

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



### **Reminder - 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.

**25th of January**

**26th of January**

To book into one of the days at a time convenient for you

please contact [lpc@communitypharmacys.co.uk](mailto:lpc@communitypharmacys.co.uk). The sessions can be run either by phone or via a Teams meeting.

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## Local Services

### **Brighton and Hove Pharmacies Only – Healthy Living Service**

To support you with the delivery of the Alcohol Brief Intervention service included in the Healthy Living Pharmacy specification, Brighton & Hove Public Health have the following updates:



### **Health Promotion Leaflet Delivery**

Brighton & Hove Public Health have arranged a delivery of health promotion leaflets from their colleagues at Audrey Emerton Library, which will arrive later this week. The delivery will include the leaflets below as well as tailored order form in case you wish to order more leaflets. You can display the leaflets in your health promotion areas to support conversations with patients.

- Let's eat and drink healthily!
- Rethink your drink scratch cards
- CGL service leaflet
- Know alcohol



### **Brighton & Hove Public Health pre-recorded video**

Brighton & Hove Public Health are working with partners on a pre-recorded video that will allow for staff to complete the

training in their own time. The aim is to share the details of the video in early January. If staff prefer to join a live training session: please see the information below.

<b>Title</b>	<b>Delivering Effective Alcohol Screening &amp; Interventions</b>
<b>Brief</b>	<b>Interventions</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>Virtual - BHCC Learning Zone*</b>
<b>Capacity</b>	<b>Unlimited</b>
<b>Duration</b>	<b>2hours 30 mins</b>

### **Description**

- To drive awareness on: Alcohol screening and brief interventions aim to identify current and/ or potential problems with alcohol use and motivate those at risk to change their drinking behaviours.
- Overview of what this training course covers.
- Define & explore key messages around alcohol in the context of your role.
- Recognise the importance of brief interventions and of addressing barriers to behaviour change.
- Explain the link between alcohol and a range of health issues and the benefits to drinking within the guidelines.
- Practice using a screening tool and delivery of simple brief advice & interventions.
- Identify when & how to refer to specialist services.

Wednesday	Feb 7th	2024	10:00 – 12:30
Tuesday	April 9th	2024	13.30-16.00
Tuesday	June 4th	2024	10.00-12.30
Thursday	Aug 8th	2024	13.30-16.00

Tuesday	Oct 22nd	2024	10.00-12.30
Monday	Feb 3rd	2025	14.00-16.30

**A reminder that pharmacy staff can claim £80 via PharmOutcomes after completing this training.**

\*To apply for a Learning Zone account:

- Staff from University Hospitals Sussex, SCFT, SPFT, GP practices and pharmacies working in services based in Brighton & Hove can access health promotion training. To register for an account please go to <https://learning.brighton-hove.gov.uk/>.
- To avoid your request being rejected, please ensure you fully complete the registration form and in the section "Reason for requesting an account" you must add 'to access Health Promotion training'.
- All Learning Zone account holders can access Health Promotion training. If you do not have an account and are a service based in Brighton & Hove, please contact [learning@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:learning@brighton-hove.gov.uk) in the first instance to check eligibility for your service and registration guidance.

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## Training

### Surrey Sexual Health training

Free online training for pharmacy staff Training for pharmacy staff on the EHC, Chlamydia and Gonorrhoea testing programme in Surrey, to provide an overview of



Sexually Transmitted Infections, to provide a clear understanding of the free condom scheme for under 25s and support the training requirements of the service specification.

### **Aim**

These sessions will provide training for the EHC, Chlamydia and Gonorrhoea testing Programme in Surrey. By Gaining an overview of Sexually Transmitted Infections and Contraception, including Emergency Contraception, PEP and PrEP and how to provide Chlamydia and Gonorrhoea test kits.

### **Objectives**

- By the end of the session participants will:
- Understand how the Condom Distribution Scheme works
- Know who can access the scheme
- Know how young people access condoms
- Know how the C-Card is used
- Have knowledge of condom varieties, and effective usage
- Know where to get help if needed.

Please view flyer for more information [here](#).

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](#).

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## **North West Surrey Pharmacy Network event on Thursday January 25th from 6 to 8:30pm**

You are invited to the North West Surrey Pharmacy Network event on Thursday January 25<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 8:30pm, which will be held at Ashford and St Peters Hospital in the Post Graduate Centre, Guildford Road, Chertsey, KT16 0PZ. There will be a meal available from 6pm and the event will start at 6:30pm. North West Surrey Place, part of Surrey Heartlands ICB, would like to get as many pharmacy colleagues as possible together from all the sectors in our locality and so please do forward to your contacts.

There will be speakers from multiple sectors (including community, hospital, PCN and NHS Surrey Heartlands) and they are hoping to highlight areas of success as well as areas we can improve the ways in which we work together. Speakers will be giving an update on projects they are working on and an insight into their areas of expertise.

This will be an interactive session where you will be able to have an input on your ideas and thoughts of improving the ways different sectors can work better together.

The evening will be a valuable networking opportunity for all. We look forward to seeing you there – please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

**For more information and to download the agenda click [here](#).**

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## Additionally you may be interested in.....



### NHS Surrey Heartlands – funded IP places support

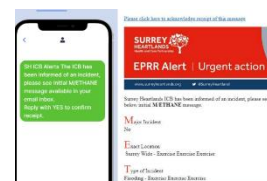
As you are probably aware, NHSE (formerly Health Education England) has been funding commissioned Independent Prescriber training courses for eligible pharmacists from Autumn 2022 to March 2024, after which a national re-procurement of IP courses will be taking place. We are aware that several commissioned universities are now fully subscribed, and that several pharmacists have been struggling to access a funded IP course.

In light of this, NHS Surrey Heartlands may be able to assist with funding IP places for pharmacists across different sectors, including those in PCN ARRS roles. If you would be interested in this support, please get in touch by **Thursday 25th of January** via email to

[lpc@communitypharmacys.co.uk](mailto:lpc@communitypharmacys.co.uk) indicating the number of pharmacists in your organisation who might require an IP course in 2024 and preferable start date.

### NHS Surrey Heartlands ICB – Emergency Alert Cascade messages

Following on from the Alert Cascade Exercise before Christmas the system is now going live and will only be used



to alert pharmacies to incidents which may impact their services.

The alert will be cascaded to the pharmacy contact numbers via text to voice speech and will provide an initial summary of the incident. A copy of the incident alert will also be sent to the pharmacies email/inbox and the message can also be acknowledged from there. It is important that the incident alert is acknowledged as it provides confirmation that you have received it.

If you would like to amend/ add to the contact details used within the system to alert you, please reach out to the Surrey Heartlands Operations Centre (SHOC):  
[syheartlandsicb.shoc@nhs.net](mailto:syheartlandsicb.shoc@nhs.net).

Thank you for all your support with this project, being able to reach out to you at the point of incident will make a massive difference to how Surrey Heartlands ICB is able to respond to incidents and the actions they take.  
For more information and to see what the message would look like click [here](#).



**Webinar - A population Health Pharmacists Perspective on Covid-19 Management**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> of January 19:20-20:30**

An opportunity to hear about current Covid-19 management

**Hosted by:** Pfizer Ltd

**Speakers:** Darush Attar – ICB Commissioning Pharmacist,  
North-West London ICB



For more information and to book onto the training click [here](#).

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**The General Pharmaceutical Council are seeking Pharmacy Technicians to make recommendations as part of a team on the content, quality, and nature of education and training for pharmacy technicians and support staff courses/qualifications**

**General  
Pharmaceutical  
Council**

For further information click on the links below.

For experienced Pharmacy Technicians, please click [here](#)

For recently registered Pharmacy Technicians please click

[here](#)

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