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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.

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## LPC News



### **Reminder - Pharmacy First Networking Event 10<sup>th</sup> April**

Community Pharmacy Surrey and Sussex is running a Pharmacy First Networking Event at the Sandman Hotel, Crawley on the 10<sup>th</sup> April.

Join us for hot food from 6.45pm with a start time of 7.30pm until 9pm. The evening will allow networking with fellow colleagues and include:

- Hearing from colleagues on how the service has launched in their pharmacies;
- Top tips; and
- Information on the numbers completed in the first couple of months of the service.

[Register for the event here](#)

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## Local Services

### **Brighton and Hove Community Pharmacies commissioned to provide the Public Health Sexual Health and Contraceptive Service**



To improve the accessibility of Emergency Contraception during the defined NHS 'Out of Hours'(OOH) period, we are writing to remind you of the option to provide FREE Emergency Hormonal Contraception (EHC) as an 'Over the Counter' (OTC) supply as per the Pharmacy (P) Medicine regulations, **to individuals aged 25 years and under**. This is applicable to commissioned EHC pharmacies that may employ pharmacists/locums who are **not trained** to provide EHC under the Brighton and Hove Patient Group Directions (PGD) and are working during the defined NHS OOH period.

**Please refer to the following paragraph below and also in the Sexual Health and Contraception Service Specification [here](#).**

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In exceptional circumstances where EHC is requested Out of Hours (OOH) and the pharmacist on duty is not trained to provide EHC under the B&H PGDs, then EHC can be issued over the counter (OTC) according to Pharmacy (P) Medicine regulations. **Contractors can claim payment at the current retail price of the EHC medicine and an administration fee from BHCC through PharmOutcomes.**

A maximum of 12 claims can be made per pharmacy per year. Further claims must be agreed with the service commissioner.

### Frequency asked Questions:

#### 1. **What opening hours are defined as NHS Out of Hours**

Evening opening hours after 6.30pm, all day Saturday and Sunday and Bank holidays.

#### 2. **How much will I be paid for providing the service?**

An administration fee of £2 will be paid per consultation and the **retail cost** of the medicine claimed through the template on PharmOutcomes.

#### 3. **Can I supply EHC over the counter to under 16 year olds?**

**No.** Pharmacy medicine regulations only allow for EHC supply to 16 year olds and over. Individuals under 16 years of age should be signposted to another pharmacy offering the FREE EHC service under PGD or to another NHS provider such as NHS 111, GP practice, Sexual Health and Contraception (SHAC [Brighton & Hove Sexual Health and](#)

[Contraception Service -Brighton & Hove Sexual Health and Contraception Service \(brightonsexualhealth.com\)](#) or other

OOH service available in the local area. **Please**

**note:** Individuals over 25 years of age are excluded from this option (as per the service specification) unless there are exceptional circumstance where they can't access another NHS supply in a timely manner.

#### 4. **What are the contact details for safeguarding services in B&H?**

**If the presenting individual is under 13 years of age** the healthcare professional should speak to the local safeguarding lead and follow the [local safeguarding policy](#).

**Safeguarding** Aged 13 years and over. All individuals under the age of 19 years - (including child sexual exploitation) concerns identified at presentation should be referred to the [Brighton and Hove Safeguarding Children Partnership \(BHSCP\)](#).

[Follow local safeguarding arrangements for vulnerable adults when appropriate.](#)

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## Training



### **Trainee Pharmacist Recruitment 2025/26 – Surrey Heartlands Community Pharmacy Employers Webinar - Tuesday 16th April 2024, 7 - 8pm.**

The 2025/26 Foundation Training Year (previously known as pre-registration year) is the first year where the full new

learning outcomes, including **independent** prescribing will be used. Training sites need to ensure that trainee pharmacists have access to a prescribing learning environment and Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP).

Following the National Recruitment scheme (ORIEL) deadline on the 1st March and local community stakeholder engagement, it has been highlighted that several community pharmacies across Surrey Heartlands who have submitted their programmes on ORIEL do **not** yet have access to a prescribing learning environment and DPP or are unsure of the new foundation training implications.

In light of the significant changes to the training site and supervision requirements for employers, Surrey Heartlands ICB in collaboration with Community Pharmacy Surrey & Sussex, and NHS England South East, will be hosting a support webinar for all community pharmacy employers across Surrey Heartlands. This will be held on **Tuesday 16th April 2024, 7 - 8pm.**

Outline:

- Brief overview of the new foundation training year
- Next steps following ORIEL application: training and supervision site requirements
- Support available (from NHS England, Surrey & Sussex LPC and Surrey Heartlands ICB perspective)
- Q&A.

To register for the webinar contact us at  
[lpc@communitypharmacys.co.uk](mailto:lpc@communitypharmacys.co.uk).

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**Free physical activity awareness training from Active Surrey - Wednesday 8  
May 12:30pm – 1:45pm:**

**‘Helping people become more active’.**

Being physically active can help prevent and manage many long-term health conditions as well as boost self-esteem, mood and sleep. This training covers the importance and benefits of being active, shares national guidelines and tips, positive conversation skills, free national resources and local signposting opportunities. This session is relevant for clinical and non-clinical professionals working with adults. [Click here to book your place.](#)

Surrey County Council and Active Surrey have developed a new falls checklist which is a useful resource for pharmacists and pharmacy teams when supporting older patients. The checklist can be downloaded from the health resource hub: [Download falls checklist.](#)

If any pharmacies would like hard copies posted to them please email your address details to [ruth.hards@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:ruth.hards@surreycc.gov.uk).

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**AccuRx offer support for pharmacies (other providers are available please contact your IT provider to discuss what they offer)**

To support pharmacies to communicate and deliver services, Accurx has a free, easy to use communication platform that Pharmacies in Surrey and Sussex can use to message patients, hold video consultations with them or contact their GP. 98% of GPs are already using this service, and over 80% of UK adults have been contacted this way.

For more information, including how to sign up, [click here](#) or email [catherine@accurx.com](mailto:catherine@accurx.com) with any questions you have.

Please contact [Catherine](#) directly to book your place to attend the AccuRx Pharmacy First webinar on Thursday 27th April to see live demos and find out more about how this platform can support your pharmacy.

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**Trurapi<sup>®</sup> ▼**  
(Insulin aspart 100 units/mL)

**Trurapi insulin – increasing prescribing across Frimley ICB**

Trurapi is a rapid acting biosimilar equivalent to Novorapid insulin which Frimley Hospital Foundation Trust are now stocking, community pharmacies may start to see more prescriptions for it across Frimley.

The website [here](#) contains further information and information on supply queries can be found [here](#).

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## Fluoroquinolone Antibiotics

### **Reminder – Fluoroquinolone antibiotics and updated MHRA patient information leaflet for support with patient counselling**

An updated patient information leaflet is available to support patient awareness of potential side-effects with fluoroquinolone antibiotics: what you need to know about tendons, muscles, joints, nervous system, and psychological side effects.

Click [here](#) to download the Patient Information Sheet.

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