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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

LPC Survey

As your LPC we are here to support you as contractors and your views are important to us to ensure that we are working and communicating in a way which benefits and helps you.

Please could you complete our quick contractor survey to enable us to make any improvements or changes to the way in which we work. Survey link [here](#). Your thoughts and time completing this survey are greatly appreciated.

No mandatory clinical audits in 2023/24

Community pharmacy contractors are **not required** to undertake a contractor-chosen or an NHS England determined clinical audit in 2023/24. This follows PSNC's request to remove this clinical governance requirement for contractors in 2023/24.

A clinical audit on anticoagulants is included in the Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) 2023/24. If contractors choose to not participate in PQS, and therefore do not complete the anticoagulant clinical audit, there is still no requirement to complete two clinical audits in 2023/24.

Urgent treatment centres and emergency departments can now refer patients to community pharmacists

Urgent treatment centres and emergency departments can now start [to refer patients for a consultation with a community pharmacist for a minor illness symptom or for an urgent supply of a regular medicine](#), using an IT solution which meets the minimum digital requirements of the service (as specified within the [NHS CPCS Technical Toolkit](#)).

Local Services

CPCS Claims

From **1st June 2023** in a change from the previous service specification, claims for payment should be submitted within one month of, and no later than three months from, the claim period for the chargeable activity period.

North West Surrey Joint Pharmacy Team social event will be on Thursday 29th June 2023 19:30 at The Kingfisher, Chertsey Bridge Road, Chertsey, KT16 8LF.

It is an informal meet up and you can choose whether you wish to order food and/or drinks at the bar or just come along for a catch up. Please let us know if you will be able to join us by e-mailing syheartlandsicb.nwsmtt@nhs.net so that we get an idea of the number of attendees.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Best Wishes,

NWS MMT

Training

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.

19th June 2023 [book here](#)

17th July 2023 [book here](#)

13th Sept 2023 [book here](#)

22nd Jan 2024 [book here](#)

13th March 2024 [book here](#)

East Sussex County Council LCS Training sessions: to support delivery of the locally commissioned services

The following courses can be booked with various dates available:

- **NHS Health Checks Refresher Training**
- **Face to Face NHS Health Check Training with CVD Risk and Dementia Care**
- **Cobas training by Roche**
- **Stop Smoking Advisor Training**
- **Stop Smoking Advisor Refresher**

To book visit the East Sussex One You East Sussex

<https://oneyoueastsussex.org.uk/training/> click on the course you wish to attend and follow the sign-up instructions.

Newsletters

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

Additionally you might be interested in.....

Did you know patients can self-refer via NHS 111 online

How NHS 111 online works:

People can visit 111.nhs.uk, enter their age, sex, postcode and main symptom and are then asked a series of questions about their health problem, the patient is triaged.

They can:

- find out how to get the right healthcare in their area, including whether they need to see a GP or seek urgent care.
- get advice on self-care.
- referral to a pharmacy for an urgent supply of medication.
- get a call back from a nurse, doctor or other trained health professional if they need it.

Surrey Heartlands ICB – change in preferred diabetic meters

Surrey Heartlands ICB are starting a project where we are asking pharma partners Neon Diagnostics and GlucoRx to support practices to switch their high cost meters to the lowest cost meters. As a consequence of this you may see changes in patients prescriptions for their diabetic test strips to fit these companies meters and you may want to review your stock holdings.

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