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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



National Pharmacy Technician Day on Tuesday 15th October

Happy Pharmacy Technician Day and what an exciting time to be a Pharmacy Technician!

Pharmacy Technicians have become an integral part of the community pharmacy workforce, and their skills are increasingly being used to support pharmacists, provide services, run dispensaries, engage with patients and other healthcare professionals and much more.

It is great to see the extraordinary skills of Pharmacy Technicians recognised at a national level with the exciting changes to Patient Group Directions and the

amazing NHSE funding opportunity to support the development of community pharmacy technicians.

We look forward to seeing this role flourish even more with recent changes and many more opportunities that lie ahead.

CPSS would like to take this opportunity to thank all our Pharmacy Technicians across Surrey and Sussex for all the hard work they do to keep community pharmacies running. You are valued members of the workforce, your contributions to improving patients' health do not go unnoticed, thank you for all you do!

PS. Don't forget, the deadline for the NHSE community pharmacy technician apprenticeship programme is this Sunday 13th!

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

Local Services



Smoke Free East Sussex Campaign: STOPTOBER 'It's Well Worth It' is now LIVE!

The following resources can support the Stoptober campaign as part of your HLP essential service.

Please see below the links for the YouTube videos ES County Council have created.

<https://youtu.be/VWLz8FSGINM>

<https://youtu.be/DWIYmuGIFbc>

<https://youtu.be/w0DxtPM7CRI>



CPSS Service Clinic bookable 1-2-1 appointments

The service clinics are an opportunity to book a dedicated timeslot with one of the CPSS team to discuss community pharmacy services locally and nationally.

Our next service clinics will take place on the

22nd November 2024 8:30am-8:30pm

6th December 2024 7:00am- 6:30pm

14th January 2025 8:30am-8:30pm

If you would like to book a time, please email

Mariehockley@communitypharmacys.co.uk or LPC@communitypharmacy.co.uk.

Training



Sussex Downs Health Care Webinar on Diagnosing Ovarian Cancer Earlier in Sussex - Friday 18th October at 13:00 – 14:00

Join Dr Victoria Barber, Ms. Sonali Kaushik & Dr Charlotte Badescue who will cover how ovarian cancer can present in primary care, focusing on symptom recognition, tests/guidance, family history considerations, common diagnostic challenges, and top tips for improving GP referrals, with case studies to highlight key points

Speakers Bio:

Dr Victoria Barber has been a GP for 18 years in a practice in Rushden, Northamptonshire. She has a particular interest in women's health and was involved in the British Medical Journal's GP educational tool on ovarian cancer. Her mother died from ovarian cancer in 2014 and Victoria has run the London Marathon and cycled from Lands End to John o'Groats to raise money for Target Ovarian Cancer.

Ms. Sonali Kaushik is a Consultant Gynaecologist and Gynae-oncology Surgeon based in Brighton & Hove.

Her main area of expertise is in diagnosis and management of conditions of the female genital tract, including benign disease, pre-cancer, and cancer. She is one of the 150 other specialists in the UK, who are formally accredited by the RCOG to undertake complex gynaecological cancer surgery. In 2013, she received the National Cancer Research Institute (NCRI) Prize for her research on the analysis of quality of care received by women with gynaecological cancer. In addition to numerous national & international presentations, she has authored several research papers in peer reviewed journals.

Dr Charlotte Badescu is an NHS GP in the North West of England and a Cancer Fellow at the Greater Manchester Cancer Alliance. Her special interests include dermatology and women's health. Charlotte became a member of Target Ovarian Cancer's Primary Care Advisory Board following her own diagnosis in 2021. She is

passionate about trying to improve ovarian cancer awareness and treatment through using her experience as both a patient and a GP.

For a continuously updated list of upcoming topics, please see SDHC's [website](#).

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Surrey Sexual Health Service C-card and Chlamydia / Gonorrhoea Testing Training events

The aim of the session is to provide training for the Condom Distribution, Chlamydia and Gonorrhoea testing Programme in Surrey, to provide an overview of Sexually Transmitted Infections, to provide a clear understanding of the C-card Scheme and support the training requirements of the service specification.

The training is open to all pharmacy staff who are providing or intend to provide the Condom Distribution service and the Chlamydia Locally Commissioned Service.

The training is online.

Please choose one of the dates below.

- [Wednesday 2nd April 2025](#)
- [Monday 7th July 2025](#)

- [Wednesday 17th September 2025](#)
 - [Monday 10th November 2025](#)
 - [Wednesday 11th Feb 2026](#)
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To read the latest edition of the NHSE Primary Care Bulletin click [here](#).



Additionally you may be interested in.....



CPPE training programme - Pharmacy Technicians: using patient group directions in practice

The training programme supports pharmacy technicians to develop the confidence to work under patient group directions (PGDs). It provides examples of opportunities to use PGDs in practice and uses activities that aim to empower pharmacy technicians to work under PGDs to increase capacity for person-centred care within the healthcare team.

Access the course [here](#).



Community Pharmacy Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Prescribing Training Pilot

In 2025 foundation trainee pharmacists will, during their foundation training year, be required to complete 90hours of Learning in Practice (LiP) time related to prescribing and be signed off by their DPP.

The pilot project aims to:

Co-create a novel, tailored prescribing training approach for trainee pharmacists in community pharmacy based on Pharmacy First & other pharmacy services

Its looking to evaluate and explore the feasibility of foundation trainee pharmacists demonstrating transferrable prescribing skills, which could count towards their 90hours of LiP time within a typical community pharmacy setting.

NHSE WTE are looking for pharmacists (prescriber or non-prescriber) and foundation trainee pharmacist (FTP) pairs to participate in the pilot.

For further information please contact Annabel.healey@nhs.net or William.swain3@nhs.net.



Skills4Pharmacy drop-in sessions for the NHSE-funded programme which will support Pre-registration Trainee Pharmacy Technicians (PTPTs) to be employed and complete their full 24-month apprenticeship training within a community pharmacy setting.

If you have questions about training, placements or apprenticeship funding for the Community Pharmacy Technician Apprenticeship Programme? Join one of the Skills4Pharmacy informal drop-in sessions to chat with their team and get the guidance you need:

- **Wednesday, 9th October at 12.30pm** or
- **Friday, 11th October at 6.30pm**

Register [here](#).



Surrey Sexual health: Blossom presents a free training webinar

Monday 21st October 5pm

This month's webinar will be hosted on Monday 21st October.

The team at Blossom LGBT will be welcoming Asha Harkness from Indigo Inclusion to deliver a webinar titled '[At the Intersection: Thriving as an LGBTQIA+ Person of Colour at Work](#)'. Being part of the LGBTQIA+ community presents unique challenges in the workplace, but for People of Colour, those challenges often intersect with additional layers of marginalisation and systemic barriers.

This webinar will support attendees to gain insight on mental health, being yourself & safety, communication and leadership skills, and internal advocacy. Whilst the webinar is aimed at LGBTQIA+ people of colour specifically, we'd really encourage respectful allies to come along so they can get an understanding of the

Please sign up here [At the Intersection: Thriving as an LGBTQIA+ Person of Colour at Work Tickets, Mon 21 Oct 2024 at 17:00 | Eventbrite](#).



Change in prescribing to Trurapi

Frimley Healthcare Foundation Trust are moving toward initiating Trurapi insulin over Novorapid, Surrey Heartlands systems have already moved in this direction. Frimley ICB are likely to follow next year, however the hospital has started the move in advance, so prescribing will be coming out of the hospital.

To support use of the Trurapi cartridges, Sanofi wanted to remind community pharmacies that the DTP Portal for allocations and prescription overrides may be used for the Allstar PRO silver and blue insulin pens, which are currently in short

supply and may be used with Trurapi.

To access the portal please use: <https://www.mydtpportal.com/>

Pharmacies will need to create an account using your postcode, email and Phoenix/AAH account number that can be found on their invoice.



University Hospitals Sussex - Change in prescribing to Inhixa

UHSx have standardised their Low Molecular Weight Heparin (LMWH) by transitioning from dalteparin (Fragmin) to enoxaparin (Inhixa) across their sites. You may therefore expect to see an increase in demand for enoxaparin (Inhixa), some of which may be time sensitive.

Hospitals are issuing FP10H prescriptions to their outpatient patients, pharmacies will see a higher number of outpatient Rxs for Inhixa than usual particularly around the Worthing and St Richards hospital areas.

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