

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



Lateral Flow Device (LFD) service launches

The service, which is funded outside of the CPCF global sum, will allow eligible patients who have **risk factors for progression to severe COVID-19** to obtain LFD test kits from participating community pharmacies. Access to LFD test kits allows eligible patients to self-test if they have symptoms which suggest they may have COVID-19, with the potential for them to access treatment if the result is positive.

A service fee of £4 + VAT will be paid for each completed transaction of the supply of one box of five COVID-19 LFD test kits and the cost of tests supplied will be paid according to arrangements set out in the November 2023 Drug Tariff.

When ready to provide the service, pharmacy owners will be able to sign up on the NHSBSA's MYS portal from the 6th of

November 2023, after which they will be able to provide the service.

[Read more about the LFD service and view the support materials available to help you provide the service.](#)

Training

Receive financial support to obtain a DPP for IP training from NHS Surrey Heartlands

NHS Surrey Heartlands wants to support community pharmacists who work in the area to obtain a Designated Prescriber Practitioner so they can enrol on an IP course.



The aim is:

- To develop community pharmacist Independent Prescribers (IPs) through providing a funding contribution for the supervision (DPP) element of the training
- To increase service offerings into our neighbourhoods via community pharmacy
- To embed community pharmacy workforce into neighbourhoods
- To develop multi-professional relationships between community pharmacy IP learner and their DPP (designated Prescribing Practitioner) supervisor

Please click on the links below for more information.

[DPP poster](#) | [DPP FAQ](#) | [DPP contract](#)

For more information and to participate in the scheme contact lpc@communitypharmacys.co.uk.

PQS



Palliative and End of Life Care Action Plan

Please contact LPC@communitypharmacyss.co.uk if you would like a copy of the action plan detailing the pharmacies that are locally commissioned in your area.

For further information on PQS domains and information for contractors who open or change ownership from 1st of June 2023 please view [here](#).

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



To read edition 53 of Hints & Tips for Dispensing Contractors click [here](#).

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Ask Your Pharmacist Week 2023

Ask Your Pharmacist Week is an annual awareness-raising campaign organised by the National Pharmacy Association (NPA) and supported by NHS England and runs from the 30th of October to the 6th of November.

This year's theme is 'Meet Your Local Pharmacy Team', aiming to raise awareness of the NHS services and skilled staff available in their local pharmacies with the strapline -

Convenient, clinical care. [Free campaign materials are available on the NPA website.](#)

World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week (WAAW) 18-24th November 2023

Encourage patients to return unused antibiotics to Community Pharmacies for safe destruction. Leftover antibiotics can be harmful if they are kept for use another time, shared with others, or disposed of unsafely – all of these actions can increase the risk of antimicrobial resistance (AMR).

Unsafe disposal can contaminate the environment and increase the spread of resistant genes among bacteria, putting human and animal health at risk, but public awareness of this is low. Community pharmacies provide safe disposal routes for leftover antibiotics from convenient locations.

A campaign to promote safe disposal of antibiotics can be supported by posters displayed in Community Pharmacies and social media messages shared.

Resources for this campaign can be found here [Antibiotic Amnesty Resources \(rpharms.com\)](#).

Download the poster [here](#).

Social Media resources for Promoting an Antibiotic Amnesty in Surrey Heartlands

[TV screen message](#) | [Twitter post](#) | [Facebook post](#)



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