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## Newsletter

19/10/2023

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



### Pharmacy Contractor Webinar

An informative webinar was run on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October 2023 by Community Pharmacy Surrey and Sussex team members to introduce pharmacy contractors to how the LPC operates, the services available across the Surrey and Sussex geography and where further information and support can be obtained.

The slides from the webinar are available on our website [here](#).

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## Pharmacies Of Tomorrow

We would like to draw attention to the CPE

[#PharmaciesOfTomorrow campaign](#), based on the independent report by Nuffield Trust and the King's Fund (commissioned by Community Pharmacy England). This report envisions the future of community pharmacy and highlights its vast potential, given the right investment and support.



Please use the hashtag **#PharmaciesOfTomorrow** on social media to spark conversations on this crucial topic. A range of resources including a written summary, animations, and infographics can be used to encourage discussion or when engaging with MPs, Integrated Care System (ICS) leaders, health charities, and patient groups.

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## Training



**Health Education England**

### [Recruitment of Trainee Pharmacists for 2025/26 via Oriel – Introduction to the process and support sessions](#)

For the 2025/26 foundation training programme, all training sites will be required to recruit their trainee pharmacist(s) via the National Recruitment Scheme. This is managed using the UK wide online portal called Oriel. The national recruitment cycle for trainee pharmacists starting their foundation training in 2025 begins in January 2024 and closes in March 2024.

The 2025/26 foundation training programme will see also the introduction of the requirement that all training sites must be able to provide access to a Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP) and a prescribing learning environment. More information about these changes is available [here](#).

**To support you in preparation for 2025/26 foundation training, the NHS England WT&E South East pharmacy team are hosting three online webinars in November 2023 to discuss what this means for you as employers. The focus of these webinars will be on the recruitment of trainees via the Oriel National Recruitment Scheme.** These webinars will be followed up by **support sessions throughout January and February 2024**, when the window for employers to enter their programme into Oriel is open.

The dates of the initial online webinars and links to register are:

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 7.30pm – 8.30pm: [Sign up here](#)**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 12.30pm – 1.30pm: [Sign up here](#)**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 7.30pm – 8.30pm: [Sign up here](#)**

For those unable to attend, a recording of the content presented at the webinars will be made available, accompanied by a FAQ document. Please note, the same content will be presented at all three webinars.

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## Newsletters

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



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

## Reminder - Full pack dispensing of valproate-containing medicines

Changes to the Human Medicines Regulations 2023 on the 11th of October, implemented new rules requiring pharmacists to dispense all licensed medicines containing valproate in the manufacturer's original full pack.

Pharmacies must supply valproate products as complete packs and should not repackage them in plain dispensing packaging. However, exceptions can be made based on individual risk assessments, allowing pharmacists to supply valproate-containing medicines in different packaging as long as patient information leaflets are provided.

Additionally, all licensed medicines containing valproate have been reclassified as special containers for reimbursement purposes, with pharmacies being automatically paid for the relevant number of complete packs. The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has also released new guidance to support this change. Further information is available [here](#).

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### ADHD Medication shortages - guidance from NHS Surrey Heartlands

There are currently supply disruptions affecting various medications which are licensed for the treatment of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). A national patient safety alert has been issued [here](#). NHS Surrey Heartlands have been advised that centrally NHSE are looking at publishing further guidance but until this is



published they have been working with colleagues from Surrey & Borders Partnership NHS Trust to produce a pack which provides useful information and clinical recommendations about how to manage these shortages. Please see [here](#).

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### **CGL National Drug Alerts**

CGL have issued a national alert regarding the issues and dangers around Nitazenes. Please see the links below.

[East Sussex Drug Alert Poster Nitazenes Oct 23](#)

[Brighton & Hove Drug Alert Poster Nitazenes Oct 23](#)

[West Sussex Drug Alert Poster Nitazenes Oct 23](#)

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### **Surrey Heartlands Diabetes Network**

The below resources are available for community pharmacies to utilise to upskill the team to support patients with diabetes.

Resources that provide support and contain details about the free Healthy Living online service, including a patient leaflet, are available [here](#).

### **Language Matters: Language and diabetes**

Developed by people living with diabetes and healthcare professionals, this guide provides practical examples of language that will encourage positive interactions with people living with diabetes and subsequently more positive outcomes.

[Download a copy here](#).

## Diabetes UK's local peer support tool for people living with type 1

- NHS England, Diabetes UK and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation have launched an [interactive peer support tool](#) for people living with type 1 diabetes which enables clinicians and people to search for local peer support groups.
- Peer support, alongside other support, has been shown to help people learn to live with their condition, giving them confidence and knowledge.
- Independent local peer support groups can register via this [enquiry form](#). Groups supporting people living with, and affected by type 1, type 2, [gestational](#) and [other types of diabetes](#) can also register their interest to be added.

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