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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.

Visit our Newsletter page for an archive of previous issues. Sign up to CPE to receive nationally significant news and guidance on national contracts.

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LPC News



The day will include guest speakers including representatives from Community Pharmacy England, NHSE Workforce, Training & Education, SE Commissioning Pharmacy Hub, an award ceremony, raffle and much more. Join us and enjoy a day of networking and a wonderful lunch to give you all time to catch up with your colleagues.

### **Awards Ceremony**

The day will include our Awards Ceremony and we need your nominations to make this happen! There are several categories to nominate for, do you know anyone you would like to nominate for the following?

- Community Pharmacy Heros Award
- Community Pharmacy Team of the Year Award
- Inspiring Leader Award
- Pharmacist of the year Award
- Pharmacy Team Member of the year Award
- Community Pharmacy PCN Lead of the year Award
- Local Health Initiative of the year Award
- Innovation in Community Pharmacy Award
- Business Initiative Award

- Service Achievement Award

If you want to nominate someone for any of the above, please send an email to [lpc@communitypharmacys.co.uk](mailto:lpc@communitypharmacys.co.uk) with the following information:

- Award nominating for
- Reason for nomination
- Name/s of person
- Pharmacy where they work
- Contact nr & email address

**Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to  
celebrate all that you do for your communities!**

[Sign up to attend here](#)

## Pharmacy Advice Audit

Published on: 23rd June 2020 | Updated on: 11th June 2024



### Reminder Pharmacy Advice Audit - Help gather critical evidence

Pharmacies are reminded that the **Pharmacy Advice Audit** is now underway, and CPSS 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](https://cpe.org.uk/adviceaudit).

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## Local Services

# Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

## Surrey County Council

### **Surrey Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment**

Surrey County Council are looking for your support to increase awareness with Surrey residents of the current Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) resident survey. The PNA is an opportunity to assess the pharmaceutical needs in Surrey and the views of residents are key to this assessment. You should have received a poster in the post from Surrey County Council. They ask if the pharmacy could clearly display this to support the collation of your patients' views.

A copy of the poster is available [here](#).

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## Lateral Flow Device service – updated service specification

The service specification for the [Lateral flow device tests supply service for patients potentially eligible for COVID-19 treatments](#) (LFD service) has had some minor amendments made to it following discussions between Community Pharmacy England and NHS England.

The changes to the specification have been made to make the eligibility criteria section clearer to understand, as well as emphasising that patients eligible for the service do not need to have symptoms of COVID-19 to obtain a free box of LFD test kits under the service. Wherever possible, eligible patients should obtain LFD tests via the service in advance of developing symptoms.

The [service page](#) on the CPE website has been updated to reflect the changes and updated resources have also been published for use by pharmacy owners.

[Read the updated service specification.](#)

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## Training



### Brighton & Hove Healthy Living Pharmacies only – A relaunch of the Alcohol Identification and Brief Advice (IBA) service

Dear Brighton & Hove community pharmacy contractors. Please join us on **Wednesday 17th July 7pm** where our Brighton & Hove Public health team will discuss the Healthy Living Pharmacy's (HLP) locally commissioned service specification – specifically the Alcohol Identification and Brief Advice Service.

Though you will already be signed up to and offering this service, during this webinar, the Public Health team will discuss the updates to this service including

training and provide some useful hints and tips on how to ensure this service is a successful in your pharmacy!

If you would like to access the HLP service specification, please click [here](#).

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### **Ongoing issues with fraudulent private prescriptions for codeine**

Pharmacy Teams need to be aware that we are still seeing a number of fraudulent private prescriptions for codeine across the geography. If you are presented with any, as well as contacting the police please also log this on the CDAO reporting

website.

For any of the following:

- Report an incident
- Report a concern
- Complete a controlled drug declaration
- Apply to be a temporary authorised witness to witness the destruction of controlled drugs
- Record controlled drugs that have been destroyed

The link to the site is [here](#).

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### **Specialist inflammatory bowel disease prescription length**

The specialist inflammatory bowel disease and liver teams will often send longer duration patient prescriptions for medications to ensure supply between appointments. These medications can include immunomodulators (e.g. azathioprine, mercaptopurine, tacrolimus, mycophenolate) and steroids (e.g. prednisolone, budesonide) plus their supportive therapies (e.g. calcium/vit supplements, PPIs). Often immunomodulators will be for a maximum of 3 months (but can be increased to 6 months supply depending on bloods), but steroids can be for up to 6 months.

If prescriptions are coming from the specialist gastro team, a contact email for queries is added to the FP10, so feel free to contact the team with name of patient, prescriber and query included in the email.



## **SMA Soya supply challenges**

Due to ongoing stock challenges Nestle have withdrawn SMA Soya from retail sale. This is to protect supplies for infants with galactosaemia, a prescription validation service will be operating for ordering supplies.

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