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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

# Invitation

You are invited to the  
Community Pharmacy Surrey  
& Sussex Pharmacy  
Conference

Sunday 12th March 2023,  
10:00-15:30

At the East Sussex National  
Resort



**CPSS are looking forward to seeing you at the  
Pharmacy Conference on the 12<sup>th</sup> March.**

If you haven't yet signed up and would like to, there is still time - [click here](#).

**Easter Bank Holiday declarations**

Don't forget to action the e-mail sent by NHSE on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 2023 to check your pharmacy opening details are correct by **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March** and to update the Profile Manager.

Please find attached [here](#) a **draft list** detailing which pharmacies will be open/closed across the South East region. **If you need a copy of the NHSE email ask us at [lpc@communitypharmacys.co.uk](mailto:lpc@communitypharmacys.co.uk).**

**Local Services**

**Community Pharmacy IP Pathfinder**

The three ICB's covered by CPSS – Sussex ICB, Surrey Heartlands ICB and Frimley ICB have all expressed interest to NHSE to provide a community pharmacy based independent prescriber service. These expressions of interest will now be reviewed by NHSE at a Regional level in March and a National level in April. After this we will find out if any of the expressions of interest have been successful.

As soon as we hear we will let you know the outcome and whether the system will be progressing with an IP service within your area.

**Newsletters**

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

To read the latest edition of the Surrey wide-Medicines Management Matters (MMM) Newsletter click [here](#).

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

### **Community Pharmacy study on advice to pregnant woman**

Kings College London are conducting a study the purpose of which is to explore the types of advice community pharmacists provide to women with Nausea and Vomiting in Pregnancy, their confidence in providing this advice and their knowledge surrounding pharmacological therapy. An additional aim is to explore methods by which community pharmacists could be better supported in terms of education, resources, and continued professional development.

They are looking for community pharmacists to take part. You will be asked to fill in a questionnaire which will take approximately 20 minutes. If you would like more information or would like to take part, please contact Dr Angela Flynn ([angela.flynn@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:angela.flynn@kcl.ac.uk)).

For further details and to sign-up to participate in the survey click [here](#). Thank-you in advance for your support.

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### **Signposting - West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service – Free safe & well visit**

Patients can be signposted to a safe & well visit which is a free service carried out by West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service. During the visit to their home they offer advice on how to make it safer and where appropriate, fit smoke alarms or other specialist fire detection equipment free of charge. For more information click [here](#) or contact [safeandwell@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:safeandwell@westsussex.gov.uk) 0345 8729719.

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### **Did you know?**

...Surrey Heartlands Integrated Care Board (ICB) have a **Controlled Drugs Monitoring Group**? Using data, the team can see the overall landscape of Controlled Drugs prescribing across Surrey. Areas of focus have included:

- **Prescribing for over 30 days** – It is strongly recommended that prescribing of Controlled Drugs should be for **no more than 30 days** at a time. Do you challenge prescribers who routinely prescribe Controlled Drugs for more than 30 days?

- **Prescribing of large or excessive quantities** - Are you assured that directions are correct on prescriptions? Do you challenge prescribers when receiving prescriptions for large quantities of liquids or tablets where quantities appear to be excessive?
- **Controlled Drugs not usually prescribed in primary care** e.g., methadone and ketamine – Do you challenge if presented with an FP10 for a Controlled Drug that would usually only be prescribed by specialists in either secondary or tertiary services?
- **Paramedic prescribing of Controlled Drugs** – Paramedics are not legally allowed to prescribe any Controlled Drug in schedules 1-5. **Never** dispense a prescription for Controlled Drugs prescribed by a paramedic, return the prescription and request that the item be reviewed and/or prescribed by an appropriate person.
- **Fraudulent prescriptions** – Be extra vigilant when paper FP10 prescriptions for Controlled Drugs are presented at the pharmacy, especially at unusual times of the week or day. Query any prescriptions for Controlled Drugs that are not signed by a prescriber, or where handwriting requirements are not met. In situations where you suspect a prescription may be fraudulent follow local procedures for reporting.

**If you have any interesting Controlled Drugs incidents or examples of good practice and processes that you would like to share we would love to hear about it! We would also like to hear about any concerns you might have around prescribing of Controlled Drugs in your area. To share please contact Julia Powell or Marie Hockley (members of the Controlled Drugs Monitoring Group representing Community Pharmacy) at [lpc@communitypharmacys.co.uk](mailto:lpc@communitypharmacys.co.uk).**

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on behalf of East Sussex, West Sussex and Surrey Local Pharmaceutical Committees