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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



Trainee Pharmacist Recruitment 2025/26 – Surrey Heartlands Community Pharmacy Employers Webinar

On Tuesday 16th April, Community Pharmacy Surrey and Sussex hosted a webinar for our Surrey Heartlands community pharmacy employers and the recruitment of trainee pharmacists in 2025/26. The webinar was led by our Surrey Heartlands ICS (Ritienne Fenech) and Workforce, Training and Education Directorate (NHSE) (Xenia Bray) colleagues.

The webinar gave a great insight to the changes and requirements for the 2025/26 trainee pharmacist year along with some useful tips on how to ensure your Oriel placement is as attractive as possible. Ritienne also offered support and advice in securing a DPP.

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



Sussex End of Life Care Locally Commissioned Service (EoLC LCS) - Sign Posting

The NHS Sussex Medicines Optimisation admin team has emailed all community pharmacies in Sussex a list of those community pharmacies commissioned to provide the End of Life Care LCS. This list can be subject to changes/amendments etc. a 'live' list is available on the NHS Sussex intranet. All pharmacies/team members are able to sign up to the Sussex intranet, if you have not done so already, please sign up and have access to the 'live' list on the NHS Sussex intranet as well as other NHS Sussex information.

Also, just a reminder if your pharmacy offers the service and has stock issues with any of the list of medications which should be kept in stock, please let the medicines management team know by e-mailing sxicb.mot-admin@nhs.net, this ensures that they let prescribers particularly the out of hours services know of the situation.



NHS 111 Pharmacy First phone number change from 10am 1st May - Sussex and Surrey Heartlands

When a patient is referred into community pharmacy by NHS 111 for Pharmacy First and needs to be referred back to them e.g. a minor illness which needs escalating or request for a CD, the contact phone number is changing. The document [here](#) has the new contact details.

You may want to print this off and keep for referral by all team members and locum pharmacists.

Training



East Sussex Pharmacy Sexual Health training

You are invited to attend the Sexual Reproductive Health essentials in primary care on **Thursday 30th May 2024 08:45 - 17:00** at The View Hotel, Grand Parade, Eastbourne BN21 4DN.

A free one-day FSRH course for registered healthcare practitioners working in primary care settings. It is relevant for those interested in developing their sexual and reproductive healthcare knowledge and skills.

Limited free places for practice nurses, paramedics, pharmacists, physician associates, GPs and other healthcare professionals working in primary care in the

ESCC area. Places for those attending from outside of East Sussex are £150.

This is an interactive day to help develop your skills and confidence when consulting patients about their sexual and reproductive healthcare needs. At the end of the course you will be able to:

- Recommend an appropriate method of emergency contraception.
- Reissue combined hormonal contraception, the progestogen only pill and the contraceptive injection.
- Identify when patients are at risk of STIs.

On completion of the course you will receive an FSRH certificate of attendance.

To book a place contact jane.holman@nhs.net

Please provide the following details: name, job title, surgery address, email address

There will be a buffet style lunch provided; please advise us of any dietary requirements when you book your place. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Additionally you may be interested in.....



Lateral Flow Testing Service – promotional materials

Know Plan Do campaign Materials – available from direct from Pfizer.

- A3 poster - To advertise to patients that the pharmacy is providing the free LFD COVID-19 tests service for eligible patients.
- A4 tear off pad – To provide to eligible patients.
 - Know you are eligible,
 - Plan – Be prepared - get LFTs, know symptoms and when to test
 - Do – Let a healthcare professional know when you test positive.
 - (Pharmacy store can add the relevant area self-referral number to this sheet, with a printed sticker or dispensing label)

To obtain copies please contact Catalina via Email on catalina.cepedapena@pfizer.com or Mobile 07739 902666.



A message from Workforce, Training and Education Directorate – NHS England – South East

Important Skilled Worker Visa Sponsorship Update – 25/26 Oriel applications

If you registered your foundation training programme(s) for inclusion in the 2024 National Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Recruitment Scheme (for the 2025-26 training year) and indicated you are able to provide Skilled Worker Visa (SWV) sponsorship for at least one of your programmes NHS WT&E would like to update you on recent announcements from the UK Government that may impact your sponsorship.

In Brief: Pharmacy trainees normally apply for a Health and Care Worker Visa, which is a specific Skilled Worker Visa for healthcare professionals. Recent changes

mean that for **new applicants from April 2024, the salary paid is linked to national pay scales**. For foundation trainee pharmacists this is set at Agenda for Change band 5, which is currently £28,407 for a 37.5-hour week.

For employers providing SWV sponsorship, the salary and working hours must conform with Government requirements at the point the trainee begins their employment, even if this is greater than the salary advertised. Any programmes advertised with the annotation that SWV sponsorship can be provided, can be preferred by applicants requiring sponsorship **and** those who do not require sponsorship. To be clear, if the programme is filled by an applicant who does not require sponsorship the advertised salary and working hours must still be honoured as per employment law; you may **not** negotiate a change in salary or working hours that are less than those advertised on Oriel.

Action

- Please click [here](#) to access the latest information from UK Visas and Immigration for the Health and Social Care Visa, and
 - Please click [here](#) for guidance from NHS Employers on the recent SWV changes and their impact on international recruits.
 - Let us know **by return email that you wish to continue providing SWV sponsorship for the 2025-2026 foundation training year by 26th April 2024**. If your organisation has registered more than one programme to advertise via Oriel, you may want to offer one or more programmes with SWV sponsorship and others without.
 - **If we do not hear from you**, we will amend your programme information to **remove the annotation that Skilled Worker Visa sponsorship can be provided** for the programme(s) you have registered. We will then contact you to confirm the salary you wish to be display to applicants for this amended programme.
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Montelukast – counselling reminder – on not stopping preventer medicine treatment without first speaking to the prescriber e.g. GP or asthma nurse

The information from Asthma Lung UK is useful and emphasises the need to continue taking preventer medicines.

[Montelukast | Asthma + Lung UK \(asthmaandlung.org.uk\)](https://asthmaandlung.org.uk).

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