

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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Please note this will be our last newsletter until the new year.

LPC News



Save the Date - 24th January 2024 CPSS webinar for Pharmacy First

To support the launch of the Pharmacy First service, we will be providing one-to-one availability with CPSS staff to support contractors with any questions you may have regarding the service. In addition, a webinar will be run on

the 24th of January 2024 from 7.30pm to 8.30pm.

Further information and sign-up to the webinar and one-to-one sessions will be sent out in the New Year.

Have you completed the 2023 mandatory workforce survey?

Pharmacy owners are reminded to complete the 2023 workforce survey **by Sunday the 17th of 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 the 23rd of 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



Frimley ICB Shared Care Record launched

A number of pharmacies across Frimley now have access to the Frimley Shared Care Record which enables them to access additional information beyond what is available in

the Summary Care Record.

We have had some positive feedback from the pharmacies using the system as below and a couple of use cases which are available [here](#).

- Saves time in terms of less phone calls to GP practice.
- Being able to view GP medication is really useful and makes conversations with the GP easier.
- Ability to view admission / discharge information – helpful especially for patients who have dosset box medication and where these are delivered.
- Information in Connected Care is really helpful in supporting vaccination clinics.

Frimley ICB are now looking to expand out access to more pharmacies in Frimley ICB, if you are interested, please let us know at lpc@communitypharmacys.co.uk.

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



Additionally you may be interested in.....

UCL accepting applications for the IP March 2024 course

UCL are now recruiting for their next cohort of students for their fully integrated Clinically Enhanced Pharmacist Independent Prescribing course, to start in March 2024.



Please see the UCL website for more information click [here](#).

The course has been developed by pharmacists for pharmacists. Successful completion of the course will enable you to apply for annotation of your name on the GPhC register as a prescriber. The course incorporates five full days of physical examination skills teaching, led by medics and supported by pharmacists who use physical examination skills in their daily practice so that you can learn from their experience of extending their pharmacy role.

Applications open on the 11th of December 2023 and close on the 29th of January 2024.



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.

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