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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



## What next for community pharmacy?

Pharmacy owners across the South East are invited to hear more about what lies ahead for the sector, and how Community Pharmacy England will work to improve the outlook following the General Election.

Chief Executive Janet Morrison and her team are heading to Gatwick on the evening of **Wednesday 24th July** to outline the work they are doing and discuss key issues with local pharmacy owners (or their representatives). Community Pharmacy England's regional roadshow will set out their strategy for the future and describe how you can contribute to the ongoing work to get a better deal for community pharmacy.

Please join Community Pharmacy England on 24th July.

[Book your place](#)

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2024/25 CPAF screening questionnaire has opened

The 2024/25 Community Pharmacy Assurance Framework (CPAF) screening questionnaire is now open **until midnight on 31st July 2024**. Completion is a Terms of Service requirement.

The screening questionnaire's 10 questions can be answered online. A small number of selected pharmacies will undergo monitoring visits and/or complete the

full CPAF questionnaire.

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## Local Services



### **Pharmacy Contraception Service – Surrey Heartlands**

Staff from Surrey Heartlands ICB will be dropping into pharmacies offering the Oral Contraception Service with posters and leaflets produced by the ICB in conjunction with Surrey County Council and the LPC. They can be used to promote the service locally. Digital assets are also available e.g. for digital screens. If you would like digital copies, please contact us at [lpc@communitypharmacys.co.uk](mailto:lpc@communitypharmacys.co.uk).

The promotional materials are also being delivered to GP Practices across the ICB.

Note the preferred list for Oral Contraception products across Surrey Heartlands in line with those prescribed by other healthcare professionals can be found on the Surrey PAD (Prescribing Advisory Database) and is also available [here](#).

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## Training



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## **West Sussex Drug & Alcohol Partnership and CGL - update on current drug and alcohol issues, and local services**

West Sussex Drug & Alcohol Partnership and CGL would like to invite you to a lunch and learn session providing an update on current drug and alcohol issues, and local services. This is taking place from 12.30pm to 1.30pm on Thursday 18th July. The session will cover new synthetic opioids, the use of naloxone for opioid overdose, and the range of local drug and alcohol services, including how to refer.

This is an excellent opportunity for all professionals with a remit for drugs and alcohol to increase their awareness of current issues and services. This includes health, care, housing, police, and the voluntary and community sector. We hope you are able to join us. To register click [here](#).

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## Flu vaccination service: PGD and national protocol published

NHS England (NHSE) have approved the patient group direction (PGD) for use by community pharmacy owners during the forthcoming flu vaccination season. This follows publication of the national protocol earlier in the week by the UK Health Security Agency.

The publication of both documents follows updates to the flu service specification following the amendment to the National Flu Immunisation Programme 2024/25 letter, in response to the news that the Sanofi recombinant quadrivalent influenza vaccine (QIVr) will not be available for the 2024/25 flu vaccination programme. The NHS Flu Vaccination PGD and the inactivated influenza vaccine national protocol can be found [here](#).

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