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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

Surrey Heartlands ICB Community Pharmacy Engagement Event May 17th

The Community Pharmacy event is taking place on May 17th at Silvermere Golf Club, Cobham from 7pm. The event has been set up following delegation of the management of the community pharmacy contract from NHSE to Surrey Heartlands ICB. The event is to support building relationships so that we can work collectively to deliver a more joined up preventative and personalised care agenda for our Surrey Heartlands population.

Further details are included on the [attached invite](#).

The invite is open to all pharmacy team members. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to carol.cunningham9@nhs.net no later than 5th May 2023.

We hope to see you at the event.

Changes to the Hypertension Case-Finding Service and the Smoking Cessation Service (SCS)

Pharmacy technicians are now able to perform blood pressure checks as part of the Hypertension Case-Finding Service and deliver the Smoking Cessation Service (SCS). The Drug Tariff has been amended, where necessary, to reflect this and includes the amendments to [The Pharmaceutical Services \(Advanced and Enhanced Services\) \(Amendment\) \(England\) Directions 2023](#).

The service specifications for both services are currently going through NHS England's publication process; when these are published PSNC will alert contractors through their normal communication channels.

Training

Surrey County Council Substance Misuse Locally Commissioned Service Networking event

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 Wednesday 19th April 2023 Zoom 7pm-9pm.
Please sign up [here](#).

Newsletters

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

Additionally you might be interested in.....

Co-beneldopa pack size changes

All Co-beneldopa products, including Madopar, are now classified as “Special Containers” in the Drug Tariff.

The new “special container” arrangements means that the product will be supplied in complete, manufacturer, original packs (100 tablets or capsules) only.

When the quantity prescribed falls exactly between 2 containers, pharmacists have been told to round down, and supply the nearest complete container. When the quantity ordered is more than halfway into the second pack size, the second complete container should also be supplied.

This could mean that a person with Parkinson’s might need to be made aware that they will need to access their next repeat prescription either a few days earlier or later than they usually would have done.

Independent Pharmacy Awards 2023 now open for entries!

The Independent Pharmacy Awards return in September to the House of Commons to highlight and celebrate the brilliance and endurance of community pharmacy teams across the UK.

Independents from all 4 home nations are improving the health and wellbeing of their local communities in inspiring ways and meeting every challenge head-on

despite limited funding and increasing overheads.

This is your opportunity to tell them why you and/or your team should be winners at the Independent Pharmacy Awards, and about the service developments and innovations you have put in place since March 2022.

The Awards take place on 29th September 2023, offering a banquet lunch for all our finalists and their personal guests, where we will announce the winners.

This year it could be you!

There are 6 categories, and no limit to the number of categories you decide to go for. Choose from:

- **Pharmacy Team of the Year**
- **Pharmacy Technician of the Year**
- **Pharmacy Innovation of the Year**
- **Independent Prescriber of the Year**
- **Best Supporting Local Representative Group**
- **Independent Pharmacist of the Year**

Entries must be made online, and we recommend preparing your entry on a word document and copying it into the online entry forms which can be found here, along with the entry criteria <https://www.independentpharmacist.co.uk/ipa-enter-23>

For more information click [here](#).

Oak Processionary Moth – rash signs and symptoms

Below is the link to a leaflet which details the signs and symptoms of the rash caused by the oak processionary moth.

[Oak Processionary Moth Information leaflet \(fera.co.uk\)](#).

Tick Awareness campaign West Sussex County Council

Below is a link to the poster and leaflet that can be displayed in the pharmacy HLP area, the campaign is to raise awareness of tick bites and risk of Lyme

disease.

[Poster](#)

[Leaflet](#)

For more information, search for the phrases 'ticks' and 'Lyme disease' on these websites: www.nhs.uk www.gov.uk www.nice.org.uk/guidance.

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