



Community Pharmacy Surrey & Sussex

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.

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LPC News



Community Pharmacy, University Hospitals Sussex (UHSX) and East Sussex Healthcare Trust (ESHT) launch of the Smoking Cessation Service webinar

On Tuesday 13th February Community Pharmacy Surrey and Sussex along with our NHS SCS Implementation Team MLCSU, University Hospital Sussex and Sussex ICB colleagues hosted a launch webinar for the advance Smoking Cessation Service. 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.

University Hospital Sussex (one of the largest acute trusts in the country) recently procured their PharmOutcomes license to enable referrals into community pharmacy. Here at Community Pharmacy Surrey and Sussex, we worked hard with our NHS Sussex ICB colleagues to support the readiness of local pharmacies to start accepting referrals from the hospitals ahead of the go live date.

In preparation of the hospitals going live, we hosted this webinar as a launch event and as an opportunity for any questions. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the guest speakers who provided invaluable insight to this service and thank you to all attendees for a great turn out!

If you were unable to make the event, please feel free to watch the webinar on demand [here](#).

The slides from the webinar can be downloaded [here](#).



Brighton & Hove Community Pharmacy and Public Health Networking Event - March 6th, 2024

Welcome to the Brighton & Hove Community Pharmacy and Public Health Networking Event! Join us for an evening of recognition, collaboration, and shared knowledge on Tuesday, March 6th, 2024, from 6:15 pm to 8:30 pm at the prestigious Brighthelm Centre, Queens Rd, BN1 1YD.

Event Highlights:

- **Recognising the Dedication:** Acknowledge the hard work of community pharmacy teams in promoting the health and wellbeing of Brighton & Hove residents.
- **Building Partnerships:** 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 SSS Services and Engaging smokers, Vaping, 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.

Please book here [here](#).



Frimley Shared Care Record – access available for pharmacies

Did you know that Community Pharmacists in Frimley can have access to Connected Care? The Connected Care Shared Care Record provides Health and Social information about residents including items such as **GP Medications, Problems & Allergies**, recent **Hospital Admissions** and **Packages of Care for Mental Health and Social Care**. You can find out more about the Shared Care record in [this video](#) or in the presentation on the link [here](#).

In a few simple steps Frimley ICB can get your pharmacy ready to use Connected Care.

Use the link below to express your interest and they can start the process of giving you access.

[Expression of Interest](#)

We have community pharmacies in the region who are already using Connected Care and finding significant benefits in optimising the care of their patients.

If you have any questions, please do get in touch with Maxine Peel at mpeel@nhs.net.

Training



Change Grow Live

Community Pharmacy Surrey and Sussex and CGL - Updates to the service specification and evaluation outcomes of the substance use MAT core service webinar Monday 4th March 7pm-8pm

Community Pharmacy Surrey and Sussex and CGL (Change, Grow, Live) invites East and West Sussex Pharmacies to a bespoke webinar on Monday 4th March at 7pm, this webinar is to discuss the upcoming changes to the specification, due to go live 1st April 2024.

We will be joined by guest speakers Kulvinder Singh Dosanjh Medicines Management Pharmacist CGL and Tina Fowler Pharmacy Liaison Lead CGL to share the evaluation results of the MAT core service, notify contractors of the changed fee structure, improved service offer, training requirements and offer a chance for questions.

Please book [here](#) for the webinar on **Monday 4th March 7pm-8pm**



Community Pharmacy Surrey & Sussex and NHS Sussex Webinar – helping people with severe mental illness attend physical health checks Tuesday, 19th March 7pm - 8pm

People with schizophrenia, bipolar disorder or other psychosis (severe mental illness) face a shorter life expectancy by an average of 15-20 years, mostly due to deaths from cardiovascular disease, but also from COPD and liver disease.

We know that for many people with severe mental illness, their local pharmacist is a familiar and trusted individual who can advise on health matters.

Join our webinar for a discussion about how you can directly help to improve health outcomes for this vulnerable group of people, by sharing information and reassurance with them about booking and attending an annual physical health check with their GP Practice.

Dr. Lindsay Hadley FRCGP, NHS Sussex lead for physical health checks for people with severe mental illness, will lead the session that will cover why people with severe mental illness have such poor health outcomes and how the health check can make a difference. She will also talk through how to spot signs of worsening mental health and what to do about it.

Please sign up [here](#).



Sussex Trainee pharmacy technician virtual induction day Friday 1st March – open to all trainee technicians across Sussex

The ICB have organised a virtual induction day for the new cross-sector trainee pharmacy technicians starting their course in March. Alongside colleagues in SCFT, SPFT, and USHFT, the ICB will be providing some sessions for the trainees regarding topics they think they might find helpful before embarking on the course.

While this induction day has been aimed at cross-sector trainees they would like to open some sessions to all trainee pharmacy technicians who have/are just starting their training across Sussex. Please see the poster [here](#) of the sessions available with the view that the trainees can attend as many sessions that they may find interesting, so please forward on to any colleagues as appropriate.

Please send all expressions of interest with the trainees name, email and sessions interested in attending so she can co-ordinate the correct Teams link being sent nearer the time.

If you have any questions, please contact Zenobia Dzisiewska-Smith at zenobia.dzisiewska-smith@nhs.net.

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Additionally you may be interested in.....

National Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Recruitment

Deadline for the National Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Recruitment 2024 (2025 intake) via Oriel

Just a reminder to register to be part of the 2024 National Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Recruitment Scheme (for the 2025-26 training year) by **11.59pm on Friday 1 March 2024** if you intend to take on a Trainee Pharmacist

Recruiting via Oriel will be **the only route to employing a foundation trainee pharmacist** for the 2025-26 foundation training year.

From 2025, most foundation trainee pharmacists will register as independent prescribers at the end of their training year. There is a requirement for key GPhC learning outcomes related to prescribing to be evidenced in the training year, and so employers must confirm that, in accordance with GPhC requirements, the trainee will have access to:

a Prescribing Learning Environment

a Designated Supervisor

a Designated Prescribing Practitioner

More information here: [Pharmacy Recruitment | Health Education England London & South East Pharmacy \(hee.nhs.uk\)](#).

For Frimley pharmacies:

Do you have any questions or want to know how to navigate forming partnerships across **Frimley**? Training to become a DPP? What support Frimley ICB can provide for this?

If you have any questions or need any support then please contact Soobia Israr, Pharmacy Workforce Transformation Programme Lead at Frimley ICB on soobia.israr@nhs.net

For Surrey Heartlands pharmacies:

One of the most important factors in attracting high quality applicants and filling places is how you market and promote your foundation training programme. If

you would like any support with reviewing and submitting programme information, finding access to a DPP and a prescribing learning environment across Surrey Heartlands or have any questions please contact Ritienne.fenech@nhs.net.

For Sussex pharmacies:

For any support or questions relating to forming partnerships or finding a DPP contact for the 2025/26 trainee pharmacist application via Oriel alice.conway@nhs.net.

Tegretol MR tablets stock issues

There are stocks in the UK of both 200mg MR and 400mg MR and both strengths should be available. If Alliance and AAH are out of stock and unable to fulfil an order, community pharmacies can contact the Novartis Customer Care Department on [0845 7419442](tel:08457419442), who will be able to arrange a direct supply to the pharmacy, if necessary, this should only be used when an urgent supply is required for a patient.

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