

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 Networking Event**

On the evening of Wednesday the 10th of April, Community Pharmacy Surrey and Sussex hosted an in-person Pharmacy First networking event. We invited all the contractors across Surrey and Sussex and had a great turnout!

During the evening, we heard the accounts of two pharmacists, Mary Boaitey and Bhavik Vara and their experience with Pharmacy First so far. We had the opportunity to network in smaller groups, opening up discussions around challenges to the service and how to overcome them.

Prior to the event, we sent out a feedback form gathering information around what challenges contractors are facing, how they have overcome them, and we welcomed 'top tips'. We had an excellent response to this, and we were able to share these findings at the networking event.

Our attendees found these tips invaluable, and we have had high demand to share these with our wider network.

We'd like to thank our two speakers who gave useful insights to their experience of the service as well as offering ideas for implementing processes to improve service provision.

Thank you to all who attended the event and thank you for your contributions. It was great to see members of our pharmacy teams coming together to share their experiences. As community pharmacists we are often used to working in silos and this event truly showed the value of engaging, interacting, and working with our fellow pharmacy teams. Let's continue to work together, share best practice, and continue to make Pharmacy First a success!

The presentation from the event can be found [here](#).

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## Local Services

### DECOMMISSIONING

#### **Decommissioning H Pylori West Sussex from the 8th of July 2024**

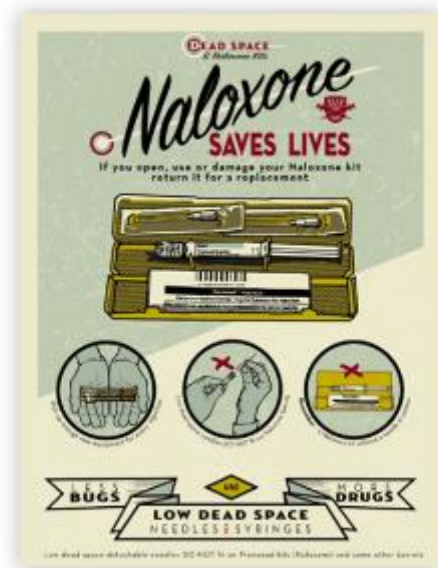
In 2014 a locally commissioned service (LCS) for H. pylori (13C-urea) breath testing was launched in both the (historic) Crawley, Horsham and Mid Sussex (CHMS) and Coastal West Sussex (CWS) (then) Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs). Following NHS Sussex Integrated Care Board (ICB) routine review of this LCS, the decision has been made to decommission the H. pylori LCS.

The reasons for this are that Stool Analysis Tests (SATs) are the preferred method of initial testing to confirm H. pylori Infection and SATs are available throughout Sussex. NICE recommends testing patients with uncomplicated dyspepsia for H. pylori infection, giving eradication therapy to those found to be infected and re-testing those who remain symptomatic after such treatment.

Re-testing should not routinely be offered after eradication. However, for those requiring re-testing following eradication therapy, NICE recommends 13C-urea breath testing. Most patients do not require assistance to perform the 13C-urea breath test at home. The patient information leaflets that accompany all 13C-urea breath test kits includes descriptive and pictorial information on how to complete the test.

The H. pylori LCS will cease to operate from the 8th of July 2024.

For any queries, please contact [sxicb.wsx-mmt@nhs.net](mailto:sxicb.wsx-mmt@nhs.net).



**Overdose awareness in community pharmacy:** Lets strive to save lives with Prenoxad

**Urgent appeal from the Drug and Alcohol Teams to issue Naloxone under the**

**locally commissioned service due to an increased number of overdoses in our communities.**

This service is claimed via PharmOutcomes, a service fee + drug tariff price is paid per supply. Please note 2 Naloxone injections can be handed out per person. These are counted as 2 claims. Naloxone can be supplied to anyone that is willing to carry an injection. The training link for Naloxone can be found [here](#).

For any assistance please contact:

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



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



### **Using Accurx to support the delivery of Pharmacy First**

Accurx are hosting their first ever live webinar for community pharmacies on **Thursday the 25th of April 6:30pm!** You'll learn how to use Accurx to support the delivery of Pharmacy First services with demos from the team and a Q&A with two

super users.

Attendees will be added to the priority list for Accurx questionnaires meaning you'll also be one of the first to use this feature to quickly and effectively screen and monitor patients – without the need for a phone call.

#### What will the webinar include?



How to make signposting and safety netting easy;



Steps to significantly reduce the time spent contacting patients;



Using video consultations to support Pharmacy First clinical pathways;



A Q&A with our panel of super users!

[Click here to register](#)



#### South East Regional Flu group – survey

A short survey to help inform next year's South East Regional Flu plans.

As we have now completed this year's flu programme 2023/24, the South East's Regional Flu group has launched a short survey online to help inform its plans for next year and would really appreciate your support in completing it as

communication professionals.

Please complete the short survey: [South East Regional Flu Programme Evaluation Survey 2023/24](#)

We are particularly keen to hear about what went well for you and what may have hindered your efforts. The findings of the survey will be shared with regional and national colleagues as well as system colleagues. The survey will close on **Friday the 26th of April**.

**Note:** Question 5 may feature a blank option in error. Please ignore this and select any response before moving on to the next question.

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### **New Educational supervisor training for the Pharmacy workforce**

NHS England are pleased to announce additional, fully funded educational supervision training for those supervising Pharmacy Trainees. This training will ensure those involved in educational supervision, including Educational Supervisors (ESs), Designated Supervisors (DSs), and Designated Prescribing Practitioners (DPPs), are confident to provide support and developmental aid to Pharmacy Trainees across all sectors.

This training offer provides 250 places exclusively for prospective DPPs, in addition to 250 places for other educational supervisors, including DSs, (previously known as pre-reg tutors).

[Sign up now for Educational Supervisor training for the pharmacy workforce which will be delivered by ProPharmace.](#)

**Who is eligible:**

- **Educational supervision programme** - Pharmacy technicians and pharmacists who supervise trainees
- **DPP programme** - independent prescribers who supervise foundation trainee pharmacists. Regulatory changes in 2019 mean that experienced independent prescribers of any profession can apply for DPP training to support pharmacists to become independent prescribers.

**About the training:** The training will be delivered flexibly to accommodate work schedules and will allow learners to develop their skills and knowledge around delivering educational supervision whilst keeping patient safety and person-centred care at the forefront. Online modules are split into bite-size lessons that last 20-30 minutes.

Modules in the **Educational supervision programme** cover the following topics:

- Introduction to educational supervision
- Facilitating Learning
- Giving effective feedback
- Assessing & Monitoring
- Supporting trainees

Modules in the **DPP programme** cover the following topics:

- Introduction to DPP supervision in pharmacy
- Facilitating Learning
- Giving effective feedback
- Assessing & Monitoring

- Developing as a DPP

Assessments will include a choice of reflective account, multisource feedback, and peer observation of supervision skills.

### **Further information**

To register for the Educational supervisor training, visit the [ProPharmace Website](#).

**For any further enquiries about this exciting training offer, please contact [info@propharmace.com](mailto:info@propharmace.com).**

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### **Join the Prescribing Training Revolution in Community Pharmacy!**

Opportunity Awaits! Dive into the NHSE Workforce Training and Education Community Pharmacy Prescribing Training Project, aimed at integrating crucial prescribing training within our sector by 2025. Your expertise and vision are key to developing an in-house model that champions the unique strengths of community pharmacies.

#### **What to Expect:**

Co-design a pioneering training model for Foundation Trainee Pharmacists in community pharmacy.

Engage in a dynamic DPP training program.

Pilot this initiative with Trainee Pharmacists in 2024/25 in community pharmacy.

Influence pharmacy practice's future through feedback and innovation.



This is open to any community pharmacist who has an interest in pharmacy education. If you currently work as a Designated Supervisor (DS) or Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP) then your input will be greatly valued.

We currently meet for an hour a week to develop a workbook however this is not mandatory, and you can provide any feedback and comments on shaping the workbook at your convenience. We will then pilot the project in October 2024-March 2025 in community pharmacies that host a trainee.

Act Now! Join us in shaping an exciting new chapter in community pharmacy. Reach out to Annabel or William for more info.

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