

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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Local Services



TB Directly Observed Therapy service - Sussex

A TB Directly Observed Therapy (DOT) funded service is available for community pharmacy within Sussex. If the pharmacy is approached directly by a hospital in Sussex, please let us know at CPSS and we can ensure that the appropriate funded service is put in place for the pharmacy.



Lateral Flow Device service

Reminder that **eligible patients resident in care homes, e.g. those aged 70 years and over can obtain LFD tests.**

The test kits could be requested by a representative of the patient, such as a care worker employed by the care home.



Frimley ICB Place Engagement Leads

There is an opportunity for up to five community pharmacy professionals (Note: you do not need to be a registered pharmacist or pharmacy technician to do this role) to work with Frimley ICB community pharmacy integration team as a Community Pharmacy Primary Care Network engagement lead.

The community pharmacy primary care network (PCN) engagement lead role has

been established to support the local implementation of the pharmacy [Primary Care Access Recovery Plan \(PCARP\) requirements](#), including implementing the Pharmacy First Service and expanding the Blood Pressure Checks Service and Pharmacy Contraception Service.

The role will help develop channels of engagement between community pharmacy and PCNs and build partnership that supports integrated clinical pathways for patients. The community pharmacy PCN engagement lead role is being funded by NHS England until 31 March 2025. The expectation is that the role will function as a point of contact for local community pharmacies and for general practices in the PCN.

Community Pharmacy leads will be expected to carry out their role on one day per calendar month with **a payment of £400 per day**. We are hoping the role will start from Sept 2024. There will be one lead role for each place (Bracknell Forest/ North East Hampshire and Farnham/ Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead/ Slough/ Surrey Heath). Please indicate on the MS form, which Place you will be applying for. **This is an expression of interest only. Please complete the MS form to submit your expression of interest in this role. Use the link [here](#).**

Training



Independent Prescribing

The NHS is offering further independent prescribing (IP) courses for community pharmacists, including locums. This training, funded by NHS England, enables pharmacists to support patients from diagnosis to prescribing, and to provide advice and follow-up – while also helping them to feel confident and prepared for the new challenges of their role.

NHSE will fund the course fees for eligible pharmacists but only at the universities outlined on the NHSE website. These providers were selected through a competitive tendering process. You can find more information [here](#).

Courses are available until the end of March 2025, with several universities offering multiple dates for cohort intakes. Start dates will depend on the university provider. For further information or for any queries, please contact england.pharmacyteam@nhs.net.



Let's Talk About Vaccines Training - Surrey

Uptake of immunisations nationally and in Surrey has been declining over the last decade, leaving the population at risk of the re-emergence of vaccine preventable diseases. You will be aware of the current concerns around pertussis (whooping cough) and measles. There are ongoing efforts to improve uptake across Surrey, and Surrey County Council Public Health team would be grateful for your support in this wherever possible.

The NHS Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, and Berkshire West (BOB) Personalised Care Training team have launched a free, 2.5 hour interactive training session to build discussion skills around vaccine hesitancy: Let's Talk About Vaccines (LTaV).

The training is for health, social care and voluntary sector staff and students who may have conversations with patients about vaccines. It explores the issues, myths and barriers around vaccine hesitancy, providing attendees with the techniques and approaches to help people make informed choices.

You will learn skills that can be used in your everyday contact with patients as an opportunity to discuss vaccine uptake.

Next available training dates: **Tue 13 August 24 0930 - 1200**

The LTaV webpage has further information, including further training dates in September and October 2024.

To sign up, email bobicb.personalisedcaretraining@nhs.net with your name, organisation, role and preferred training date.

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



Additionally you may be interested in.....



Frimley ICB PrescQIPP access

PrescQIPP is a community Interest company providing evidence-based resources and tools for primary care and provides a platform to share innovation across the NHS.

Most of the materials are publicly available, there are a range of resources such as data and intelligence tools, webinars and events that are only for subscribers.

Frimley ICB is a subscriber, and this includes access for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians working in practices, the community, acute trusts, mental health trusts, community health services and care homes within our area. PrescQIPP have also launched a new course for social prescribers.

For more info about PrescQIPP please see this [link](#) to flyer for community pharmacists.

Register for an account [here](#), remember to link to Frimley ICB to get our subscriber benefits.

View the virtual introduction page [here](#) with links to webinars to help navigate the site.

Any queries please contact one of the Frimley ICB PrescQIPP champions Leena Nanavati, Caroline Pote, Sarah Sneath, Gemma Tierney via frimleyicb.prescribing@nhs.net.



Pharmacy Technician Practice and Policy Strategic Oversight Group

In response to the new legislation that enables pharmacy technicians to supply and/or administer certain medicines under patient group directions (PGDs). This group has been set up to consider updating NHS advanced and nationally agreed enhanced clinical service specifications to ensure that the changes to the regulations have the most positive benefits for patients. Implementation plans will consider current arrangements, clinical governance, competency frameworks and appropriate training requirements.

While this work is being done, they are encouraging pharmacy technicians to take part in new learning opportunities including: [CPPE Pharmacy technicians: using patient group directions in practice e-learning programme](#). In addition, please visit [the SPS website for resources and information that support pharmacy technicians working under patient group directions](#).

In recognition of the legislative change, registered pharmacy technicians have been added to the [Inactivated Influenza Vaccine \(IIV\) PGD](#), [Community pharmacy seasonal influenza vaccine service](#) and [National Protocol](#) for the national seasonal flu vaccination campaign. This positive development means pharmacy technicians will be able to use their knowledge and skills as registered healthcare practitioners to support patients with greater access to timely flu vaccinations later this year.

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