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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. Sign up to CPE to receive nationally significant news and guidance on national contracts.

LPC News

Expression of Interest process for autumn COVID-19 vaccination service

NHS England (NHSE) has launched an expression of interest process for pharmacy owners to participate in the upcoming autumn COVID-19 vaccination service.

The process allows more pharmacies to join the service, but the fee for vaccinations has been reduced by 25% to £7.54, despite opposition from Community Pharmacy England and general practice representatives.

Those interested in participating must review the draft guidelines and submit your expression of interest on the [Health-Family Portal](#) by 5pm, 29th August 2023.



Please view more information on the sign-up process and the CPE response [here](#).

Local Services

Flu vac service specification and PGD has been published

NHSE has released the service specification for the Community Pharmacy Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Advanced Service for the 2023/24 season.

The key changes include amendments to the eligible patient cohorts and the requirement to use an NHS-assured point of care IT system for clinical records and payment claims.

The start date for the service is yet to be announced but is currently unlikely to start on 1st September as in previous years.

Please click here to [Find out more](#).

C-card scheme in Surrey

Surrey County Council has commissioned a pilot service where young people can get free condoms at a number of outlets across Surrey via the Condom Distribution Service. It is a free and confidential condom distribution network for people aged 13-24 years old in Surrey. The C-Card scheme aims to ensure easy access to sexual health advice and free condoms for young people and has proved a successful element of strategies to reduce unprotected sex, rates of STIs and unplanned pregnancies.

Young people remain the age group most at risk of STIs in England. C-Card schemes are an effective way to help young people take responsibility for their sexual health; providing them with easy access to free contraception, education about sexual health and wellbeing, and are an opportunity to signpost to local services.

This service is commissioned under a memorandum of understanding to enable

pharmacies to hand out condoms to registered patients. Pharmacies can sign up to take part in this service by emailing kate.crockatt@surreycc.gov.uk.

Training

Receive support with IP training from NHS Surrey Heartlands

NHS Surrey Heartlands wants to support community pharmacists who work in the area to obtain a Designated Prescriber Practitioner so they can enrol on an IP course.

The aim is:

- To develop community pharmacist Independent Prescribers (IPs) through providing a funding contribution for the supervision (DPP) element of the training
- To increase service offerings into our neighbourhoods via community pharmacy
- To embed community pharmacy workforce into neighbourhoods
- To develop multi-professional relationships between community pharmacy IP learner and their DPP (designated Prescribing Practitioner) supervisor

Please click on the links below for more information.

[DPP poster](#)

[DPP FAQ](#)

[DPP contract](#)

For more information and to participate in the scheme contact

lpc@communitypharmacys.co.uk.

CPPE Accuracy checking pharmacy technician (ACPT) funded places available

CPPE Accuracy checking pharmacy technician (ACPT) programme has 60 places, fully funded by NHS England, from 1 August 2023 to 31 March 2024.

The Accuracy checking pharmacy technician (ACPT) programme is a 3–12-month training and development programme available to pharmacy technicians, with

employer support. The course is designed to support pharmacy technicians in meeting a range of competencies during their training in order to deliver safe and effective patient care.

The programme has been designed to assure employers in each sector that pharmacy technicians who successfully complete the set learning and assessments are able to undertake the role and have the appropriate knowledge, skills and behaviours to deliver high-quality, consistent checks of medicines. It includes tasks that will develop leadership skills to support the team and drive performance.

The programme offers a blended approach to learning that includes resources for self-directed study, e-learning and practice-based activities. It is flexible so that it meets the needs of stakeholders. Following comprehensive assessment, pharmacy technicians will be able to use this learning to support optimisation of skills in the dispensing process.

Applications are now open. Up to 20 funded places will be available each month, and will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, including how to book your place, please visit:

www.cppe.ac.uk/career/acpt.

Pharmacy Technician Workforce Expansion Expression of Interest (Eoi) funded places available

Once you have reviewed the guidance, and where applicable, formed your partnerships for a multi-sector submission, please complete the [online Eoi](#). This form will be open from **Monday 7 August, 09:00** and will close on **Sunday 17 September, 23:59**.

Please read through the slides and guidance document for more information, you can also watch the webinar on demand.

[Pharmacy Technician Workforce Expansion Guidance here](#)

Please take the time to read the attached guidance, review the funding criteria and expression of interest evaluation criteria.

[Pharmacy Technician Workforce Expansion Webinar Slides here](#)

The slides used for both webinars are attached for your reference. Within the slides you can find contact details for us as a team, as well as other useful email addresses to support utilising the apprenticeship funding.

Pharmacy Technician Workforce Expansion Webinar Recordings

Please use the following links to access the recordings:

1. [Thursday 03 August, 10am](#)
2. [Thursday 03 August, 7pm](#)

PQS

Pharmacy Quality Scheme 23/24

Please read the attached guidance [here](#) which sets out the tasks that must be completed in order to claim for each domain.

If you need any support, please contact LPC@communitypharmacys.co.uk.

Newsletters

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



Additionally you may be interested in.....

Register now for the Pharmacy Show!

The Pharmacy Show will be held in Birmingham on the 15th -16th of October.

To register click [here](#), for more information click [here](#).



Ask about Asthma Week 11th- 17th September

The theme for this year's campaign is 'widening the view' #askaboutasthma week.

The **#AskAboutAsthma** campaign encourages children and young people, their families, and those involved in their care, to ensure four simple and effective measures to help them control their asthma:

1. Get an [asthma action plan](#) in place
2. Understand how to use [inhalers](#) correctly
3. Schedule an [asthma review](#) – every year and after every attack
4. Consider [air pollution](#) and its impact on lung health

Throughout the week there will be webinars, podcasts, blogs, vlogs, social media activity and a one-day virtual conference. Including a one-day conference on the 14th and a pharmacy focused webinar on the 12th September.

Please see the pharmacy toolkit [here](#).

Supply disruption Creon 25000 is now back in stock

In July there have been supply issues with Creon 25000 strength, the manufacturer Viatris, has stated that all strengths of Creon are now back in stock. Community pharmacies should now be able to access stock, if you have any issues, please report this directly on the [CPE website](#) or try via different wholesaler depots.

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