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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 specification available

The service requirements are included in the service specification and the associated clinical pathways.

[Download the service specification and clinical pathways](#)

The final outstanding set of documentation for the new service are the **23 patient group directions (PGD) and one protocol** which will be used to authorise supply of medicines at NHS expense. These documents are expected to be published in draft form during week commencing 27th December 2023.

All of these documents will be essential reading for pharmacy owners and pharmacists who will be providing the service.

[Further information & resources are available here](#)

CPE Webinars

Community Pharmacy England will be hosting a series of webinars to help pharmacy owners and their teams prepare for the new Pharmacy First service, and changes to the Contraception and Hypertension Case-Finding Services. Over the last couple of weeks, a huge amount of information, guidance and resources have been published on the [service developments announced following the Recovery Plan negotiations](#) and further documentation and resources are still to come.



Pharmacy owners and their teams will need to absorb this as part of preparing to start providing, or expand their offering of, these services. To guide you on this journey, CPE are organising a series of webinars through December and January, with support from [NHS England](#) and the [Centre for Postgraduate Education \(CPPE\)](#).

The webinars will provide more detail on the individual services announced, talking attendees through how they will operate and things to consider when getting set up to provide them. Each webinar will be led by the CPE Services Team and will have policy experts from NHS England and CPPE as speakers.

The webinars will be recorded and following the events, the recording will be made available via the CPE website for people to watch on-demand.

Pharmacy Contraception Service: Initiating

contraception (Tuesday 5th December 2023, 7-8.30pm)

Pharmacy First: Getting to know the service (Wednesday 13th December 2023, 7-8.30pm)

Hypertension Case-Finding Service (Wednesday 3rd January 2024, 7-8.30pm)

Pharmacy Contraception Service: getting going with the service (Wednesday 10th January 2024, 7-8.30pm)

Pharmacy First: Getting ready for launch (Monday 15th January 2024 7-8.30pm)

Training



CPPE Accuracy checking pharmacy technician programme – more free places available

NHS England has provided additional funding for CPPE to offer the Accuracy checking pharmacy technician (ACPT) programme to an additional 40 pharmacy technicians.

This programme is a 3-12 month training and development opportunity designed to support and assess pharmacy technicians in performing the final accuracy check of dispensed items on prescriptions. Due to the high level of interest, interested pharmacy technicians are encouraged to apply as soon as bookings open.

[Check the opening dates for booking](#)

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



Additionally you may be interested in.....

Future of Minor Eye Conditions Service (MECS) in East Sussex

Changes are being put into place on how people with minor eye conditions in Sussex will be able to receive care and support.



As you may be aware a Minor Eye Conditions Service was first introduced to East Sussex in 2017. The aim of the service at the time was to reduce unwarranted ophthalmology referrals and presentations to A&E.

The MECs service will cease from 31 December 2023 (**no referrals to be made after 15 December 2023**). The funding for this service will then be reinvested in cataract and other ophthalmology services.

Further information is available [here](#).



NHS Sussex is looking to change how long-term limb wounds are cared for close to home.

The new proposed way of providing the service would help people's wounds – especially leg wounds – heal more quickly than under existing services. This work has also taken account of the current service offer, and would improve the process, make the service consistent, and improve patient outcomes. It would also reduce the number of times

patients need to be seen, freeing up valuable time for staff and services.

They would like to hear from people who have used NHS services for wound care, and those who have cared for someone who has needed care for a wound. They would also like to hear from people who may be impacted by any changes proposed including:

- people with an interest in improving health outcomes for people in Sussex

There will be a range of ways to get involved including through a survey, a broad workshop in December and a series of workshops looking at themes including travel and transport in the new year. The first workshop will be held online via Teams on Thursday 14th December between 5-7pm.

[To sign up please complete the registration form here](#)

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