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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



Prospective parliamentary MP pharmacy visits

CPSS has contacted a number of prospective parliamentary MPs over the last couple of weeks to highlight community pharmacy and the current challenges within the profession, including the offer for them to visit a community pharmacy.

We would like to thank to the following pharmacy teams in Surrey and Sussex who have hosted a visit in the last week.

Kamsons, Durrington, West Sussex

Superdrug, Worthing, West Sussex

Day Lewis, Reigate, Surrey

Woodham Pharmacy, New Haw, Surrey

Clarity Pharmacy, Hastings, East Sussex

If you would like any support in organising a pharmacy visit, please let us know.

Guidance to support pharmacy owners with engaging prospective parliamentary MPs can be found [here](#).



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.

Local Services



Reminder of how to temporarily suspend the Pharmacy First service

If the Pharmacy First service needs to be temporarily withdrawn by the pharmacy contractor due to circumstances beyond the scope of the business continuity plan, the pharmacy must inform the NHS Directory of Services (DoS) Provider and Commissioner Helpline (0300 0200 363) as soon as possible to stop referrals being made to the pharmacy.

GP practices and UEC settings within the local primary care network (PCN) must also be contacted to prevent them making further direct referrals. The pharmacy contractor must also inform the local commissioner of the service of their temporary withdrawal from the service – do this via frimleyicb.southeastcommunitypharmacy@nhs.net.

Training



Frimley ICB Designated Prescribing Practitioner Funding for current IP's

Frimley ICB have new funds that are available to support the training of **Designated Prescribing Practitioners (DPPs)**.

This is specifically intended to cover backfill for the training of DPPs within Frimley and the commitment to potentially serving as a DPP for incoming foundation trainee pharmacists/those undertaking their independent prescribing course.

A Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP) is a healthcare professional who mentors and supervises someone studying to become a non-medical prescriber during their learning in practice. According to the new initial education and training standards for pharmacists, the goal is for all newly registered pharmacists to be capable of independently prescribing medicines by 2026. Through our scoping efforts in Frimley, we've identified a significant gap in DPPs within our pharmacy

workforce.

If you are currently an Independent Pharmacist Prescriber and would like to become a DPP, Frimley ICBN want to support you in this and will be providing a set funding amount per person to cover the expenses required to undertake training. This could be up to £750.

Further information is available [here](#). Note the deadline date has been extended from the 7th June and is open until all the funding places have been utilised.



East Sussex commissioned pharmacies NHS Healthchecks Webinar Monday 22nd July at 7pm

Join us for an NHS Health Check webinar hosted by One You East Sussex and CPSS. This is aimed at those pharmacies in East Sussex who are commissioned to provide the NHS Healthchecks service.

The webinar will include a brief overview of the NHS Health Check programme, focussing on the purpose and importance of the NHS Health Check and how working with One You East Sussex to deliver health checks can benefit both your patients and pharmacy.

We will look at potential challenges when it comes to delivery and how some pharmacies have overcome these, including ways in which they have integrated health checks into their pharmacy.

Please sign up to attend [here](#).

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CPPE launches Common Clinical Conditions e-learning

Pharmacists offering the Pharmacy First service may benefit from a new Common clinical conditions e-learning programme. Launched by CPPE, this programme was initially developed by NHS Education for Scotland to help to update your knowledge and skills on the common clinical conditions and minor ailments that may present themselves in community pharmacy. It contains practical tips and advice on how to identify, recognise and manage a wide range of common conditions. Access information [here](#).



CPPE has available two training programs to support awareness of genomics

Genomics is an area of increasing importance within the pharmaceutical field. To

understand what genomics is and how this could affect future person-centred care with prescribed medication, CPPE have launched a couple of introductory modules.

Introduction to genomics in pharmacy e-learning programme

[Introduction to genomics in pharmacy : CPPE](#)

Genomics in pharmacy: an introduction to person-centred consultations e-learning programme

[Genomics in pharmacy: an introduction to person-centred consultations : CPPE](#)

There is also a learning gateway that links to many other resources in this area;

[Genomics \(cppe.ac.uk\)](#)



Pharmacy First Programme user research team – seeking pharmacy team members to speak to about their experience of PF and digital systems

The Pharmacy First Programme user research team would like to invite community pharmacy staff to offer feedback on the initial experiences of the service in terms of:

- How general practices refer patients to community pharmacies for the 7 common conditions.
- How community pharmacies record a consultation and send the update to the patient's GP.
- How community pharmacies access the patient's GP record before a consultation.

It is important to hear directly from those that use the IT systems that support Pharmacy First to inform potential improvements.

To register your interest, please contact either: Katherine.Tyte@nhs.net or Marianthi.Vezertzi@nhs.net.

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