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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



### **Community Pharmacy Technician Apprenticeship Programme Funding Opportunity**

To further support contractors with the recent announcement from NHSE regarding Pharmacy Technician Apprenticeship funding, on behalf of the South East region, we hosted a webinar this week to aid further support with Expressions of Interest.

During the webinar we has great insights from the NHSE Workforce, Training and Education team and the education providers. If you were unable to make the webinar please see below for the recording to watch on demand as well as the slides that were used.

Please reach out if you require any support with your Expressions of Interest.

For further information please click [here](#).

For the webinar recording, please click [here](#).

For the webinar slides, please click [here](#).

**We urge you to uptake this excellent opportunity to develop your workforce, there have been substantial support offers so please get in touch for further information**

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## Local Services



### Pharmacy First caps from October 2024

From October 2024, Pharmacy First caps will be based on actual service delivery. Further details are included in the Part VIC Drug Tariff Determination. Caps are calculated based on a quarterly allocation but will operate as a monthly cap. For example, a band 3 pharmacy will be paid for a maximum of 169 clinical pathway consultations delivered in October, November and December 2024. Activity can be delivered above the monthly cap but the £15 per consultation service fee will not be paid.

	Average Pharmacy First clinical pathway consultations delivered per month (May 2024 to July 2024)	Maximum number of Pharmacy First clinical pathway consultations per quarter for which payment will be received	Maximum number of Pharmacy First clinical pathway consultations per month for which payment will be received
Band 1	Less than 15	390	130
Band 2	15-17	436	145
Band 3	18-19	506	169
Band 4	20-24	597	199
Band 5	25-33	776	259
Band 6	34+	1,521	507

To find the Band and monthly cap for your pharmacy click on the link below.

[Pharmacy First Clinical Pathway caps - October 2024 to December 2024 \(Excel: 222KB\).](#)

## Training



## **CPSS Webinar: Genomics Informed Medicines Optimisation: Introduction for Community Pharmacists 7th of November 7pm to 8pm**

Lucy Galloway, Consultant Pharmacist Genomic Medicine from the NHS South East Genomic Medicine Service will discuss genomics for community pharmacy. The webinar will cover:

- What is Genomics and how is this impacting the use of medicines in the NHS?
- Introduction to the NHS Genomic Medicines Service and Strategy for Pharmacogenomics in England.
- Horizon scanning, future opportunities for pharmacists, and where to go for further information.

Sign up [here](#).

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## **Newsletters**

To read the latest edition of the Surrey Heartlands Medicines Safety Matters click [here](#).

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

To read the latest edition of the Frimley ICB Prescribing Newsletter click [here](#).



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Additionally you may be interested in.....



### **Sussex ICS Short Placement Opportunities for Community Trainee Pharmacists 2024-25**

There are opportunities for cross sectoral placements where community pharmacy Trainee Pharmacists in Sussex can undertake a short 1-to-2-week placement within the hospital setting. Ideally the hospital Trainee Pharmacist would undertake a reciprocal placement in the community setting.

#### **Please contact the following people for further information:**

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[University Hospital Sussex NHS Foundation Trust - Devashri Sisodia, Education and Training Pharmacist, Princess Royal Hospital and Royal Sussex County Hospital](#)  
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Enhancing Patient Care: Introducing the FSRH (Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Health) to Pharmacists 8th of October 7pm to 8.30pm

This free webinar will provide pharmacy professionals with a valuable clinical update on EC, contributing to Continuing Professional Development (CPD).

Additionally, this event will showcase the forthcoming launch of a new course dedicated to pharmacy professionals, a must-attend course for all pharmacy professionals looking to advance their contraceptive knowledge and skills.

The webinar will also introduce the Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare (FSRH), raising awareness of their learning resources and support available to pharmacy professionals.

Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your practice, gain CPD, and contribute to improving access to essential contraception services.

Sign up [here](#).

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nutritional borderline substances, particularly to understand safety issues relating to the prescribing, ordering, dispensing, administration and labelling of Nutritional Borderline Substances, especially look-alike, sound-alike (LASA). **We know these errors happen, but this is the first opportunity for a national survey to quantify and described these errors.** This work will feed into ongoing work with the Department of Health & Social Care to inform a review of national guidance and practice.

The survey seeks the views of healthcare practitioners who are working in the acute and community setting including dietetic staff, pharmacy staff (including medicines optimisation pharmacists), medical and nursing staff. The audit is open from **30<sup>th</sup> September to 21<sup>st</sup> October** – individuals are asked to collect data for a one-week period in this time. Errors around the procurement, prescribing, requesting, supply (including dispensing) and administration of nutritional borderline substances can be reported. All products are covered, from infant formula to enteral feeds, ONS and metabolic products.

The below link takes you to the survey.

<https://airtable.com/appj6LESbYw2LqSHx/pag33k4vdadj7Pyfz/form>

Please do report any nutritional prescribing errors you encounter during the survey period – this is an opportunity to highlight the challenges we know exist.

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## Help is still available from Volunteer Responders

If someone would like support for example, in collecting their prescription from the pharmacy help is still available from Volunteer Responders and patients can be signposted to them.

For any questions about the Volunteer Responders programme, they are there to help. Their Support Team is on standby to book volunteer support and address any queries, available by phoning [0808 196 3646](tel:08081963646).

[NHS and Care Volunteer Responders | Supporting Health & Social Care \(nhscarevolunteerresponders.org\)](https://nhscarevolunteerresponders.org).

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