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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



Help gather critical evidence

Pharmacies are reminded that the **Pharmacy Advice Audit** is now underway, and Surrey and Sussex LPC's urges you to take part **before 16th June 2024** if you can.

Community Pharmacy England's audit will gather evidence to support the case for increased funding for the sector – and capture healthcare advisory work not being covered by Pharmacy First. This data will be used to build support for community pharmacies via patient groups and health charities, politicians and election candidates, and the national press.

Find out more at cpe.org.uk/adviceaudit.



Reminder Data Security and Protection Toolkit

This is a reminder that the deadline for pharmacies to complete the 2023/24 Data Security and Protection toolkit is **Friday 30 June 2024**. Community Pharmacy England has published a new guidance to help pharmacy owners to complete the tool kit.

Please follow the link below for the guidance:

[Data Security & Protection Toolkit: 2024 Community Pharmacy England guidance available - Community Pharmacy England \(cpe.org.uk\).](#)

Please follow the link below for the DSP Toolkit:

[Data Security and Protection Toolkit \(dsptoolkit.nhs.uk\)](#)

If you have completed the DSP toolkit, thank you.



CPSS WhatsApp Deadline Reminders

Don't forget to sign up for the WhatsApp reminder service by emailing your phone number to LPC@communitypharmacys.co.uk.

To sign up, you will need to provide:

- Your Pharmacy name
- Your Pharmacy FCODE
- Your mobile phone number
- The name of the person completing

You will then receive a reminder WhatsApp message sent to you from CPSS, for important pharmacy deadlines going forward.

Local Services

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

Surrey County Council

Reminder - Surrey Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

Surrey County Council is conducting a survey to better understand the provision of pharmaceutical services in Surrey, to identify where gaps might exist and how services might be improved. The results of this research will inform the 2025 Surrey Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment that helps commissioners make decisions on applications for new pharmacies, new services or changes to existing services.

Deadline for submission is the **16th of June 2024**.

An email with the survey link on has been sent to all Surrey Pharmacy NHS email addresses **please support with completing the survey**. If you need a copy of this email contact us at lpc@communitypharmacys.co.uk.



Covid-19 Vaccination Service Expression of Interest now open

NHSE has published the Enhanced service specification for the service, comprehensive guidance on the EOI process and the site sign-up process. Details available [here](#).

Any pharmacy owners interested in submitting an expression of interest to provide the service from their pharmacy premises should start by reviewing the content of

these documents.

The EOI process opened on the 30th May 2024 on the [NHS Business Services Authority's Manage Your Service \(MYS\) portal](#) and for the Autumn/Winter 2024 COVID-19 vaccination campaign, the interim response **deadline for submissions is 11.59pm on 27th June 2024.**

Training



Change Grow Live (CGL) Webinar on the Core MAT service

CGL have put together a webinar on the Core MAT templates on PharmOutcomes and how to use them. If you would like a copy of the webinar to watch on demand, please email us on LPC@communitypharmacys.co.uk and this will be sent directly to you.

Newsletters

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

To read the latest edition of the Frimley ICB Prescribing Newsletter click [here](#).



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Shortage of Pancreatic enzyme replacement therapy (PERT)

PERT is indicated for the treatment of pancreatic exocrine insufficiency such as cystic fibrosis, pancreatic cancer, and pancreatitis. A [National Patient Safety Alert](#) was published 24/5/24 regarding the supply disruption of Creon® capsules and Nutrizym® 22 capsules. This details a number of actions which need to be completed by clinicians and prescribers by the 10/6/24. Two of the actions with the greatest impact on community pharmacy are detailed below:

- Prescribe a maximum of **ONE** months supply for all patients at a time (Community pharmacies if presented with a repeat prescription for PERT should only supply the equivalent of one months supply in accordance with the serious shortage protocols (SSPs) [SSP060](#) and [SSP061](#))
- Prescribe unlicensed imports of PERT only when licensed alternatives are unavailable, working with community pharmacies to ensure orders are placed within appropriate timeframes.



Fortijuice supply challenges and Fortisip packaging changes - Surrey Heartlands ICB

As of 28/05/24 there are supply issues with some flavours of Fortijuice. These are anticipated to resolve by mid June. The below table shows the flavours where there are stock challenges, and alternative (Surrey Heartlands preferred) products.

Low stock product	Equivalent product
Fortijuice Strawberry flavour	Altrajuice Strawberry flavour
Fortijuice Apple flavour	Altrajuice Apple flavour
Fortijuice Orange flavour	Altrajuice Orange flavour
Fortijuice Tropical flavour	AYMES Actajuice Exotic Fruit flavour

Changes are also being made to Fortisip packaging. For more information click [here](#).



Surrey Heartlands ICB medicines optimisation projects

The Surrey Heartlands Medicines Optimisation team will be rolling out two projects in June 24. GP practices in Surrey Heartlands will be encouraged to carry out the following switches, after a shared decision-making process with the patient (see below). The switches will be undertaken during the patients' annual review, so we do not foresee a surge in prescriptions being changed in a short amount of time but a steady change over the next ten months. The projects run from June 24 to 31st March 25.

Projects:

1. Linagliptin to sitagliptin: Adults with type 2 diabetes will be reviewed at their next annual diabetes review for eligibility for a switch from linagliptin to sitagliptin.
2. DOAC project: patients **with atrial fibrillation** will be reviewed at their next annual DOAC review for eligibility for a switch from edoxaban to **either** apixaban **or** rivaroxaban.



Potential risk of overprescribing/oversupply of ADHD medications.

As ADHD medication starts to become more widely available again, a number of patients who took Lisdexamfetamine may have had their medication changed to different doses or were prescribed Dexamfetamine as an alternative during the shortages.

The concern is that some patients may now be requesting multiple strengths or both Lisdexamfetamine and Dexamfetamine as they are still uncertain of medication supplies.

If receiving prescriptions for multiple preparations or doses, where appropriate, please check with the patient what their “usual” medication is now that stock supplies are starting to normalise.

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