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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



Community Pharmacy Surrey and Sussex Conference

After months of planning (and slight rescheduling) our Community Pharmacy Surrey & Sussex Conference 2023 took place on Sunday 12th and we would like to thank each and every one of you who were able to attend.

100% of attendees rated the conference between good and excellent and it wouldn't have been a success without our delegates and speakers.

Our personal highlight from the event was the award ceremony where 10 awards were given to some of our many hard working pharmacy members from across Surrey & Sussex. A full list of these award winners can be [here](#) along with more information and photos from the day.

The presentations from the day will be added to our website shortly and a number of them are also available below:

Please find the CGL presentation [here](#).

Please find the Emollients and Fire & Safety presentation [here](#).

Please find the HEE presentation [here](#).

Please find the Clinical Research Presentation [here](#) and the Research Interest Form [here](#).

Reminder: Have you submitted your national valproate audit 2022/23 data?

Contractors are reminded that by 31st March 2023, they must have completed the 2022/23 national clinical audit on valproate over a six-week consecutive period, and have submitted the data via the Valproate audit 2022/23 tab on the Manage Your Service (MYS) portal.

[Find out more](#).

Local Services

Sussex Substance Misuse/Needle Exchange – outstanding payments

CPSS has been made aware of outstanding payments for supervised consumption/needle exchange invoices during the contract administration transition from Lloydsparmacy to CGL during April 2022. Please check that all your invoices

have been paid and if you have any outstanding payments, please send copies of the invoices to Tina Fowler at CGL who can escalate and arrange payment.
Tina Fowler Pharmacy Liaison Lead CGL Tina.Fowler@cgl.org.uk.

PQS

Updated NMS and antibiotic review data published

The NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) has updated its New Medicine Service (NMS) and antibiotic review spreadsheets for the Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) 2022/23. [Learn more](#).

Data on NHS DWMP referrals published

The NHSBSA has also published a spreadsheet showing which community pharmacy contractors have made a referral to the NHS Digital Weight Management Programme (DWMP) as part of the 2022/23 PQS. [Learn more](#).

Newsletters

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

Additionally you might be interested in.....

Asthma Friendly Schools Surrey

This is an initiative put in place in Surrey Heartlands ICB to award schools who meet the criteria the Asthma Friendly status.

Pharmacies may see an increase in schools who are asking for salbutamol inhalers and spacers to be purchased under this criterion. It is therefore important that all

community pharmacies refresh their knowledge of supplying salbutamol inhalers under a signed order to schools. This is covered by the MHRA as an exemption as a small volume, one-off, not for profit sale and does not require a wholesaler dealer license.

From 1st October 2014, the [Human Medicines \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2014](#)^[2] allows schools to buy salbutamol inhalers, without a prescription, for use in emergencies (see [here](#) for more information).

A pharmacy can sell the salbutamol inhaler and spacers in small quantities, but the school will need to provide a signed order by the principal or head teacher (ideally on appropriately headed paper) stating: - the name of the school for which the product is required; - the purpose for which that product is required, and - the total quantity required.

Schools may wish to discuss with pharmacies the different plastic spacers available and what is most appropriate for the age-group in the school and to ask for advice on correct use of the inhaler.

Asthma Friendly School Status

The school recognises that asthma is a widespread, serious, but controllable condition. This school welcomes all pupils with asthma and aims to support these children in participating fully in school life. The school will endeavor to do this by ensuring they have:

- an asthma register
 - up-to-date asthma policy,
 - an asthma lead/champion,
 - all pupils must always have immediate access to their reliever inhaler and spacer,
 - all pupils have an up-to-date asthma action plan, or Individual Health Care Plan (IHCP) thinking of those children without diagnosis
 - an emergency salbutamol inhaler and spacer with corresponding paperwork
 - ensure all staff have regular asthma training,
 - promote asthma awareness pupils, parents and staff.
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New advice - Topical testosterone (Testogel)

The [Drug safety Update – March 2023](#) contains information about a risk of harm to children following accidental exposure to Topical testosterone (Testogel). Premature puberty and genital enlargement have been reported in children who were in close physical contact with an adult using topical testosterone and who were repeatedly accidentally exposed to this medicine. To reduce these risks, advise patients to:

- wash their hands after application of topical testosterone.
- cover the application site with clothing once the product has dried.
- wash the application site before physical contact with another adult or child.

Further advice and details can be found in the [alert](#).

Remember! that care also needs to be taken with other topical hormone products such as Oestrogen gels and creams.

Action taken by the Surrey Heartlands Medicines Safety Committee:

Following discussions with a Medicines Safety Committee Patient Representative, the Head of Medicines safety has contacted the manufacturer of Testogel providing feedback on how the Patient Information Leaflet (PIL) can be made clearer to patients. These comments have been passed on to the manufacturer's Medicines Information team who regularly review and update PILs.

Burns Management in Community Pharmacy – 5 minute Survey please support

The Queen Victoria Hospital Burns Unit would like to gain an understanding of the level of expertise and degree of management of burns undertaken by pharmacists / pharmacies in the Surrey and Sussex areas. They would appreciate the completion of this survey to enable them to identify areas of improvement and knowledge gaps. Please see the survey link [here](#). Your support in completing this quick survey is appreciated.

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