

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



Have you completed the 2023 mandatory workforce survey?

Pharmacy owners are reminded to complete the 2023 workforce survey **by Sunday, 17th December 2023**. The NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) has provided a link to the survey in an email sent to the shared pharmacy email address on 23rd October 2023.

Workforce challenges are an ongoing problem for the community pharmacy sector. By completing this survey pharmacy owners will be helping ensure that NHS England has the data it needs to properly take these issues into account in its workforce planning.

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.

Local Services

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

An invitation to tender 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.

This is to remind you that the deadline is approaching for the following ITT - Invitation to Tender Code itt_4469, published by Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust regarding FHFT - W88842 - Monitored Dosage System Dispensing Services.

Please note that the deadline for submitting a response concerning this ITT - Invitation to Tender on NHS Commercial Solutions eTendering Portal has been set to:
Date: 24 Nov, 2023
Time: 12:00 (Greenwich Mean Time)

Training



Community Pharmacy Type 2 Diabetes: Medicines Optimisation and stock shortage webinar Tuesday, 28th November 2023 at 7pm

Community Pharmacy Surrey and Sussex alongside NHS Sussex has collaborated to organise an AstraZeneca promotional meeting. Guest speakers Hannah Syed - Diabetes Lead Pharmacist & Practice Pharmacist, East Sussex Healthcare & Dr Daniel Jenkinson - GP Charter Medical Centre, Hove GP Lead Diabetes Care for You, look forward to presenting to our community pharmacy teams to upskill on Type 2 diabetes, stock shortages and treatment options.

To register please follow the link in an email that has been sent directly to your pharmacies via our

LPC@communitypharmacys.co.uk email address.



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RPS event - The Future of Prescribing

Tuesday 12 December 2023 | 6pm-8.30pm |

University of Brighton, Moulsecoomb Campus, Huxley Building, BN2 4AT

Are you interested to learn more about the community pharmacy prescribing pathfinder sites and how to embed prescribing into your practice for the future?

NHS England is developing a programme of 'pathfinder' sites enabling a community pharmacist prescriber to support primary care clinical services. The central aim is to support and test different prescribing models to help inform and develop the framework for the commissioning of prescribing in community pharmacy.

In August 2023, NHS England announced plans to include up to 210 community pharmacy sites across the 42 ICBs in the Pathfinder programme. This presents a unique opportunity for community pharmacy to redesign current pathways and increasingly deliver clinical services in primary care.

Learn more about the scope of the pathfinder sites in Sussex and understand how these will utilise the skills and capabilities of community pharmacists to build clinical services in the area. The local pathfinders are working with the ICB, other NHS bodies, local authorities, and community organisations to develop joined up care.

Join for an evening to explore and understand independent prescribing pathfinder sites in community pharmacy. The aim of the event is to inspire all pharmacists, regardless of stage in their career or sector of practice to engage and embrace the new evolving roles of the pharmacy workforce. This event will provide you with an overview of the pathfinder programme and how this has the potential to change community pharmacy practice in England.

This event will also allow you to network and engage with colleagues from across pharmacy and meet student pharmacists who are embarking on their career in the

profession.

Looking forward to seeing you at the event!!!

Claire May

PS - there will be prizes to be won also!!!!

Note this event is a FREE event for RPS members only. Students get FREE membership!

[Register here to attend](#)

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

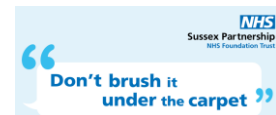


Additionally you may be interested in.....

NHS Sussex older people's suicide awareness campaign

In November NHS Sussex are launching a campaign called 'Don't brush it under the carpet', a suicide awareness campaign aimed at older people.

The campaign aims to raise awareness about older adults who may be struggling to cope, feeling suicidal, or who may be self-harming. It aims to reach out and signpost to where people can get support, and also raise awareness of what others can do to support an older person they know might be struggling with their emotional wellbeing. They would be grateful if the attached poster [here](#) could be displayed.





Update on pancreatic enzyme prescribing

Nationally there are ongoing issues with access to pancreatic enzymes. Pancrease HL has been discontinued. The availability of Creon 25,000 is highly variably with intermittent supply. This is likely to carry on intermittently for some time.

Nutrizym 22 can be prescribed in place of Creon 25,000 or Pancrease HL. If this is not available, Creon 10,000 can be prescribed, but prescribers and patients should be aware the dose needs to be increased by 2.5. (So if a patient takes 2 x Creon 25,000 with a meal they will need to take 5 x Creon 10,000)

As you will be aware, the supply issues are causing patients significant anxiety. Unfortunately, the specialist HPB team at the Royal Surrey have had several anecdotal reports of patients being told that all pancreatic enzyme products are being discontinued. Please do reassure patients that the supply issues are temporary.



Study to understand the needs of pharmacists in developing towards advanced level practice

The RPS in collaboration with NHS Education for Scotland (NES), NHS England (NHSE), Health Education and Improvement Wales (HEIW) and The Northern Ireland Centre for Pharmacy Learning and Development are inviting you to participate in a study to understand the needs of pharmacists in developing towards advanced level practice.

The [survey](#) should take approximately 15-20 mins to complete. Completing it will

support the education commissioning bodies to understand the development needs of the pharmacist workforce, in order to be able to progress towards advanced pharmacist practice.

For more information please read the attached participant information leaflet (PIL) [here](#) and visit the [following webpage](#). Please contact education@rpharms.com if you have any additional questions.

[To take part in the survey click here](#)

University of Bath – survey on the retention of the pharmacy workforce



We are exploring the themes we initially found in a survey that was undertaken earlier in the year that researched employment and professional motivations of the pharmacy workforce. We will be undertaking interviews with **pharmacists** and **pharmacy technicians** (20-30 minute duration) through videoconferencing. If you would like to take part, please respond directly to Tim Rennie:

twr32@bath.ac.uk

The results from this research are intended to inform decision-makers in the pharmacy profession and health service delivery landscape to improve the retention of the pharmacy workforce.

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