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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



Hangleton and Knoll outreach: CPSS represented community pharmacy at the *being well in the west* event on Saturday the 14th of October

Community Pharmacy Surrey and Sussex alongside Brighton and Hove Public Health were invited to attend the *being well in the west* event for Hangleton and Knoll community. We spoke to local people about their health, access to pharmacy services and general wellbeing. The event was extremely successful, and we were very busy at the community pharmacy stand speaking to patients and signposting.

Reminder: The 2023 Community Pharmacy Workforce Mandatory Survey



The 2023 Community Pharmacy Workforce Survey, conducted by North of England Commissioning Support Unit (NECS) on behalf of NHS England, opened on the 23rd of October 2023.

Completion of the survey **is a mandatory requirement for all pharmacy owners.**

The NHSBSA sent an email to pharmacy owners containing a link to the survey on the 23rd of October 2023.

You can also access the survey via the following link:

[Access the 2023 workforce survey](#)

In some cases, e.g. Company Chemists' Association member companies and other multiple pharmacy groups, head offices will complete the survey centrally. If you are not sure whether the survey will be completed centrally, please ask your head office for guidance.

The survey is open for eight weeks and will close on Sunday the 17th of December 2023.

Services



Contract Tender Announcement

[Monitored Dosage System Dispensing Services for Frimley Health NHS Trust](#)

An expression of interest for the Monitored Dosage Service required by Frimley Health NHS Trust has been published.

A brief overview of the required service is provided below:

The Monitored Dosage Service requirement is for the provision of medication trays for patients who are to be discharged from hospital and who require this level of assistance. A tray should be for a week's supply of medication with occasional two weeks' supply if there is an extended bank holiday break.

All medication for a patient requiring a tray needs to be included, for example, creams and ointments. There may be a future requirement for two weeks' supply for these medications in all cases. This service is for Frimley Park Hospital and Wexham Park Hospital and each site will be a separate lot. Suppliers can bid for either lot or both. If you are interested in being invited to access this tender, please email Christina Terry at christina.terry1@nhs.net by close of business on Monday the 30th of October 2023.

Procurement reference itt_4469 - FHFT - W88842 -

Monitored Dosage System Dispensing Services

[Monitored Dosage System Dispensing Services for Frimley Health NHS Trust - Contracts Finder.](#)

Needle Exchange – East Sussex and Brighton & Hove

The new Needle Syringe Program contract has now been agreed and been sent to participating pharmacies. We have included a copy of the SLA [here](#) for all pharmacies in East Sussex and Brighton & Hove to look over, if you would like to offer the service and don't already, please contact Tina



Fowler on the details below.

Please read through the new SLA as there is a significant increase in payments which is all outlined in the SLA.

The contract will need to be signed and either scanned or a Photo of the signed SLA sent back as soon as possible to Tina Fowler Tina.Fowler@cgl.org.uk or call on 07789414270.

Training

CPPE

For updates on what CPPE can offer you and your pharmacy click on the links below, this includes CPPE resources to support delivery of community pharmacy services, CPPE resources to support Pharmacy Technicians and also CPPE resources to support pharmacist prescribers.



1. [What's on in CPPE](#)
2. [Support for prescribers/ those intending to undertake training](#)
3. [Support for technicians](#)

To see more CPPE Workshops from October to December 2023 click [here](#).

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Opportunity to advertise paid employment within community pharmacy to pharmacy undergraduates

If you would like to advertise a paid position to pharmacy undergraduates at Brighton University, please send details of the work that pharmacy undergraduates could apply for and undertake alongside their degree to lpc@communitypharmacys.co.uk and we will pass your details onto the University.

Work could include pharmacy assistants, dispensers etc. Details on how to apply to posts advertised will be highlighted to the undergrads.

There have been already several success stories of undergrads working in these roles within Sussex over the past couple of years and the university is keen to expand these opportunities

Surrey County Council A3 Electric Vehicle grant available to apply for

The stretch of the A3 from the cathedral at Guildford to the A31 Farnham turn is one of the roads in the UK with the highest levels of vehicle emissions. To try and combat this



Surrey County Council have developed a grant aimed at replacing diesel vans that make at least 150 journeys (3 trips per week) along the stretch of road per year. Grants are available for £5k-£10k towards the cost of a new electric vehicle. Details and an eligibility check can be found [here](#).

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