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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.

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LPC News

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

Sussex Prescription Ordering Direct (POD) service transition

From the 29th of September 2023, patients will not be able to order repeat prescriptions using the NHS Sussex POD telephone or text service. Responsibility for repeat prescribing is being transferred back to individual GP practices.

Patients who use the POD service are being contacted directly with details of how they can continue to receive their repeat prescriptions via their GP practice.

NHS Sussex do not anticipate this change to impact on community pharmacies, however a letter has been sent to pharmacies in the surrounding areas to share useful information when interacting with patients or if you receive any enquiries. If you would like a copy of this letter email lpc@communitypharmacys.co.uk

The GP practices affected are located in Brighton and Hove and High Weald, Lewes and Havens. You can see the full list, along with information for the public, on the NHS Sussex website: [here](#).

If you have any questions, please email the POD transition team sxicb.pod-support@nhs.net.

Training

Funding to support expansion of pharmacy technician workforce

NHS England Workforce, Training and Education (WT&E) directorate are offering funding to support the training of pre-registration trainee pharmacy technicians (PTPTs) on a multi-sector training programme, or single sector Community Pharmacy only training programme. The Pharmacy South East team will be holding two 90-minute webinars to provide further details regarding this funding opportunity. Please register to attend one of the webinars using the link below (you do not need to attend both sessions).

1. [Thursday 3 August 2023, 10am](#)
2. [Thursday 3 August 2023, 7pm](#)

How much funding is available?

- £46,099 per PTPT over the 2-year training period.
- Funding is intended to contribute to the cost of developing and running a two-year work-based training programme.

- It is recommended education costs are covered through apprenticeship levy.

What do I need to do to be eligible for funding?

- Identify you are able to provide educational supervision from a GPhC registered pharmacy professional throughout the full 24-month training programme.
- Complete a short on-line expression of interest with an overview of your proposed training programme. This will be used to shortlist allocation of funding. (The link to the expression of interest will be circulated after the launch webinar, and will open for applications on Monday 7th August)
- For organisations wishing to deliver a multi-sector programme, have formed a partnership that includes a minimum of two healthcare settings, at least one of which must be responsible for delivery of day-to-day patient facing pharmacy services.

What support is provided by NHS England WT&E?

- Initial Q&A sessions for each Integrated Care System with the NHS England WT&E Pharmacy Technician Lead and dedicated programme facilitator, to help answer any questions and help build networking opportunities for multi sector partnerships.
- Support from a dedicated pharmacy programme facilitator to offer guidance and expertise throughout the 2-year training period.
- Employer network meetings to share experience, practice and resources.
- A range of resources including examples of job adverts and learning plans shared by existing training placements.

Newsletters

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

To read the July issue of Surrey Heartlands Medicines Safety Matters click [here](#).

To read issue 52 of NHSBSA Hints and Tips for Dispensing Contractors click [here](#).

Additionally you may be interested in.....

Are you a trainee pharmacist or a pharmacy providing trainee pharmacist placements in Sussex ICB?

If you provide trainee pharmacist training in your community pharmacy, Sussex ICB would be happy to provide the opportunity for them to have a couple of training sessions with their team and to spend a few days with them learning about the wider NHS, formulary, analysing prescribing and understanding the MOCH service as well as the basics behind primary care/how GP practices work and the pharmacy teams within them. As part of this experience, they provide a couple of tasks that they guide the trainees through and provide the opportunity to meet members of their team and understand their role. As a team they are keen to open this offer this experience to community pharmacy trainee pharmacists.

The experiential learning programme they have developed over the past 3 years is mostly aimed at increasing understanding and awareness of the local formulary and local prescribing priorities so is absolutely suited to community pharmacy trainees.

If you would like your trainee pharmacist to have this opportunity, please contact Ellen and she can arrange this.

Ellen Mason

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NHS Surrey Heartlands change in blood glucose test strip formulary

The two meters from this formulary which will be suitable for **most ADULT patients with TYPE 2 diabetes** are GlucoRx Q and Finetest Lite Smart. GP Practices have been asked to speak to their local pharmacy and inform them of the preferred meter test

strips that they will be prescribing so that pharmacies are aware. You may see the following prescribed in preference to other products as these blood glucose meters become used by increasing numbers of patients.

1. GlucoRx:

- GlucoRx® Q test strips
- GlucoRx® Carepoint lancets
- GlucoRx® pen needles

2. Neon Diagnostics:

- Finetest Lite® test strips
- Greenlan® lancets
- Greenfine® pen needles

Knowledge Exchange Event: Understanding and Managing Behavioural and Psychological Symptoms in People Living with Dementia Thursday, 28th September 2023 from 1-2 pm

During this informative and engaging event, you will learn about:

- The clinical guidance and key medication prescribed for this condition
- The implementation of the clinical guidance from the General Practitioner perspective
- Practical application of the resource pack from the carer's perspective

More information is available on the [Knowledge exchange event flyer](#).

CMB clinical training sessions

A list of the forthcoming training sessions can be found on the following link together with the sign-up details. Sessions include: Respiratory & Heart Failure and Childrens ADHD.

[KSS education series](#).

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