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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

### **Important - changes to how referrals to the Community Pharmacist Consultation Service are received**

The way Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS) referrals are sent by the EMIS and PharmRefer product is changing. From 28th March, community pharmacies that are using CPCS solutions from Cegedim Healthcare, Positive Solutions or Sonar Informatics will no longer be able to use PharmOutcomes to access their CPCS referrals. Referrals from GPs and the emergency departments or urgent treatment centre pilot sites will arrive into community pharmacies' NHS shared mailbox accounts instead.

If this applies to your pharmacy, please ensure that all your staff are aware of the changes and update standard operating procedures to ensure NHS shared mailboxes are monitored and referrals are picked up. Community pharmacies signed

up to PharmOutcomes for their CPCS Provider Pays service will continue to receive referrals in their usual way.

[Find out more about CPCS IT suppliers.](#)

## Local Services

### **West Sussex Locally Commissioned services contract extension and changes to Smoking Cessation & NHS Health Checks service agreement**

West Sussex County Council Public Health emailed all commissioned pharmacies to extend the current contract for a period of 2 years. The Contracts have been extended from 1st April 2023 until 31st March 2025.

Please complete, sign and return the Agreement of Service Provision for each pharmacy, ticking which services you wish to provide. Please note that there has been changes to Smoking Cessation and NHS Health Checks as set out in the letter emailed to the pharmacies.

Apart from these changes contract will remain on the same terms and conditions.

Please email the signed agreement to Claire Rowlands

[claire.rowlands@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:claire.rowlands@westsussex.gov.uk) do not hesitate to contact Claire if you need any further support or would like to be commissioned to provide service in West Sussex.

### **Sussex Translation Services**

Sussex translation and interpretation services for Community Pharmacies All Sussex GP practices, and Community Pharmacies can now access the same high-quality interpreting and translation services using the same process.

The following is available, please visit the NHS Sussex Intranet page to access the support if required:

- Face to face interpreting services.
- Telephone and remote interpreting.
- Face-to-face and remote / video British Sign Language.
- Lip reading and non-spoken interpreting services for people with sensory needs.
- Translation, transcription and ancillary services.

Information can be found here:

[https://int.sussex.ics.nhs.uk/search-new/?\\_sf\\_s=translation](https://int.sussex.ics.nhs.uk/search-new/?_sf_s=translation)

Translation and interpreting - NHS Sussex (ics.nhs.uk).

You can sign up to access the NHS Intranet as a pharmacy colleague. If you face any challenges or barriers when accessing these services, please email

[sxib.involvement@nhs.net](mailto:sxib.involvement@nhs.net) FAO Antonia Bennett.

## Training

### **Brighton and Hove Networking Event SAVE THE DATE!**

Community Pharmacy Teams are invited to the Brighton & Hove, Community Pharmacy and Public Health Networking Event on **Tuesday 13th June 6.30-8.30pm at the Brighthelm Centre, Queens Rd, BN1 1YD.**

It will be a fantastic opportunity to hear from expert speakers, find out more about public health locally commissioned services and network with the public health team and other community service providers. It's an evening event so a hot buffet meal will be provided from 6.30pm.

Please register [here](#).

### **Surrey County Council Substance Misuse Locally Commissioned Service Networking event SAVE THE DATE!**

Community pharmacy teams are invited to the Surrey County Council Public Health networking event on the **11th May 7:00pm till 9:30pm.**

The evening will include refreshments, talks from Guest Speakers, Public Health Commissioners, Treatment providers and the opportunity to network with colleagues and capture entries for your CPD records.

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

## **Surrey Sexual Health Service C-card and Chlamydia / Gonorrhoea Testing Training events**

The aim of the session is to providing training for the Condom Distribution, Chlamydia and Gonorrhoea testing Programme in Surrey, to provide an overview of Sexually Transmitted Infections, to provide a clear understanding of the C-card Scheme and support the training requirements of the service specification.

The training is open to all pharmacy staff who are providing or intend to provide the Condom Distribution service and the Chlamydia locally commissioned service. The training is online via Zoom 7pm-9pm.

Please choose one of the dates below.

19<sup>th</sup> April 2023 [book here](#)

19<sup>th</sup> June 2023 [book here](#)

17<sup>th</sup> July 2023 [book here](#)

13<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023 [book here](#)

22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2024 [book here](#)

13<sup>th</sup> March 2024 [book here](#)

## **PQS**

NHSBSA has updated the PQS spreadsheets on the antibiotic review and referrals to the NHS Digital Weight Management Programme available on the links below.

<https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/pqs-updated-antibiotic-review-data-published/>

<https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/pqs-updated-data-on-nhs-dwmp-referrals/>

## **Newsletters**

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

Additionally you might be interested in.....

### **Oxycodone 5mg/5ml stock shortage – NHS Frimley prescribing advice**

NHS Frimley have issued prescribing advice to their GP practices in light of the current oxycodone 5mg/5ml oral solution stock shortage. This can be found [here](#).

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### **New clinical skills training offer for community pharmacists**

Health Education England (HEE) is making available 10,000 module places which will be delivered until March 2024. This exciting new training offer will give community pharmacists the opportunity to build on their existing clinical examination and consultation skills - to assess, treat and manage common health problems.

This offer is available to community pharmacists, including part-time staff and locums working in community pharmacy. To register and find out more about the training visit the [CliniSkills website](#).

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### **Claiming seasonal influenza vaccination service fees**

This is a reminder that, as of 1 September 2022, claims for administering the seasonal flu vaccine to an eligible patient under the seasonal influenza vaccination advanced service must be made within three months of the administration of the vaccine, as per the [Community Pharmacy Advanced Service Specification](#) (see page 2 and section 7.1).

This means that, any claims administered in January 2023 must be submitted by the end of April 2023. Claims will be accepted by the NHSBSA within three months of administration of the vaccination or by 30 June 2023, whichever date is earlier.

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