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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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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.

[Sign up to attend here](#)

Training



East Sussex Community Pharmacies - Stop Smoking Locally Commissioned Service Webinar Monday 16th September at 7pm

Community Pharmacy Surrey and Sussex are hosting this webinar with East Sussex County Council Public Health Commissioner Casey Ingold Health improvement specialist for Tobacco to support contractors to improve delivery of Smoking Cessation Locally Commissioned Service. This webinar is aimed at those pharmacies who are commissioned or would like to sign up for the service.

Are you currently delivering stop smoking services in your pharmacy through the PHLSA with East Sussex County Council? If the answer is no, would you like to find how you can and how we can support you to do this? If the answer is yes, would you like to find out the bespoke support available to you and your colleagues in your pharmacy both face to face and online to maximise your stop smoking referrals and quits achieved and in turn the earning potential from this service through increased activity?

Please join us on Monday the 16th of September at 7pm-8pm

[Sign up here.](#)



Pharmacy Contraception Service (PCS) webinar 7-8pm Tuesday 24th September

Community Pharmacy Surrey and Sussex invite you to a networking session on the Pharmacy Contraception Service. You will have the opportunity to hear from local

pharmacists how they have successfully implemented this service along with some top tips for delivering the service.

This will be a networking session and there will be an opportunity to speak to your peers, ask questions, offer ideas and take away top tips! Please join us on Tuesday 24th September 7-8pm. This will be a virtual event. **Sign up [here](#)**.



Future CPD training to support development and confidence in Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) and autoimmune hepatitis (AIH)

To support a future planned webinar on building confidence and knowledge on Inflammatory bowel disease and autoimmune hepatitis please answer the following short tick box questions to help the trainer ensure they focus on the right components for community pharmacy teams. [Enter the training questionnaire here](#).

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



Additionally you may be interested in.....

NPA Sound the Alarm to #saveourpharmacies; second day of action 19 September



The NPA has called a second day of action in support of the cross-sector #saveourpharmacies campaign, highlighting pharmacy cuts. On the 19th September, pharmacies across the UK will be 'sounding the alarm' about the current financial crisis, by ringing bells, wearing black clothes and sealing prescription bags with special campaign stickers.

This second day is intended to demonstrate the increasingly urgent need for government action to maintain patient access to pharmacies.

During the highly successful One Day to #saveourpharmacies in June, around 6,000 pharmacies dimmed their lights, wore black and took to social media to demonstrate the plight of community pharmacies. It was the first UK-wide protest of its kind in community pharmacy and attracted support from across the independent sector, from single independents to large groups.

Thanks to pharmacies collecting signatures on the day of action and since, the cross sector #saveourpharmacies petition has now topped 300,000 signatures.

Paul Rees, chief executive of the NPA, said: “We are absolutely committed to working hand in hand with the new government – and colleagues across the sector - to deliver a better deal for community pharmacies and unleash the power of our network to cut GP and hospital waiting times for millions.

“At the same time, we cannot leave anyone in any doubt about the need to fund pharmacies properly and ease the financial crisis that has seen more than 1,400 close in the past decade. Hence this second day of action, to make it crystal clear that our network needs urgent support if it is to help deliver for patients across the UK.”

The day of action is not a ‘strike’ and patient services will be unaffected. Instead, the NPA are suggesting to members a range of symbolic actions they may wish to take. They are mindful of the safe running of pharmacy and caring for staff and patients throughout.

Any pharmacies can take part on the day (not only NPA members).

[Save our pharmacies campaign - NPA » NPA](#)



Reading University Undergraduate Pharmacy Placements in Community Pharmacy

The role of pharmacists in community has rapidly expanded in recent years, improving patient outcomes and safety, as well as reducing prescribing costs. With the increased focus on workforce development, holding undergraduate pharmacy placements at your pharmacies could achieve great outcomes such as workforce development, future recruitment, patient trust, teaching and mentorship opportunities, payment for your time and expertise and much more.

To find out more about having undergraduate pharmacy placements with Reading university in your pharmacy, please click [here](#) or email mpharm.placements@reading.ac.uk.



Just a reminder to complete the below survey which is now open until Friday 6th September!

It is just as important to complete the survey even if you do not undertake any careers events

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 \(govocal.com\)](#)

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@communitypharmacyss.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.

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