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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



Pharmacy Technician Day 17th October

Tuesday the 17th of October it is the annual Pharmacy Technician Day. CPSS would like to recognise the dedication of all pharmacy technicians working across the Surrey and Sussex geography and thank them for all that they do every day supporting patients.

This is an opportunity for everyone to take the time to tell Pharmacy Technicians that they are appreciated.

Hashtags for the Pharmacy Technician day have been shared as

#pharmacytechnicianday #rxtechday

Are you a new or existing contractor?

Come and meet your CPSS Team on the 17th of October 2023



Join us at a webinar on the 17th of October 2023 from 7pm to 8pm to meet your CPSS Team. Find out how we can support you with any queries that you have and where to find useful information on locally commissioned services.

[Sign up here!](#)

Training



Surrey NHS Health Checks training 10th November

The next NHS Health Check training will take place on Friday **10th November 09:30-15:30 via MS Teams.**

A teams invite will be sent to you once you have booked your place by the beginning of November.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact emma.r.jones@surreycc.gov.uk.

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



Additionally you may be interested in.....



NHS Sussex Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP) Network Event 1st November

Join NHS Sussex pharmacy workforce leads on the 1st of November, for the first Sussex ICS wide DPP network event 13.00-14.30, via Microsoft Teams.

To sign up click on the button below or email

maria.padfield@nhs.net or alice.conway@nhs.net if you are interested in attending.

[Sign up here](#)

Implementing the Foundation Pharmacist Training Year 2025/26

In January 2021, the GPhC published the revised Standards for the Initial Education and Training of Pharmacists. The first students to graduate against these new learning outcomes will start their foundation training year, previously known as the pre-reg year, in July 2025.

Some changes are already under way to prepare for this:

- Universities are rolling out revised MPharm undergraduate degrees that are aligned to the new learning outcomes and standards.
- NHS Workforce, Training and Education (WTE) are taking on new responsibilities, delegated by the GPhC, for the quality assurance of all foundation training sites in England.



- Together with partners and stakeholders, they are working to develop the approach for the quality assurance of foundation training for all trainees from summer 2025.

If you provide foundation year trainee pharmacist training the following web page provides up-to-date information on the implementation of the new standards and learning outcomes in the foundation training year from 2025.

[Implementing the Foundation Pharmacist Training Year 2025/26 | Health Education England \(hee.nhs.uk\)](#).



NPSA alert on ADHD medications

The [National Patient Safety Agency](#) (NPSA) have issued an alert on the shortage of methylphenidate prolonged release formulations and other medicines licensed for the treatment of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). At present, the supply disruptions are expected to resolve before the end of December 2023.

Sussex Partnership Foundation Trust, in collaboration with Bikram Raychaudhuri, Clinical Director for Mental Health, have produced guidance on how to manage the disruption to supply which includes information on alternative options and how to access additional specialist advice, if required. This guidance is [here](#).

If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact the MO Team (sxicb.mot-admin@nhs.net).

Access to contraception in marginalised groups survey

Closing date COP Monday 13 November

The English HIV and Sexual Health Commissioners Group (EHSHCG) have collaborated with the Advisory Group on Contraception to launch a new survey exploring the barriers that women from marginalised communities face when accessing contraception.



Between 2015/16 and 2020/21, there was a stark 42% real terms reduction in contraceptive spend across England, leading to significant difficulties in access to contraception as well as unprecedented levels of demand for abortion services. In the Government's own public call for evidence, just 40% of women reported being able to conveniently access the services they need in terms of location, with only 24% reporting convenient timing of access, especially in relation to contraception.

It is long-established that while damaging to all women, nowhere is the impact of cuts and reduced provision starker than among vulnerable groups. And yet, to date, there is little research at a granular level into what barriers exist to those in marginalised groups, when it comes to accessing contraception.

Therefore, the Advisory Group on Contraception – in collaboration with the English HIV and Sexual Health Commissioners Group – is launching this survey to further understand the experiences of women in these groups and support work to shine a light on the fundamental access

barriers to contraceptive provision with policy makers.

Whilst the survey is focused on these easy to ignore groups, the survey is open to all women in the hope that the findings may provide impactful insights into the depth of inequalities in women's reproductive health.

[The survey can be accessed here](#)



NSAIDs and hormonal contraception – awareness of new study and increased risk for concomitant use

A new study has shown an increased risk for women taking NSAIDs and hormonal contraception.

Analysis of Danish registry data (2.0 million women followed for 21.0-million-person years) found NSAID use linked to venous thromboembolism, the risk of which was significantly larger with concomitant use of high/medium risk vs. low/no risk hormonal contraception.

[Venous thromboembolism with use of hormonal contraception and non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs: nationwide cohort study.](#)

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