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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



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](#)

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**MP Visits across Surrey and Sussex**



### **Great MP visit at Wyborns Lewes!**

Brijesh Thaker and the great pharmacy team with Lewes and surrounding area MP James MacCleary and Marie Hockley, CPSS Deputy Chief Officer, discussing all things Community Pharmacy.

CPSS has been busy contacting all of the MP's across Surrey and Sussex to invite them to visit a local community pharmacy and raise awareness of the challenges and opportunities within community pharmacy. A number of visits have recently taken place or are planned over the next couple of months. If you would like to host a MP visit in your pharmacy, please let us know at [lpc@communitypharmacy.co.uk](mailto:lpc@communitypharmacy.co.uk)

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## **Local Services**



## **University Hospital Sussex (UHSx) are now live with Advance Smoking Cessation Service referrals!**

University Hospital Sussex (UHSx) have been in the process of implementing the Advanced Smoking Cessation Service (SCS) pathway within their hospitals. We can now confirm that UHSx are ready to start sending referrals into community pharmacies.

CPSS completed a round of calls to all the pharmacies signed up with this service to ensure you were ready to start accepting referrals. We are sure you are now ready to deliver the service in line with the service specification, but if you still have any queries, please give us a ring and we can help.

Community Pharmacy Surrey and Sussex also hosted a webinar to support pharmacies with implementing the service which you can watch on demand [here](#) and slides for the webinar can be found [here](#).

If you have any queries, please contact [simranjohal@communitypharmacyss.co.uk](mailto:simranjohal@communitypharmacyss.co.uk).

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## **Epsom Hospital will go live with DMS referrals this week!**

You will have seen an increase in DMS referrals from Ashford and St Peters hospital and the Royal Surrey hospital. This is to inform you that **Epsom hospital will now also be sending DMS referrals out to community pharmacies from this week.**

Please ensure referrals are accepted within 72hours as per the DMS service specification and then actioned accordingly. This is an essential service therefore must be provided by all contractors.

If you have any queries, please contact [simranjohal@communitypharmacys.co.uk](mailto:simranjohal@communitypharmacys.co.uk)

For more information or support with delivering or how to complete the service, please click [here](#)

For a video on how to complete a referral, please click [here](#)

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## **For Healthy Living Pharmacies – Brighton and Hove locally commissioned service only:**

In Brighton the public health teams have produced promotional materials which form part of their **mandatory Healthy Living Locally Commissioned Service**, pharmacies should display these posters and resources as part of their HLP LCS. The campaign pack was sent out at the end of August for Ovarian Cancer awareness – any queries contact us at [lpc@communitypharmacy.co.uk](mailto:lpc@communitypharmacy.co.uk)

September 2024- Ovarian Cancer awareness

February 2024 – Renal Cancer awareness

More information on the association between purchasing OTC medications and Ovarian Cancer can be found [here](#) and here.

[Ovarian Cancer symptoms](#)

[Renal Cancer symptoms](#)

**All Brighton and Hove pharmacies:**

**All contractors are encouraged to watch the below videos**

To support pharmacies to help signpost patients to their GP the project team have developed resources that support community pharmacies when selling OTC medication and spotting signs that a patient may need to speak to their GP about Ovarian and Renal cancers.

The team produced two short 2-minute videos to support pharmacy staff using WWHAM questions to refer patients to the pharmacist, so they could have a discussion about the symptoms and signpost to their GP if there are requested repeat supplies of certain OTC medicines

[Consultation video 1](#)

[Consultation video 2](#)

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## Training



**You are invited to attend the 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](#).**

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**NHS Healthcheck and Smoking Cessation Provider Forum: Thursday  
26th September 2024, The Chairs Centre, Crawley, RH11 7EL.**

West Sussex Public Health teams invite you to attend the provider forum on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September at The Charis Centre, Crawley (RH11 7EL).

The event will be suitable for any providers delivering NHS health checks and/or smoking cessation and should they wish to attend, use the link below to book, including any dietary requirements for lunch and refreshments provided.

<https://yourvoice.westsussex.gov.uk/health-checks-provider-forum>

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**NHS Frimley End of life, palliative care webinar**

NHS Frimley is delivering a training event: ***End of life, palliative care***, to support community pharmacies who look after individuals at the end of their life.

The end of Life care training is on **September 23rd from 7:30-8:30pm** and will be led by Palliative Care Consultant Cate Seaton-Jones from Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice.



The aim of this session is to empower you with the knowledge and tools to support patients at the end of their life and their carers. This training is opened to all pharmacy professionals so please inform your pharmacy technicians of the training.

Please see agenda and joining link below and invite attached to bookmark the event in your diary.

### **Agenda**

7:30pm - Welcome and introductions: [EOL Clinical Lead]

7:35pm - What is EOL? Diagnosing dying & Support: [EOL Clinical Lead or Palliative care Consultant]

7:45pm - Symptoms and Management at EOL: [Dr Cate Seton-Jones]

8:00pm - medications in EOL care, ceilings of care: Dr Nick Dando

8:20pm - Q&A

8:30pm – Close

**Microsoft Teams** [Need help?](#)

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 330 849 993 997

Passcode: pXk9bV

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Additionally you may be interested in.....

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## Surrey Heartlands

### Surrey Heartlands - Apprenticeship Drop-In sessions

These online sessions are **open to anyone wanting to know more about apprenticeships**. There is no need to book your attendance and there's no agenda. You are welcome to drop-in at any point within the 45-minute length and ask any questions you may have linked to apprenticeships including what to expect when you become an apprentice and what apprenticeships are available.

These sessions will run virtually, with Dotty Spinner, the Apprenticeship Lead for Surrey Training Hub on:

19th September, 1pm-1:45pm. Join [here](#)

16th October, 1pm-1:45 pm. Join [here](#)

13th November, 1pm-1:45pm. Join [here](#)

To find out more about apprenticeships, click [here](#)

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### Valproate update

Men taking valproate and their partners are being advised by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) to use effective contraception because of new data suggesting a potential small increased risk of harm to children if valproate is used by a father at conception.

MHRA have published a [Drug Safety Update](#), which includes information and advice for healthcare professionals and patients.

Read the [MHRA news item on valproate use in men](#)

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### **Surrey Heartlands ICB message - Fresubin 3.2kcal shortage**

There is a current shortage of Fresubin 3.2kcal oral nutritional supplements, which is anticipated to continue until early November. The suggested alternative product for patients prescribed Fresubin 3.2kcal is Fresubin Pro Compact, please see the below table for nutritional comparison and flavour availability.

	<u>Fresubin 3.2kcal</u>	<u>Fresubin Pro Compact</u>
Volume	125ml	125ml
Kcal/ml	3.2	2.4
kcal per bottle	400	300
Protein (g per bottle)	20	18
Flavours	Vanilla-Caramel Cappuccino Mango Hazelnut	Vanilla Cappuccino Apricot Peach

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