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Newsletter

18/09/2024

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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### Quick Glance

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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](#)



## **Notifying unplanned temporary suspensions of pharmaceutical services via NHSBSA Manage Your Service (MYS)**

A module has been released to the MYS platform that enables contractors to notify

their ICB of any temporary closure of their pharmacy instead of using the paper form or emailing the information to ICB pharmacy teams. Using the MYS module will automatically ensure that pharmacy contractor notifications are sent directly to the relevant ICB, and will also enable the contractor to see a record of any submissions that have been made via MYS. Currently, use of the module is voluntary. ICBs will receive reports of submissions multiple times a day so they are aware of any service suspensions in their area.

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



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## Day of Action 19<sup>th</sup> September

[Our day of action on 19 September](#) is a chance for our NHS Community Pharmacy network to come together and show politicians what a vital service we provide.

As Government gets back into gear we need action to generate a better deal to pharmacies in all parts of the UK. We want to get the **#saveourpharmacies** hashtag to trend so we can show what support we have.

We are calling on **all pharmacy bodies** to support us and show that we are **united in calling for change**. Any pharmacies can take part on the day (not only NPA members). A campaign pack has been sent to **all 6,500 independent pharmacy** practices, whether NPA members or not.

Pharmacy patients will also be invited to [sign a petition](#) calling for increased funding to safeguard vital NHS pharmacy services.

We are working with colleagues in the community pharmacy family to present the #saveourpharmacies petition to Keir Starmer and Wes Streeting – now at just under **330,000 signatures** and counting – thanks to the amazing work of frontline pharmacy teams interacting with patients and collecting signatures.

To amplify the event, we'll be using **#saveourpharmacies** on social media.

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Surrey Heartland pharmacies: New Clinical Resource for Genomic Medicine and Pharmacogenomics

A new clinical resource has just been published for Genomic Medicine and Pharmacogenomics on the Surrey Training Hub: [Genomic Medicine and Pharmacogenomics : Surrey Training Hub](#)

Genomic Medicine and Pharmacogenomics has the potential to transform patients' lives by:

- enabling a quicker diagnosis for patients with a rare disease
- matching people to the most effective medications and interventions and reducing the likelihood of an adverse drug reaction.
- increasing the number of people surviving cancer each year because of more accurate and early diagnosis, and more effective use of therapies.

As genomics is increasingly becoming part of routine care, this new resource will help prepare you to deliver the commitments in the [NHS Long-Term Plan](#).

For more information contact [sarahflack@nhs.net](mailto:sarahflack@nhs.net)

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Pharmacy First IT Provider Research

The research focuses on pharmacy managers who have had to switch from their initial Pharmacy

First supplier at some point.

The research takes the form of 50-minute interviews on Teams (but in person would also work well & session length can be reduced if needed). Timeslots can be arranged to suit the pharmacists, either within standard hours of work or before/after, we are fairly flexible.

A survey screener is available [here](#), which has all the research details on.

They are looking to include the following scenarios:

- pharmacists that haven't switched
- pharmacists that are considering switching
- pharmacists that have tried to switch but had issues
- pharmacists that have made a smooth switch

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