



# 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



**Pharmacy First – CPSS update webinar 7.30pm to 8.30pm March 11<sup>th</sup> –  
feedback on first few weeks of the service**

Join us at a CPSS webinar on Pharmacy First to share best practice including:

Information on the numbers completed in the first few weeks of the service.

What has worked well and what could be improved on.

Hear from colleagues on how the service has launched in their pharmacies.

Information on access to further training for employed and locum pharmacists.

Sign up to attend [here](#).

**This online webinar session will be complimented with networking face-to-face events to allow you the opportunity to discuss the service with other pharmacists in the area. More information on these f2f events will follow shortly.**





## ENT Training Events

We are running further face-to-face ENT training events in Sussex and Surrey over the next couple of months. Further information will follow shortly. If you would like to register interest now, please email us at [lpc@communitypharmacys.co.uk](mailto:lpc@communitypharmacys.co.uk)

**We also still have places available for the afternoon CPPE ENT training session at the Sandman Hotel, Crawley on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March.**



## Local Services



**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](#).

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### **Covid vaccination service – further expressions of interest**

NHS England is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) within the certain postcode areas for pharmacy contractors to deliver the COVID-19 vaccination service for Spring/Summer 2024. This email was sent to the shared NHS email address on the 28<sup>th</sup> February. If any contractor would like a copy of this email contact us at [lpc@communitypharmacyss.co.uk](mailto:lpc@communitypharmacyss.co.uk)

For those pharmacies who wish to express an interest in providing the COVID-19 vaccination service we request that you follow the link; [Community Pharmacy EOI Process, COVID-19 vaccination programme Wave 2 - Find a Tender \(find-tender.service.gov.uk\)](#) which will take you to the Atamis portal containing the documents and guidance notes for completion of the online form to determine your suitability.

The deadline for this EOI process is 24:00 (midnight) **6<sup>th</sup> March 2024**, please ensure you have fully submitted any EOI ahead of this deadline.

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

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Additionally you may be interested in.....



## **NHS App survey**

NHSE would like to hear about how/whether pharmacies are currently using the NHS App, including perceptions of the NHS App, reasons behind using any other specific patient-facing apps/websites (e.g., Patient Access), any challenges experienced when trying to use the NHS App, and how the NHS App could better meet the needs of pharmacies. Your input will be used to inform the future development of the NHS App.

## **How do pharmacies take part?**

If pharmacies would like to participate in this research, the survey is available via this [link](#). The survey should take no longer than 15 minutes to complete.

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## **Surrey Heartlands care leavers prepayment entitlement**

A Care Leavers prescription prepayment scheme is available to Surrey care leavers aged 18-25 **who are not already entitled** to free prescriptions. The scheme will fund a pre-payment certificate, so that they do not need to pay for prescription items prescribed for them. Please sign post eligible patients to contact their personal adviser about the scheme. A flyer for young people is [here](#).

### **For young people to be eligible for this scheme they need to fulfil the following criteria: -**

- Be registered with a GP
- Be a care leaver and eligible to receive a leaving care service from Surrey County Council.
- Be 18 - 25 years old.
- Require repeat prescriptions for ongoing medication.
- Not already exempt from prescription charges.

e.g. Young people already eligible will include.

- Young person in apprenticeship or work
- Young person earning more than £15,276 per Annum

The young person will need to contact their personal advisor for support on how to apply for the pre-payment prescription certificate. The personal advisor will arrange funding to be paid directly to the young person so that they can purchase

their pre-payment certificate directly from <https://services.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/buy-prescription-prepayment-certificate/start>.



## **Surrey County Council Sexual Health: Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptives (LARC) - Pharmacy Update**

This information is to highlight the importance and benefits of Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptives (LARC). LARC methods, such as intrauterine devices (IUDs) and contraceptive implants, offer highly effective, reversible contraception. They provide long-term protection, with some options lasting for up to 3 to 10 years, depending on the type.

By promoting LARC, you can empower individuals to make informed choices about their reproductive health as LARC is highly effective at preventing pregnancy.

Types of Long-Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC) include:

- Contraceptive implant: more than 99% effective with perfect use. They work for 3 years, but can be taken out earlier. Fewer than 1 in 100 women using the implant will get pregnant in a year.
- Intrauterine system (IUS): more than 99% effective. An IUS normally works for 3 to 5 years depending on the type, but can be taken out earlier. Fewer than 1 in 100 women will get pregnant over the 3 to 5 years when using an IUS.
- Intrauterine device (IUD): more than 99% effective. An IUD can stay in place for 5 or 10 years depending on the type but can be taken out at any time.



Fewer than 1 in 100 women will get pregnant in a year, depending on the type of IUD. Older types are less effective.

Visit the [NHS contraception guide](#) for more information on the different types of contraception available.

LARC is available at GP surgeries and the following Sexual Health Clinic (CNWL) services

- Buryfields Clinic (Buryfields Clinic, Second floor, 61 Lawn Road, Guildford, GU2 4AX)
- Earnsdale Clinic (Earnsdale Clinic, 2 Whitepost Hill, Redhill, RH1 6BD)
- Woking Clinic (Woking Hospital, Heathside Road, Woking, GU22 7HS)
- Epsom Young People's Clinic For under 25s and fits implants only (Nescot North East Surrey College of Technology, Reigate Road, Ewell, Epsom, Surrey KT17 3DS). Open to all U25s, not just students of the college.
- Weybridge Young People's Clinic For under 25s and fits implants only (Brooklands College, Heath Road, Weybridge, Surrey, KT13 8TT). Open to all U25s, not just students of the college.
- Guildford Young People's Clinic for 13-19 years old, and fits implant only (Buryfields Clinic, Second floor, 61 Lawn Road, Guildford, GU2 4AX)

For emergency Intrauterine device fittings patients can call the CNWL booking office on [01483 675 389](tel:01483675389) between Monday - Friday, 9.15am to 12pm and 1.30pm to 4pm. Ensure the patient knows how quickly they need to have an IUD fitted and advise they mention this to the booking office.

To access the emergency contraceptive pill at sexual health clinics, patients can walk-in and wait Monday to Friday: 9am to 11.30am.

For more information, please visit [Surrey Sexual Health and Contraception | CNWL Sexual Health](#)

If you have any questions or require further information please do not hesitate to contact Kate Crockatt on [kate.crockatt@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:kate.crockatt@surreycc.gov.uk) or [07912998818](tel:07912998818)

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