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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

Sussex LPC Elections 2023

There are 2 Independent Contractor vacancies available for your new Sussex Local Pharmaceutical Committee (LPC) starting on the 1st July 2023. Don't miss your opportunity to become part of the organisation that represents the general body of pharmacy contractors at a local level, as recognised by the local NHS.

Other places on the LPC are filled by nominations from the Company Chemists' Association (CCA) and Association of Independent Multiple Pharmacies (AIMp) and consequently neither candidates nor nominators may be representatives of member companies of the CCA or AIMp.

You can support the important work of your local representative body to the NHS, as our success depends on vibrant, engaged and committed leaders. Committee members are required to make decisions in the best interests of NHS community

pharmacy owners, providing leadership and vision, bringing insight and accurately and fairly representing the views of contractors and LPCs. Further information is available [here](#).

If you would like to put forward a nomination, please complete and return the nomination form found [here](#) to lpc@communitypharmacys.co.uk by **17:00 on the 5th of May 2023**.

NHSE Complaints Report

Just a quick reminder that your annual complaints report for 2022/23 is now due, therefore, please complete the MS form via the link below by 30th April 2023. <https://forms.office.com/e/fnxikt7EFc>.

If you have any queries, please email England.southeastcommunitypharmacy@nhs.net.

Training

Brighton and Hove Networking Event

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 meal will be provided from 6.30pm by the well-known Durban Curry Club. Please register [here](#).

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 at the Brooklands Museum** in Weybridge. 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](#).

Newsletters

To read the latest edition of the CPPE newsletter which includes the latest CPPE core events listing, with a few NEW online workshops available; Supporting people living with frailty, Familial Hypercholesterolaemia and Medicines reconciliation in transfer of care click [here](#).

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

Additionally you might be interested in.....

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](#).

Signposting - Support isolated people to self-refer for volunteer calls

People who would benefit from extra social contact can now self-refer for free 'Check In and Chat' phone calls from the NHS Volunteer Responders by calling 0808 196 3646. Alternatively, [clinicians and other primary care colleagues can directly refer people](#) with their consent. [GP practices and pharmacies can also order pre-printed posters and flyers to promote self-referral](#).

The 'Check In and Chat' service involves volunteers phoning patients for a friendly

chat. Where appropriate, they can encourage people to make positive changes and share information about other local services. People with additional vulnerabilities should be referred for Check In and Chat Plus to be linked with a DBS-checked volunteer.

Surrey Heartlands Care leavers prepayment prescription scheme

As part of Surrey's offer to care leavers Surrey Heartlands Integrated Care Board and Surrey County Council are working in partnership to provide care leavers **who are not already entitled** to free prescriptions a pre-payment certificate, so that they do not need to pay for prescription items prescribed for them.

For young people to be eligible for this scheme they need to fulfil the following criteria: -

- Be registered with a GP.
- Be a care leaver and eligible to receive a leaving care service from Surrey County Council.
- Be 18 - 25 years old.
- Require repeat prescriptions for ongoing medication.
- Not already be exempt from prescription charges.

e.g. Young people eligible will include.

- Young person in apprenticeship or work.
- Young person earning more than £15 276 per annum.

The young person will need to contact their personal advisor for support on how to apply for the pre-payment prescription certificate. The personal advisor will arrange funding to be paid directly to the young person so that they can purchase their pre-payment certificate directly from <https://services.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/buy-prescription-prepayment-certificate/start>. For more information click [here](#).

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