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## Newsletter

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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. Visit our Newsletter page for an archive of previous issues.

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### New Sussex LPC

The first meeting of the new Sussex LPC took place last week following the merger of East Sussex LPC and West Sussex LPC on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023. We said a sad farewell to a few members who had served on the previous two committees across Sussex and welcomed new LPC members to the new committee.

We look forward to working as one LPC committee over all of Sussex.



### NHS 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Westminster Abbey

We would like to congratulate Craig McEwan, Chair of the previous East Sussex LPC for being invited by Sussex ICB to Westminster Abbey to represent community pharmacy at the service to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Health Service. More details of the service can be found by [clicking here](#).

## Last few days to complete the 2023/24 CPAF screening questionnaire.

The CPAF screening questionnaire has been completed by 73% of community pharmacies. The remaining pharmacies have a limited amount of time left to complete it before the deadline of **midnight this Sunday, 30th July 2023**.

We strongly recommend that pharmacy owners who have not yet had the chance to complete the questionnaire do so as soon as possible. It should take approximately 10-20 minutes to complete.

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## Training

### Community Pharmacy PCN Lead training event

The first Community Pharmacy PCN Lead training event was held on the 25th July for leads across Surrey and Sussex. The event launched the new Community Pharmacy PCN Lead service across NHS Sussex and NHS Surrey Heartlands and was run by the excellent Captivating Solutions.

The workshop covered a range of topics, including the evolution of the PCN Lead role, strategic time management, building relationships with key stakeholders, and effective communication.

The PCN Leads of Surrey and Sussex said they left the workshop feeling empowered and equipped with the tools they need to drive integration with primary care and help their fellow community pharmacies find capacity for new services.

We look forward to starting this new service to support the integration of community pharmacies and GP Practices at a local level.



The next date for the repeat of this training session is the 7th September, if you are a Community Pharmacy PCN Lead and want to register for this event please e-mail [lpc@communitypharmacys.co.uk](mailto:lpc@communitypharmacys.co.uk).

## **Additionally you may be interested in.....**

### **National shortage of GLP-1 receptor agonists – Reminder do not recommend brand or strength Rx switches**

We've had reports from some GP practices that community pharmacies are suggesting that patients request different strengths or brands of GLP-1 agents. This message does not align to the medicine supply notification from DHSC earlier this month. Please remind all pharmacy team staff of the alert as below.

A CAS alert was published on 18<sup>th</sup> July with instructions/recommendations for all clinicians that are involved in this shortage (see [here](#)) ([CAS-ViewAlert \(mhra.gov.uk\)](https://www.mhra.gov.uk/cas-view-alert)).

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### **Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs): potential risks following prolonged use after 20 weeks of pregnancy**

A reminder that systemic (oral and injectable) NSAIDs such as ibuprofen, naproxen, and diclofenac are contraindicated during the last trimester (after 28 weeks) of pregnancy due to the risk of premature closure of the ductus arteriosus and renal dysfunction in the foetus and due to prolongation of maternal bleeding time and inhibition of uterine contractions during labour.

Please advise patients who are pregnant to avoid use of NSAIDs available without prescription from week 20 of pregnancy onwards unless advised by their healthcare professional.

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### **NHS 111 Professional Feedback Form (secamb) - can be used for CPCS NHS 111 feedback**

In order to continually improve the NHS 111 service, SECAMB welcome feedback from healthcare professionals on specific patient issues. This will provide a valuable learning opportunity which will be used to bring positive improvements to the quality of service. Please use the form [here](#) to record any feedback or concerns you wish to raise, giving as much information regarding your concern as possible to enable us to identify the

exact part of our service you are referring to. Please be advised sections with a \* must be filled in for us to investigate fully. Please e-mail your completed form to [datix@secamb.nhs.uk](mailto:datix@secamb.nhs.uk) via an nhs.net email account.

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**Primary – Secondary Care Interface Evening - Working together to improve our patients' care Wednesday 20th September 2023, 6.00pm for welcome refreshments and networking, speakers from 7.30pm onwards**

Ashford and St Peters NHS Trust, NWS Alliance and the NICS GP Federation are jointly hosting an opportunity for all to network across primary and secondary care with accompanying refreshments. A chance for healthcare colleagues to reconnect, discuss and share knowledge.

There will be speakers from NICS, NWS Alliance and ASPH as well as stands with information and posters/flyers on clinical pathways and the opportunity to discuss with colleagues across the healthcare network.

Location: Lecture Theatre, Education Centre, St Peters Hospital, Guildford Road, Chertsey, KT16 0PZ

For more information see flyer [here](#).

To book onto the event click [here](#)

For any further information please call us on 01932 722420 or email on [asph.gphelp@nhs.net](mailto:asph.gphelp@nhs.net).

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**Surrey Heartlands Children and Young People's Asthma Toolkits**

Surrey Heartlands has launched Children and Young People's Asthma Toolkits to help healthcare staff and families to understand more about asthma, to know how it is treated and to improve outcomes for children and young people.

The new Toolkits for healthcare professionals provide specific guidance and advice to health professionals working all sectors across Surrey. They provide information on a wide range of topics including understanding the preschool wheeze, how to make a diagnosis, pharmacological treatment, how to conduct an asthma review and training resources.

Meanwhile, the Toolkit for Families has been enhanced to explain to children, young people, parents and carers what asthma is with easy to follow videos, details on what to do during and after an asthma attack, and tips on triggers and prevention.

To access the CYP Asthma Toolkits click [here](#).

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