

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 webinar and one-to-one contractor sessions with the CPSS team

To support contractors with the roll-out of Pharmacy First and the changes to the Hypertensive Case-Finding and Oral Contraception services. The following are available.

A Pharmacy First webinar on the **24th of January 7.30pm to 8.30pm** to answer any final questions on the service prior to the launch date. You can sign up to the webinar [here](#).

The following dates are available for one-to-one sessions with the CPSS team for any queries you may have on any of the services.

11th of January

12th of January

17th of January

25th of January

26th of January

To book into one of the days at a time convenient for you please contact lpc@communitypharmacyss.co.uk. The sessions can be run either by phone or via a Teams meeting.

Local Services

PrescQIPP resources available for Community Pharmacies

Register for free access to PrescQIPP resources using your NHS email address at www.prescqipp.info/login.

For more information click [here](#).



The flyer features a header with the PrescQIPP logo and a list of services: 'Improving asthma control and reducing the asthma action hospital', 'New medicines service', and 'Antimicrobial stewardship'. Below this, it asks 'Are you a community pharmacist looking for free support to deliver your clinical services?' and 'If the answer is yes, sign up to PrescQIPP today'. It states that integrated care teams already subscribe to PrescQIPP and offers a 'well-timed' range of evidence-based quality improvement resources 'absolutely free'. A registration box asks for an NHS email address and provides the URL www.prescqipp.info/login. The flyer lists various resources including 'Real-time and webinars on a range of topics', 'Masterclasses', 'Clinical and skills webinars', and 'Leadership at Lunch'. It also includes a call to action: 'Find out more by signing up to our monthly newsletter and registering your interest for a "welcome webinar"'. The footer contains social media icons for LinkedIn and Twitter.

Training



The Community Pharmacy, University Hospitals Sussex (UHSX) and East Sussex Healthcare Trust (ESHT) launch of the Advanced Smoking Cessation Service on Tuesday 13th of February 7pm-8:30pm.

You are invited to attend the Community Pharmacy, University Hospitals Sussex (UHSX) and East Sussex Healthcare Trust (ESHT) launch of the advanced SCS service on Tuesday 13th February 7pm-8:30pm.

Hosted by Community Pharmacy Surrey and Sussex with Guest speaker's Steve King NHS England SCS Implementation Team MLCSU, NHSE, EMIS and Hospital colleagues.

This service has been designed to enable NHS trusts to undertake a transfer of care on patient discharge, referring patients (where they consent) to a community pharmacy of their choice to continue their smoking cessation treatment, including providing medication and support as required.

This is open to all our community pharmacies across Surrey and Sussex to support our teams to understand the process. Please sign up [here](#).

Sussex Local Polypharmacy Training – 10th of January

A 3hr polypharmacy training session has been organised for **9.30 -12.30 on 10th of January 2024** to help GPs, pharmacists and other healthcare professionals who are involved with undertaking medication reviews and de-prescribing to build confidence in and understanding of the complex issues surrounding stopping inappropriate medicines safely.

To register your interest in attending please complete the EOI [Sussex Local Polypharmacy Training](#).



Free Sexual Health and Contraception Update Day – 18th of January

The East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust's Sexual Health department would like to invite you to attend a FREE educational meeting presented by experts in their field.

The aim of the meeting is to provide a forum for relating the latest research on specific aspects of sexual health and reproductive health in supporting your practice.

The arrangements for, and content of this meeting, are in accordance with ABPI Code of Practice

For more information and to book onto the course click [here](#). Spaces are limited and are issued on a first come first served basis.

Non-Medical Prescriber educational update – 19th of February



Please find attached a flyer [here](#) promoting an all-day, free of charge, NMP educational update to be held at East Surrey Hospital, Redhill on Monday 19th of February 09:30 – 15:15.

The update day has been developed by Surrey & Sussex Healthcare Trust (SASH); however, the invite is extended across the locality. The update will be suitable for all NMPs irrespective of their profession or sector they work in.

If you would like to attend, please complete the application form within the flyer before the 15th of January. The day has been co-organised by Craig Prentice, Consultant Paramedic at SaSH and he is the main contact should you have any questions. Please contact him on c.prentice@nhs.net. His contact information is also on the attached flyer.

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



Additionally you may be interested in.....



Community Pharmacy Technicians advancing your role

CPPE have recently launched a new programme, Community Pharmacy Technicians advancing your role.

CPPE know that pharmacy teams and contractors would like more information about the programme and how it is relevant to the current and future community pharmacy landscape. CPPE have therefore planned two dates for webinars to share information on the programme and answer any questions that you may have.

The dates and registration links for the sessions are:

Wednesday 10th of January 1-2pm [Register here.](#)

Tuesday 16th of January 7-8pm [Register here.](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Liz Fidler, Senior Professional Advisor Pharmacy Technician Practice, Chief Pharmaceuticals Officer office will be attending both of the sessions to provide an overview of how the programme can support community pharmacy technicians to fully engage in service delivery and become upskilled in clinical assessment skills to support new services being offered through community pharmacy.

There will be time to ask Liz and the CPPE team and questions that you have about the programme.

If you have any questions before the sessions, please get in touch with either Hayley (hayley.berry@cppe.ac.uk) or Jo (joanne.nevinson@cppe.ac.uk) who are leading on the programme.

For Sussex Pharmacies: Sussex ICS Scoping Survey to Identify pharmacies who plan to or are interested in hosting Trainee Pharmacists (TPs) either as a lead employer or multi-sector rotation site in 2025/26.



The General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) published new learning outcomes and Standards for the Initial Education and Training of Pharmacists, incorporating independent prescribing (IP) within MPharm and foundation pharmacist training year (FTY), meaning pharmacists registering in 2026 will be IP at point of first registration.

The 2025/26 FTY (starting July 2025) is the first year TPs will be assessed against the full learning outcomes, including IP.

Funding for each site employing TPs in 2025/26 FTY is £26,500 per TP.

Funding will be:

1. Consistent across all sectors of practice and regions of England
2. A contribution to all costs of hosting a TP, including supervision, administration, and salary costs.

Benefits hosting TPs:

TPs will be able to input into clinical and non-clinical activities under appropriate supervision and:

- Respond to medication queries, complete medicines reconciliation and undertake medication reviews
- Conduct patient consultations
- Monitor ongoing treatment and make recommendations
- Promote health and make every contact count.
- Complete quality improvement project audit cycle

If you are already have plans for placements or are interested in having a trainee pharmacist within your pharmacy please complete the sign-up survey **by the 11th of January** [here](#), this should take 5 mins to complete.

For further queries contact Alice Conway

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Medicines Optimisation, NHS Sussex.



Fresubin 2kcal and Fresubin 2kcal Fibre stock issues – advice from Surrey Heartlands ICB

There are currently intermittent stock issues with some flavours of Fresubin 2kcal and Fresubin 2kcal fibre oral nutritional supplements. Both supplements have a **BLUE** traffic light status in Surrey Heartlands and should only be prescribed on the advice of a dietitian.

As of 15/12/2023 Fresubin 2kcal is in stock to wholesalers in Vanilla flavour only, and Fresubin 2kcal fibre in Chocolate and Neutral flavours only.

Prescribers are being advised to switch patients from Fresubin

2kcal and Fresubin 2kcal fibre on to AYMES 2.0kcal where products are not available, suggested flavour switches are in the table below.

Patients receiving Fresubin 2kcal/ 2kcal fibre for use through an enteral feeding tube should only be swapped to a suitable alternative on the advice of a dietitian.

Current product	Flavour	Recommended alternative	Flavour
Fresubin 2kcal	Vanilla	AYMES 2.0kcal	Vanilla
	Fruits of the Forest		Strawberry
	Apricot-Peach		Strawberry or Banana
	Cappuccino		Vanilla *
	Neutral		Vanilla
Fresubin 2kcal fibre	Toffee	AYMES 2.0kcal	Vanilla
	Apricot-Peach		Strawberry or Banana
	Cappuccino		Vanilla*
	Chocolate		Vanilla*
	Neutral	Vanilla	
	Lemon	Fortisip Plant Based 1.5kcal	Mango-Passionfruit

*patients can add coffee or chocolate milkshake powder, or other flavourings, to vanilla flavour if desired

Pancreatic enzyme discontinuation and supply issues – advice from Surrey Heartlands ICB

The ongoing national issues with pancreatic enzymes continue.

Pancrease HL has been discontinued.

Nutrizym 22 capsules will be out of stock from mid-December 2023 to end of January 2024.

Creon 25,000 capsules availability is still sporadic.

During December 2023 and January 2024 if Creon 25,000 is unavailable 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).

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.

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