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**Newsletter**

27/09/2023

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

### **Community Pharmacy PCN Leads**

Community pharmacy is an integral part of the NHS and has a vital role to play as a full partner within a primary care network (PCN). The Community Pharmacy PCN Lead service is now operational and the leads are contacting the pharmacies and GP surgeries within their PCN's to introduce themselves.

The Community Pharmacy PCN Lead has an important role in shaping engagement between pharmacies and other healthcare professionals in the PCN and involves:

- providing a single channel of engagement with the PCN, building collaborative working relationships with relevant PCN members;
- becoming a champion of community pharmacy within the PCN, helping to ensure community pharmacy plays a significant role in delivering healthcare services within the community and to,

- support identifying key priorities and capacity constraints in the PCN area by: getting together with your pharmacy colleagues in the area and discussing how your skills, and the services they could provide, would support the PCN to address their health inequalities.

We still have a couple of vacancies so if you would like to be a Community Pharmacy PCN Lead and are aware of a vacancy in your locality please contact us at [lpc@communitypharmacys.co.uk](mailto:lpc@communitypharmacys.co.uk) and we can give you further information of what is involved and the remuneration.

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## Local Services



### ONPOS Service Brighton and Hove

Your CPSS Team are in discussion regarding the service specification and fees and will update providers of the service shortly. If you have any specific queries regarding the service contact us at [lpc@communitypharmacys.co.uk](mailto:lpc@communitypharmacys.co.uk).

If you have any ONPOS ICB specific queries, please email [katherine.regan@nhs.net](mailto:katherine.regan@nhs.net).

Any other queries related to the ONPOS IT system should be directed to the ONPOS helpdesk [scwcsu.QNXfs@nhs.net](mailto:scwcsu.QNXfs@nhs.net).

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## Training



**Surrey County Council presents Providing inclusive services to the LGBTQ+ population training webinar Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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+

You are invited to attend an awareness session about the LGBTQ+ population. 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](#)**

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**PQS**

## Aspiration Payment

Reminder last chance to claim for the PQS Aspiration Payment via MYS by 11.59pm on the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

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## Newsletters

To read the latest edition of Medicines Management Matters for Primary Care Practitioners in NHS Surrey Heartlands click [here](#).



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



### East Sussex Smoking Cessation survey

East Sussex County Council (ESCC) and NHS Sussex are working with the Social Marketing Gateway (SMG), an independent research agency, to understand how to better support and enable smokers with COPD in East Sussex to successfully quit smoking/make a quit attempt.

Across East Sussex, approximately 21% of COPD patients continue to smoke, with studies suggesting that smokers with COPD may have specific features that may make it harder for them to quit compared to the general population of smokers.

As part of this work, they are keen to hear from key stakeholders who engage with COPD smokers at any point in their journey – when they are diagnosed or as part of their ongoing healthcare, when they decide to quit smoking, during their quit attempt etc. – to get their thoughts and insights about the challenges COPD smokers face and how

they can be better supported.

East Sussex would really appreciate your involvement and support with this work.

The survey will be open for responses until **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023.**

If you have any questions about this work, please email: Nicola Blake at ESCC ([nicola.blake@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:nicola.blake@eastsussex.gov.uk)) or Megan at the SMG research team ([megan@smgateway.co.uk](mailto:megan@smgateway.co.uk)).

[To take part in this survey click here](#)

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## Surrey County Council – Joint Strategic Needs Assessment survey



Surrey County Council are working on the Multiple Disadvantage JSNA chapter. As part of the JSNA, you are invited to complete [their short 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.

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 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.

[To take part in this survey click here](#)

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