

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

Reminder - Join our new Community Pharmacy Surrey and Sussex WhatsApp Group

This new WhatsApp group is being set-up to enable CPSS to send out any urgent deadline reminders or messages to the community pharmacies across Surrey and Sussex. It will only be available for sending out messages and will not be available on a chat basis so that you will not be inundated with notifications.



If you would like to sign up to the CPSS WhatsApp group, please send your phone number details to

lpc@communitypharmacys.co.uk.

Local Services

NHS Community Pharmacy Blood Pressure Check Service: Reminder to sign up to an IT provider

NHSE announced in June that pharmacy owners will be required to use an approved clinical IT system for recording clinical records and payment claims for the Hypertension case-finding service, starting from the **1st of September 2023**.

The following are the systems and suppliers:

- HxConsult (Positive Solutions)
- Pharmacy Manager (Cegedim)
- PharmOutcomes (Pinnacle Health)
- Sonar health (Sonar informatics)

Using these assured systems will enable pharmacy teams to record blood pressure checks in real time and simplify the monthly claims process.

Effective from September 1st, all payment claims for the service must be made using an assured IT system (using the API). There will be no manual option available for claiming service provisions.

What to do if you do not have an assured IT system

If you do not currently have an assured IT system, you will need to arrange for one to be put in place before the end of September. This will ensure you can submit your Blood Pressure Check Service claims and receive reimbursement for them.

For more information, please view the NHS Mail sent to all pharmacies via NHSE alternatively contact LPC@Communitypharmacys.co.uk.



COVID Vaccinations: Launch of the expression of interest process for the autumn/winter 23-24

The expression of interest process for the autumn/winter 23-24 Covid-19 service has launched.

The Service fees from the 1st of September 2023 will be £9.58 for each influenza vaccine administered to an eligible patient and £7.54 for each Covid-19 vaccine administered to an eligible patient. That means when Covid-19 and flu vaccines are co-administered, the combined fee will be £17.12 and a supplement of £10.00 will be paid for each Covid-19 vaccination administered to a housebound patient.

The start date will be communicated for the Covid-19 vaccinations to participating pharmacy contractors following receipt of recommendations from JCVI but we anticipate that this will be in October 2023.

The deadline for expressing interest is the 29th of August at 5pm and you must register your interest on the [Health-Family Portal](#) (C173469) by the 29th of August (5pm).

Please ensure you leave plenty of time to upload your information since late submissions cannot be accepted. The covid vaccination team will hold a webinar on Monday the 21st of August at 6pm to discuss the launch of the EOI and talk you through the EOI process. The invite and agenda will be circulated shortly to all pharmacies via NHS Mail.

Read through the draft Covid-19 vaccination enhanced service specification [here](#).

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Training

Surrey County Council presents Providing inclusive services to the LGBTQ+ population training webinar Tuesday 10th October 7:00pm-8:30pm

This event is aimed at Community Pharmacy Teams in Surrey **ONLY** and is open to all colleagues working in those community pharmacies.

Many service providers assume that because they provide their service to everyone that they do not need to make any changes to enable those that feel excluded to use their service. This session looks at what you can do to make your services more accessible and inclusive for those that identify as LGBTQ+.

The session aims to: Identify support that may be required, improve knowledge and be able to confidently signpost appropriately.

By looking at:

- Size of population
- Identity
- Specific health issues
- Sexual health
- Prejudice and discrimination
- Where you can signpost to statutory and voluntary organisations
- What you can do to make your service more inclusive



Please book your place [here](#).

Do you want to support training a Pharmacy Technician across different pharmacy sectors in Sussex

HEE are offering funding to support the training of PTPTs on the multisector training programme.

In previous years Sussex has completed an expression of interest (EoI) and been successful in receiving the funding for these. They are currently planning on completing an expression of interest for the multisector programme and are looking for partners who would be interested in employing the PTPTs along with those who would be interesting in hosting a PTPT on rotation.

If you are interested in being part of a multi-sector training programme, please contact Paula Parker on her email address below with the following information:

Are you able to be the employer for the PTPT(s) Yes/No If yes, how many?

Are you able to provide Educational supervisors for the two year programme? Yes/No If yes, how many?

Paula Parker

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Additionally you may be interested in.....

Safety Critical alert to adhere to: National shortage of GLP-1 receptor agonists – Reminder do not recommend brand or strength Rx switches

Please ensure that all pharmacy team members are aware that you cannot recommend that patients request different strengths or brands of GLP-1 agents. Guidance regarding this shortage has been circulated however, the information below sets out the steps to take.

Please download the attached CAS alert published on 18th July with instructions/recommendations for all clinicians (see [here](#)) ([CAS-ViewAlert \(mhra.gov.uk\)](#)) and brief your teams accordingly.

Medicine supply reminder – Prolia injections are available from AAH

AAH Pharmaceuticals Ltd are the sole distributor for the below range of products to Retail Customers (Community Pharmacies, Prisons, Dispensing & Non-Dispensing Doctors) in GB:

- XGEVA®
- Prolia®

If a Pharmacy has difficulties in obtaining stocks of medicine from AAH, they should contact the Amgen Customer Success Team on +44 (0)20 3024 0072 or cs-uk@amgen.com.

Sussex Social Prescribing

Social Prescribing:

- is a **non-clinical, person-centred** approach focusing on the wider issues that affect an individual's health and wellbeing.
- aims to **empower** and **support** people to **improve their health and wellbeing**.
- connects people to community-based support or activities to help with **social, emotional** or **practical needs**.

- Can support with a wide range of issues including housing, debt, loneliness, knowledge of and access to local services.

Sussex Lifestyle Behaviour Teams are in the process of creating an interactive map of social prescribing to allow for further signposting opportunities for patients, please see below links.

[West Sussex Wellbeing / Provided by West Sussex County Council](#)

[Welcome to One You East Sussex: Get Back to a Healthier You](#)

[Sign up for support from the Healthy Lifestyles Team \(brighton-hove.gov.uk\)](#)

[National Academy of Social Prescribing](#)

[Interactive map of social prescribing services](#)

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