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## Newsletter

06/12/2023

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.

Visit our Newsletter page for an archive of previous issues. Sign up to CPE to receive nationally significant news and guidance on national contracts.

## LPC News



### **Save the Dates CPPE ENT Pharmacy First Workshops - 28/01/2024 or 04/02/23**

With support from CPSS and Kent LPC, CPPE are running ENT Pharmacy First workshops.

Workshop details are as below:

- 28/01/24 in Maidstone and 04/02/24 in Gatwick.
- Two sessions per day will be conducted, with 60 participants in each session.
  - Morning Session: 9.30am-12.30pm
  - Afternoon Session: 1.30pm -4.30pm.

Other venues are available across the South-East including Portsmouth and SE London.

Further details regarding the workshops, including the booking link, will be announced shortly via CPPE. Place bookings will be on first come first served bases so don't miss out.

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## Local Services

### **Condom Distribution Locally commissioned service Surrey**



Surrey County Council has commissioned a pilot service where young people can get free condoms at a number of outlets across Surrey via the Condom Distribution Service.

It is a free and confidential condom distribution network for people aged 13- 24 years old in Surrey. The C-Card scheme aims to ensure easy access to sexual health advice and free condoms for young people and has proved a successful element of strategies to reduce unprotected sex, rates of STIs and unplanned pregnancies.

Young people remain the age group most at risk of STIs in England. C-Card schemes are an effective way to help young people take responsibility for their sexual health; providing them with ease access to free contraception, education about sexual health and wellbeing, and are an opportunity to signpost to local services. This service is commissioned under a memorandum of understanding to enable pharmacies to hand out condoms to registered patients.

If your pharmacy would like to sign up to offer this service or to find out more about it, you can do so by emailing

[kate.crockatt@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:kate.crockatt@surreycc.gov.uk).

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### **Active Surrey – new activity posters and versions for digital screens**

Active Surrey recently launched 6 new activity posters to help educate and remind Surrey residents of the benefits of being physically active. The posters have been designed for healthcare and community settings and versions for digital screens are also available.

The posters can be viewed and downloaded from the prevention page of the [Active Surrey Health Resource Hub](#) or please contact Active Surrey to obtain physical sets

of the posters to display in your pharmacies. Examples are included below.



## NHS Sussex Community Pharmacy Emergency Palliative/End of Life Care (EOLC) Locally Commissioned Service (LCS)

NHS Sussex have recommissioned the community pharmacy EOLC LCS. This LCS was originally set up in 2020 to improve patient access to EOLC medicines across Sussex when they are required in an emergency. This was achieved by ensuring sufficient coverage by community pharmacies in each Primary Care Network (PCN).

NHS Sussex have reviewed the coverage in each PCN and we

now have 76 community pharmacies signed up to provide this LCS. These pharmacies stock a locally agreed range and quantity of EOLC medicines to ensure that users of this service will have prompt access to these medicines. Where the community pharmacy is unable to fill the entire prescription, the pharmacy team should support the patient to find/signpost to another community pharmacy who is able to fulfil the prescription where appropriate.

Please note, many community pharmacies now hold a range of palliative/EOLC medicines. In the first instance prescriptions should be presented at the patients local/nominated community pharmacy.

The full list of pharmacies providing this LCS can be found via [Community-Pharmacies-Signed-up-to-EOLC-LCS-December-2023.xlsx \(live.com\)](#) – you will need to register an account with NHS Sussex to view the list.

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## Training

### **Surrey County Council Sexual Health Training webinars**

This training event is specifically designed for pharmacies who are providing C cards, EHC and Chlamydia / Gonorrhoea Testing.

The aim of the session is to provide training for the EHC, Chlamydia and Gonorrhoea testing Programme in Surrey, to provide an overview of Sexually Transmitted Infections, to provide a clear understanding of the C-card Scheme and



support the training requirements of the service specification.

Please book on to one of the available dates (please note you only need to attend 1 session as they are repeated throughout the year with the same content).

22nd Jan 2024 Monday 7pm [Book here.](#)

13th March 2024 Wednesday 7pm [Book here.](#)

15th April 2024 Monday 7pm [Book here.](#)

10th July 2024 Wednesday 7pm [Book here.](#)

9th Sept 2024 Monday 7pm [Book here.](#)

5th March 2025 Wednesday 7pm [Book here.](#)



### **Surrey County Council Sexual Health HIV and stigma webinar – 13<sup>th</sup> December, 1-2pm**

Join Surrey County Council to celebrate World Aids Day 2023, to update your knowledge on HIV, hear experiences from people living with HIV, and find out how you can contribute towards the Surrey HIV Action Plan and help fight stigma in Surrey. Book your place [here](#).

## **PQS**

### **Reminder: Gateway Criteria - Advanced Services – New Medicine Service (NMS)**

Contractors must have delivered a minimum of 15 NMS between the 1st of April 2023 and **by the end of the 31st of December 2023**. Further information for contractors who open or change ownership from the 1st of June 2023 is



detailed in the Drug Tariff.

Contractors will not be required to make a declaration for this gateway criterion as this will be verified by a post payment review of the contractor's NMS payment data between the 1st of April 2023 and by the end of the 31st of December 2023 held by the NHS Business Services Authority – contractors must ensure all NMS are claimed by the end of the 5th of January 2024.

Contractors should note that they will not be able to claim payment for the quality criteria during the declaration period if the gateway criterion has not been met.

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## Newsletters

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



To read the latest edition of the Frimley ICB Prescribing Newsletter click [here](#).

To read the latest edition of Surrey Medicines Management Matters click [here](#).

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**Change  
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**Substance use service CGL West Sussex: Professionals  
Information Session**

The West Sussex team are hosting a professionals information session online, **Monday the 11th of December 2023** from **1:30pm-2:30pm** featuring a presentation explaining their service offer and allowing a chance for you to meet with representatives from the service.

[If you would like to attend sign up here](#)

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