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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



Pharmacy First Thresholds: Share Your Views

Community Pharmacy England wants to hear opinions from pharmacy owners in Surrey and Sussex on Pharmacy First thresholds.

A short survey is gathering pharmacy owners' views on increases in Pharmacy First thresholds and the effects of GP action. The results will contribute to the national negotiator's ongoing efforts to raise awareness of pharmacy pressures and push for increased core funding.

The ten-minute survey, open until **11.59pm on Monday 26th August**, offers local pharmacy owners the chance to feed directly into Community Pharmacy England's work. [Read more here.](#)

Local Services



LFD service promotional resources

CPE have resources to help pharmacy owners and teams promote the Lateral Flow Device (LFD) service to people aged 85 and over, as well as care home residents.

- **Seniors 85+:** Pharmacy teams are encouraged to proactively speak with these individuals and their carers about keeping a box of LFD test kits at home. Pharmacies can attach small promotional flyers to prescription bags as a reminder to check their test kit supply.
- **Care Home Residents:** Residents aged 70 and over, those with high BMI, diabetes, or heart failure, are also eligible to receive free LFD test kits. Care home staff, however, can only access the service if they meet the [criteria](#) themselves. Pharmacies can email or send letters to care homes, informing them about the availability of the LFD test kits.

Pharmacy teams can download small flyers and the template email/letter to support these promotional activities via the links below.

[Promoting the service to people who are 85 years or over](#)

[Promoting the service to care homes](#)



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. Please note the deadline for submission is **26th August 2024**.

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](#).



Sussex Survey for Community Pharmacy Trainee Pharmacists

The aim of this survey is to understand where Trainee Pharmacists from community pharmacy continue working post qualifying as a pharmacist. This is an anonymous survey and the information will be used to help support retaining the

pharmacy workforce in Sussex. This survey is applicable to those trainee pharmacist that undertook a 12 month community placement only.

This is Sussex specific and applicable to trainee pharmacist who undertook a 12-month community placement. Please complete the short form [here](#).

Training



Brighton University Independent Prescribing

Brighton University has available NHS England funding to provide the Independent Prescribing course to pharmacists.

The deadline for the upcoming cohort in September is **Sunday 18th August**. The funding will still be available for the March cohort (application will open in January for this cohort). For more information, please contact

C.Thompson3@brighton.ac.uk.

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



Additionally you may be interested in.....



Pharmacy Career Promotion in Schools and Colleges across Surrey and Sussex

NHS Sussex and NHS Surrey Heartlands would like to identify the schools and colleges within Sussex and Surrey that have pharmacy careers promoted to them, the resources used for these events and the number of Pharmacy Career Ambassadors. The findings will be presented back at Community Pharmacy Surrey and Sussex and respective Medicines Optimisation and pharmacy workforce groups. This will help future promotion of pharmacy careers and increase awareness of the many pharmacy opportunities within Surrey and Sussex to this age group. Please complete the following survey which should take no longer than 5-10 minutes:

[Project: Pharmacy careers, resources and ambassadors | NHS Sussex \(govocal.com\)](https://govocal.com)

The survey will close August 31st

Thank you for your support. For further information on the survey please contact: Alice Conway (Sussex ICS Workforce Transformation Lead) via alice.conway@nhs.net, Ritienne Fenech (Surrey Heartlands Pharmacy Workforce Transformation Lead) via ritienne.fenech@nhs.net, or Simran Johal (Service Development & Support Lead for Community Pharmacy Surrey and Sussex) via

simranjohal@communitypharmacys.co.uk.

The data in this survey is being collected by NHS Sussex ICB and NHS Surrey Heartlands and will only be used for the purposes detailed above. Where you choose to include your name and email address as part of responding to this survey this information will be held securely by NHS Sussex ICB and may be used to help with future careers events. If at any time you wish to have your details removed from this list, you can contact: Alice Conway at alice.conway@nhs.net.



Join the Kent, Surrey and Sussex CVD Central mailing list

Health Innovation Kent Surrey Sussex have a CVD Central mailing list where we share lots of education opportunities, newsletters, regular updates, shared resources etc...

anyone is welcome to click here to: [join our mailing list](#) , or get in touch by emailing us at: kssahsn.cvdprevention@nhs.net.



NPA Future Events

All events are open to non-members; note there is a cost for the masterclass. Dinner will be served at both events with networking opportunities.

5 September: London – Masterclass: Getting your pharmacy future fit

Get ready to level up your pharmacy game at our masterclass. Hear how to maximise income from NHS services and private services.

[Register here.](#)

10 September: London – Meet the NPA

Meet the NPA and hear the latest on the government's very different attitude to community pharmacies. Hear what's next for your business.

[Register here.](#)

#AskAboutAsthma 2024

#AskAboutAsthma returns for its eighth year in September 2024.

The [campaign](#) encourages simple changes to children and young people's care that will make a big difference to how they experience their asthma.

The cross-sector campaign focuses on helping children and young people with asthma to live their best lives. Asthma should not limit children and young people's lives in any way. Good asthma control means having **no** symptoms.

#AskAboutAsthma promotes these four asks:

1. get an asthma action plan in place.
2. understand how to use inhalers correctly.
3. schedule an asthma review every year and after every attack.
4. consider air pollution and its impact on lung health – every asthma conversation should include indoor and outdoor air pollution.

One-day virtual conference

This year's one-day virtual conference will be held on Thursday 12 September 2024.

There will be sessions on:

- National and clinical updates
- Practical steps to help children and young people live their best lives with asthma
- Vaping cessation in children and young people

Please [register for this year's conference](#) to reserve your space and share widely within your networks.

Pharmacy webinar (Tuesday 10 September 7.30–8.30pm)

This webinar will highlight best practice and innovation within CYP asthma. Chaired by Sukeshi Makhecha from the Evelina, we will hear from Meropi Mastropetrou how pharmacy is working with GP practices to improve CYP asthma care in Feltham & Bedfont Primary Care Network, from Darush Attar-Zadeh in North West London Integrated Care Board on how the new pharmacy data dashboard can improve CYP asthma care and from Shilpa Shah on the value of community pharmacists in managing asthma holistically in Newham. [Register now](#) for the Pharmacy webinar.

Other resources

- [#AAA 2024 campaign poster](#)
- [Easy read poster](#)
- [Signs and Symptoms poster](#)
- [Digital background for waiting room screens](#)

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