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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 First service and other changes agreed as Recovery Plan negotiations conclude**

Community Pharmacy England has reached agreement with Government and the NHS on the launch of a new national Pharmacy First service as well as other changes to pharmacy funding and services.

Under the agreement, a new Pharmacy First service which includes providing advice and NHS-funded treatment, where appropriate, for seven common conditions will be launched on 31st January 2024 (subject to the required IT systems being in place) as an Advanced Service.

Consultations can be provided to patients presenting to the pharmacy as well as those referred by NHS 111, GPs and others. The service will also incorporate the existing

Community Pharmacist Consultation Service.  
Further information is available [here](#).

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## Training

### Surrey Heartlands Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) in Primary Care Webinar 13<sup>th</sup> December 2pm-3pm



Dr Pauline Swift (Consultant Nephrologist, St Helier's Hospital) will be delivering a [CKD webinar](#) on the 13th December 2023, 2-3pm.

Learning objectives are identifying CKD, managing patients and prioritising and optimising medications in CKD.

Book for the webinar via the [link](#).

[Click here to book on to the webinar](#)



### Webinar foundation training programme and the recruitment of trainee pharmacists for 2025/26.

As part of the national reform to the Initial Education and Training of Pharmacists, a number of changes will be introduced to the foundation training programme and the recruitment of trainee pharmacists for 2025/26.

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 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.

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

[Please register here for Thursday 23rd November 7.30pm-8.30pm](#)

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



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

### Opportunity to respond to the Government's ambition to create a smokefree generation

The Government has announced an ambition to create a [smokefree generation](#), you can support by responding to the Government's proposal [consultation](#).



The link is now open until **11:59pm on 6 December 2023**.

The Government is proposing a series of actions to tackle smoking and youth vaping in the UK including introducing a new law to raise the smoking age by a year each year until it applies to the whole population. This will protect future generations of young people from the harms of smoking thus saving tens of thousands of lives and saving the NHS billions of pounds.

The new legislation will mean that anyone born on or after the 1st of January 2009 will never be able to legally buy tobacco. This will not criminalise smoking, nor remove the right to purchase tobacco from anyone who currently has it.

#### Why is this so important?

Smoking is the biggest preventable killer causing around 1 in 4 cancer deaths, increasing the chance of stillbirths, asthma in children, dementia, stroke, and heart failure in old age. In Surrey, 11.9% of the population still smoke, an estimated 112,521 people.

Not only does quitting smoking reduce the risk of ill health

and inequalities to the individual, but it will also have significant cost savings to our wider society. Smoking is the single largest contributor to health inequalities with rates highest amongst men, those in routine and manual work, people in treatment for alcohol or drug use, people with a long-term mental health condition and those living in our most deprived communities.

The topics in the consultation are:

1. **Creating a smokefree generation:** consulting on the smokefree generation policy and its scope.
2. **Tackling youth vaping:** consulting on several options to ensure we take the most appropriate and impactful steps, building on England's analysis of the youth vaping call for evidence.
3. **Enforcement:** consulting on the proposal to introduce new powers for local authorities in England and Wales to issue fixed penalty notices to enforce age of sale legislation of tobacco products and vapes.

You can respond to all three topics or choose exactly which topics you wish to respond to.

[Click here to respond to the consultation](#)



### **North West Surrey planning of QIPP (Quality, Innovation, Productivity and Prevention)**

North West Surrey has commenced fortnightly meetings as a Surrey Heartlands team to start the planning of QIPP

(Quality, Innovation, Productivity and Prevention)  
opportunities for 2024-25.

Whilst the engagement continues with all clinical, operational and specialists in various fields, the team would welcome your input and any thoughts or ideas you may have, particularly as you are working at the 'coal face'. This could be really simple ideas of cost-saving opportunities or pathway redesigns.

If you have any thoughts with regards to the content of the Surrey Heartlands Prescribing Scheme for 24/25 please forward any ideas via email to [lis.stanford@nhs.net](mailto:lis.stanford@nhs.net)

The deadline is **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**, so if you have any great ideas no matter how big or small then please let us know!

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### Clinical Examination Skills Training

Community pharmacists can now sign up for 1 or more Clinical Examination Skills modules including ENT, paediatrics, cardiology and dermatology.



Training for community pharmacists to help expand clinical skills and improve patient care. Designed to be flexible, the training programme can be tailored to individuals' skills, experience and learning requirements.

With 1,000+ places for Clinical Examination Skills face-to-face sessions available. These optional, regional events will give community pharmacists the chance to practice new procedures and techniques in real-life scenarios. The course

is designed to increase skills and confidence in wider clinical care covering areas such as history taking, clinical assessment and safety netting.

[Click here for more information and to sign up](#)

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