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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.

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



Pharmacy First and the Year Ahead: Share Your Views

Community Pharmacy England wants to hear from local pharmacy owners about your thoughts on preparations for Pharmacy First.

A short survey is now running to gather views on the new Pharmacy First service and how preparations for it are going, as well as the outlook for your businesses as we enter 2024. Given the extreme challenges pharmacies in Surrey and Sussex are continuing to face, this is a key moment for you to feed into Community Pharmacy England's important work.

The ten-minute survey, open until **11.59pm on Sunday the 21st of January 2024**, can be completed here:

January 2024 Committee Opinion Poll

Please note:

- This survey link is for independents and non-CCA multiples only (as they are sending the survey directly to CCA multiples' head offices).
- Respondents should have their ODS or POC codes ready and please type these in correctly to help with analysis.

The polling enables pharmacy owners to input directly into the next Community Pharmacy England Committee Meeting taking place later this month. January's meeting agenda includes Pharmacy First implementation, funding, the 2024/25 CPCF, and the future strategy for Community Pharmacy England.

The results of the poll will contribute to the national negotiator's ongoing efforts to push for increased core funding by helping build a better picture of what pharmacy owners are experiencing. This information and outcomes from the committee meeting will be published on the Community Pharmacy England website in due course.

CPSS hopes that many local pharmacy owners submit their views to feed directly into Community Pharmacy England's work. [Read more here.](#)

Local Services

Expressions of Interest for an antiviral service in Sussex ICB

Expression
of Interest

NHS Sussex are offering Community Pharmacies an opportunity to sign up to provide the Locally Commissioned Service (LCS) for the Supply of Oral Antiviral Medication for the Treatment of COVID-19 and Management of Influenza. They are looking for expressions of interest (EOI) from community pharmacies to offer this newly commissioned service across Sussex.

The ICB knows that Community Pharmacies play a key role in supporting patients in all stages of life, and the relationships you build with your local communities are invaluable in supporting this cause. The Supply of Oral Antiviral Medication for the Treatment of COVID-19 and Management of Influenza LCS is beneficial to patients and their families, especially during weekends and out of hours.

In the interest of rolling this service out in a timely manner due to already being in the Winter season; we ask that if you are interested in offering this service, please complete and return the EOI form [here](#) to sxicb.mot-admin@nhs.net address by **15th January 2024**.

NHS Sussex will review all EOI's and pharmacies will be selected based on geographical location, opening hours and availability of a delivery service.

Note:

- Please find [here](#) the service specification for this LCS.
- For those pharmacies selected to provide the service, order and keep the stock levels listed in the LCS.
- Community pharmacies must complete their registration with the NHS Shared Business Services (SBS) platform in order to claim for activities under this LCS.

If you have any queries or questions about the service, please email sxibc.mot-admin@nhs.net.

Training



Brighton Pharmacy and Public Health Networking Event for Stop Smoking Service Providers

The event will:

Recognise the Dedication: To acknowledge the hard work of community pharmacy teams in promoting the health and wellbeing of Brighton & Hove residents.

Build Partnerships: To foster collaborations with Public Health Locally Commissioned Services, and explore ways to enhance community healthcare.

Speaker Sessions:

Engage with expert speakers covering vital areas of smoking cessation, and healthy lifestyles. Get insights and have your questions addressed regarding service specifications.

Networking Opportunities:

Connect with other community providers. Explore interactive breakout sessions in marketing Stop Smoking Services, engaging smokers, vaping and PharmOutcomes troubleshooting.

Gourmet Experience:

Indulge in a delightful hot buffet meal provided by the renowned Durban Curry Club. Please inform us of any food allergies to ensure a pleasant dining experience.

To sign up for the event on the 6th of March click [here](#).

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.](#)



Support for recruitment of Trainee Pharmacists via Oriel

All trainee pharmacists for 2025/26 must be recruited via the National Recruitment Scheme, Oriel. **The National Recruitment Scheme opens for employers on Thursday the 11th of January 2024 and will remain open until March the 1st 2024.**

NHS England WT&E Southeast pharmacy team will follow be running online support sessions throughout January and February. These will be **ad-hoc online drop in support sessions** for you to discuss with them any specific issues and questions you may have relating to Oriel and registering your training programmes. The times and links are below:

[Thursday 18th January 7pm - 8pm](#)

[Tuesday 23rd January 1pm - 2pm](#)

[Friday 2nd February 12pm - 1pm](#)

[Tuesday 13th February 7pm - 8pm](#)

[Thursday 22nd February 1pm - 2pm](#)

[Monday 26th February 1pm - 2pm](#)

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



To read the Surrey Heartlands ICB edition of Medicines Safety Matters click [here](#).

Additionally you may be interested in.....



Frimley ICB getUBetter App

The getUBetter digital self-management app is now being used by **7,100 patients** across Frimley ICS, with over **70% accessing and using it regularly**. It empowers people with musculoskeletal (MSK) problems to recover and live well.

It has been very well received by patients and clinicians and the ICB want to make it available to a wider Frimley population by making it accessible via pharmacies.

The app provides patients with locally configured, personalised and targeted advice to aid their recovery, wherever they are on their journey. With a mix of media, including text, visual aids, and explainer and exercise videos. The content is available in 13 languages and the app was co-designed with people with different physical, mental health, social, cultural, or learning needs of all ages to make it as accessible as possible.

Who is getUBetter for?

getUBetter is for anyone 18 years old or older who requires self-management support for a new, recurrent, or long-term MSK condition. This makes it suitable for about 80% of all MSK patients within the Integrated Care System (ICS). Conditions covered include common muscle, bone

and joint problems such as back, neck, shoulder, elbow hip, knee, ankle pain and tendinopathy.

It is not for those who require targeted physiotherapy or medical management, e.g. rheumatological condition, bony injury or anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) injury.

getUBetter is evidence-based and safe, with multiple level of safety netting throughout and advice on where to seek help when needed.

How do I signpost patients to getUBetter?

Patients can access the local support via a QR code on the poster provided, their GP practice website, or a link texted to them via accurx.

getUBetter will be sending a poster for your pharmacy this week, so that patients can easily access the app.

If you have any queries about the above, please contact sylvia.wojciechowski@nhs.net or rachel.brice4@nhs.net we would be happy to help.

RCGP and Target Antibiotics webinars

The RCGP and TARGET Antibiotics will be hosting a series of free webinars designed to help healthcare professionals understand the importance of ensuring antibiotics continue to work, and the issues surrounding overuse. These webinars are aimed at clinicians in the primary care setting including GPs, general practice/PCN pharmacists and pharmacy technicians, practice nurses, advanced clinical practitioners, community pharmacists and ICB medicines



optimisation teams.

Upcoming webinars include:

Improving Antibiotic management of respiratory tract

infections: cough and sore throat: Tuesday 23 January

2024 | 18:30 - 19:30 | Online

Urinary tract infections: Applying diagnostic and

prescribing guidance in practice: Thursday 21 March 2024

| 18:30 - 19:30 | Online

Further details and registration information can be found at

[Free webinars for 2023/24: Develop your clinical and professional confidence | RCGP Learning.](#)

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