Remuneration for the NHS Healthcheck service non-priority tariff is a 16% uplift and for priority groups a 69% uplift on the current delivery model.

Remuneration for the Stop smoking service non-priority tariff is a 72% uplift and for priority groups a 95% uplift based on the current CO Verified delivery model.

If you would like to provide the locally commissioned services, please contact [moira.jones@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:moira.jones@westsussex.gov.uk) West Sussex Senior Commissioning & Contract Manager or for more information contact us at [lpc@communitypharmacyss.co.uk](mailto:lpc@communitypharmacyss.co.uk).

## Local Services

### **Surrey Sexual Health PGDs from 1st April 2023 – Emergency Contraception**

PGDs for Levonorgestrel and Ulipristal have been updated and renewed. **The PGDs are valid from 1st March 2023.** Current PGDs expire 28th February 2023.

Please find attached the updated PGDs.

[Levonorgestrel](#)

[Ulipristal](#)

Please ensure you have fully read and understood the PGDs. You will also need to confirm you have read and understood the PGD by indicating this electronically within the enrolment page on PharmOutcomes.

Please ensure you regularly enter all your data, especially with year-end fast approaching.

The updated PGDs for Azithromycin and Doxycycline (expire 31st March 2023) will be available shortly. If you have any queries, please contact

[Publichealthclaims@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:Publichealthclaims@surreycc.gov.uk).

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### **Surrey Substance Misuse Event**

Surrey County Council Public Health Substance Misuse event on the **11th of May 7:00pm - 9:30pm** at **Brooklands Museum**, Brooklands Road, Weybridge, KT13 0SL.

This event will include talks from Guest Speakers, Commissioners, Treatment providers and provides an opportunity to discuss providing locally commissioned services enabling learning, networking and discussion.

Please book early to avoid disappointment via the EVENTBRIGHT link [here](#).

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### **Surrey Dynamic Purchasing System**

In order to provide the Surrey Public Health services, Surrey County Council required all pharmacies to register on the ProActis Portal. Once registered you can bid for the services you wish to be commissioned for your pharmacy. Please ensure you do this before the **31st of March 2023**.

Please click [here](#) to view an instructional video on How to Join the SCC Community Pharmacy DPS to support the registration process.

Once on the youtube page, the description underneath the video shows various links (called chapters) which allows the viewer to skip straight to various parts of the video, depending on what they need. If you need any support in completing the Dynamic Purchasing System please contact us at [lpc@communitypharmacys.co.uk](mailto:lpc@communitypharmacys.co.uk).

## Newsletters

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

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

### **HEE independent Prescriber courses**

HEE are pleased to announce that applications for independent prescribing courses starting in spring 2023 are open. Courses will be available from April 2023 to March 2024, with several universities offering multiple dates for cohort intakes. Start dates will depend on the university provider. You can apply to universities listed on the [HEE website](#). Please note that you will need to demonstrate (as a minimum):

- The support of an identified designated prescribing practitioner (DPP).
- An appropriate practice-based learning environment in a prescribing setting that can offer appropriate clinical support.
- Evidence that you meet the course provider eligibility criteria (applicants will be subject to their chosen university's enrolment processes).
- Commitment to use the skill within your area of competence and expertise, for the delivery of NHS clinical services as they emerge.

If you would like to know more about the General Pharmaceutical Council's eligibility criteria for undertaking an independent prescribing course, please [visit the GPhC website](#).

Please visit the [Health Education England website](#) to find out more about this crucial offer, including eligibility criteria, list of approved Universities and frequently asked questions.

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### **Metolazone tablets – Caution needed when dispensing**

Metolazone 2.5 mg tablets are only available as an unlicensed product for any prescriptions requesting 2.5mg tablets. However, for the metolazone 5mg strength there is now a new licensed product available called Xaqua – if a prescription has been written generically for the 5mg strength please check with the prescriber which product is required as the new licensed product has a bioavailability twice that of the unlicensed medication, Zaroxoyln. A dose change may be needed when changing from the unlicensed product to the new licensed product. If the unlicensed product is required a new prescription by Brand name would need to be generated. Further information is available from the Specialist Pharmacy Service [here](#).

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### **Training on implementing glucose sensing in primary care**

The following training resources are available on the Eden Diabetes website and will help primary healthcare professionals increase their knowledge and confidence around flash glucose monitoring and real time Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM).

The education package consists of five key education elements:

1. Initial conversation piece and detailed core knowledge
2. Product training for Abbott and Dexcom Case studies for type 1 and type 2 diabetes
3. Case studies for type 1 and type 2 diabetes
4. Implementation guide
5. DTN-UK Training is free.

Register Free [here](#).

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