

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

### **Westminster Hall Debate on the Future of Community Pharmacies, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

CPSS wrote to all the MP's across Surrey and Sussex this week to ask for their support by attending a Westminster Hall debate on the future of community pharmacies.



The debate is very timely as it is likely to coincide with the launch of the [Vision](#) for community pharmacy, which is being developed by The King's Fund and Nuffield Trust on behalf of Community Pharmacy England.

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## Training

### **Community pharmacy technician: advancing your role**

This new NHS England fully funded training programme will help pharmacy technicians develop the skills and confidence to deliver effective clinical services in

community pharmacy. This is to ensure that they have the right post-registration training to enable confident, safe working practices and career development. Launching in September, up to 840 pharmacy technicians will be able to apply for the training.

**Duration and delivery mode:** This is a 4-month self-directed e-course consisting of six modules, with approximately 4-6 hours of learning per week. The training programme is delivered online and also includes one face to face workshop on clinical assessment skills, facilitated by CPPE.

**Who can apply:** You will need to follow the CPPE application process and confirm that you:

- are a registered community pharmacy technician
- have access to a pharmacist or other health care professional in practice who is able to observe and sign off your clinical assessment skills practice
- will provide the postcode of your place of work
- will agree to attend one of the mandatory clinical assessment skills face-to-face workshops and one online peer reflection workshop to guarantee your place and gain access to the e-course.

The programme launches on 28 September and [registration is open now](#).



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



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



### **CPPE Optimising Inhaler Technique : Improving Outcomes Workshop on the 12th of September Ashtead Cricket Club 7-9pm**

There are places available at *Optimising inhaler technique: improving outcomes* workshop on Tuesday 12th September 2023 at Ashstead Cricket Club, Woodfield Lane, KT21 2BJ from 7:00 - 9:00pm.

**Are you familiar with the pros and cons of each device?  
Could you confidently counsel your patients on which device would be best for them?**

The workshop is a face to face event and it will provide an excellent opportunity to network with other pharmacy professionals, and a chance to reconnect with friends and acquaintances. **A light buffet will be served before the workshop from 6:30pm.**

The workshop can be booked [here](#).

**This is a hands-on workshop to allow healthcare professionals to familiarise with a variety of inhaler devices and other aids and to practice delivering support to people to optimise their inhaler technique.**

All healthcare professionals who come into contact with people who are using inhalers should be able to check inhaler technique and provide advice to improve the use of inhaled medicines. This workshop will develop knowledge, skills and confidence to support patients to improve their outcomes and have an impact on the quality of life for people with COPD and asthma.

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## **CPPE Preparing to train as an independent prescriber**

CPPE are pleased to announce the launch of their new learning programme, ***Preparing to train as an independent prescriber***. This programme aims to build the confidence and competence of pharmacists who are planning to apply and train as independent prescribers and is open to all pharmacists, who are planning to commence their independent prescriber training with a Higher Education Institute (HEI).

The course is made up of four main components, including a self-directed e-course and self-assessment framework, a mandatory online workshop to support you to review your self-assessment of competencies, an optional online workshop to support your readiness for academic writing and reflective practice, and optional peer support sessions, providing the opportunity for you to develop your professional network and establish communities of practice.

Its aim is to help pharmacists prepare an application and prepare themselves for prescribing training by helping them to understand what it means to be a prescriber, considerations when choosing a course, how they can demonstrate relevant knowledge and skills and plan for the study and supervised practice requirements of the course.

***Preparing to train as an independent prescriber*** is scheduled to launch on 12 September and you can find information about it on the CPPE website:

[www.cppe.ac.uk/career/preparingtotrainip](http://www.cppe.ac.uk/career/preparingtotrainip).



## **Surrey Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Survey**



The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) is a statutory document that measures the current and future health and social care needs of Surrey residents. It also supports local leaders and commissioners to make informed decisions and to shape services in a way that best serves their communities.

As part of the Multiple Disadvantage chapter, Surrey County Council would like to invite you to complete **[our short survey](#)**. This is the first time in Surrey that a JSNA chapter has been co-produced by a priority population; they would like to hear from professionals whose service is accessed by people experiencing multiple disadvantage in Surrey.

### **What is this survey about?**

Surrey County Council would like to ask you some questions about your service. What you tell them will be used to help to inform the Multiple Disadvantage JSNA chapter, which will make recommendations to improve services for adults, children and families experiencing multiple disadvantage in Surrey, prevent further harm and ensure the Surrey Health and Wellbeing Strategy addresses their needs in the future.

This survey is open to all Surrey-based organisations whose services are accessed by people (including children, young people, adults and families) experiencing multiple disadvantage.

You can complete the survey by clicking above, or share with colleagues via the following link: **[here](#)**.

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