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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



Do you know what support is available to contractors from CPSS?

CPSS are here to represent and support all our community pharmacy contractors across Surrey and Sussex.

Do you know what support is available to you from CPSS? There are several offers available depending on your need. We have put together this short guide which can help you identify what support you can utilise from CPSS. You can find the document [here](#).

If there is anything further you feel you need support with, just send us an email on lpc@communitypharmacys.co.uk.



Have you been asked to complete the full Community Pharmacy Assurance Framework (CPAF) questionnaire?

Some contractors have been asked to complete the full Community Pharmacy Assurance Framework (CPAF) questionnaire. The full CPAF questionnaire is available to complete until **11:59pm on Thursday 31 October 2024**.

CPSS recently put together a document to support contractors with CPAF visits, whilst you may not have been asked for a visit yet, you may find the document useful to complete your questionnaire. Please find the link to the short document on common CPAF queries [here](#).



We're seeking 'Super' PCN Leads!

Dear teams,

As you may be aware, we have been supporting the Community Pharmacy PCN lead roles for the past year. These roles are important in integrating community pharmacy with general practice as part of primary care. We are continuing to develop this role and are now seeking 'super PCN Leads'.

A super PCN lead will work one day per week and will be responsible for 4 PCN areas. The areas will be dependent on requirements and your location. This can be discussed further if you are interested.

For further information on the role please see [here](#). This will give you an insight into the responsibilities of the role, however Surrey and Sussex specific information is available on request.

For further details on areas and any other queries please contact

simranjohal@communitypharmacys.co.uk.

If you would like to register your interest please email simranjohal@communitypharmacys.co.uk with your full name, pharmacy name or state if you are a locum, and contact number

This role is open to anyone within the community pharmacy workforce across Surrey and Sussex.



Ask Your Pharmacist Week 4th to 11th November

It's not long until Ask Your Pharmacist Week (4-11 November), the UK's annual community pharmacy public awareness initiative, organised by the National Pharmacy Association and supported by NHS England.

As it did last year, the campaign will focus on the knowledge and skills of pharmacists and the wider community pharmacy team.

You can now access free of charge campaign resources at www.npa.co.uk/ask-your-pharmacist-week-2024. Please note that the campaign resources are freely available to all contractors and pharmacy stakeholders, not only NPA members.

Local Services



FP10 dressing prescriptions changes across some areas in Sussex

ICB

Please be aware that Sussex ICB are looking to change the way that dressings are provided to patients across Sussex ICB this is to align the whole of Sussex with the same process. Currently there are different procedures in place across many of the areas. Below is the latest update from the ICB – we would encourage you to review any dressings that you hold in stock in light of the proposed changes.

The ONPOS community pharmacy supply route in Brighton and Hove ceased on 7th October with a move to obtaining dressings from NHS Supplies. Notification was provided to these contractors prior to the end of the service to support them to reduce any stock holding.

The plans are to roll out the remainder of the new Sussex supply route in the areas where your contractors are currently dispensing FP10 prescriptions for wound care items.

In the High Weald Lewes Havens area, community nurses are now ordering via our new direct supply route so the number of FP10s being requested for formulary items will be reducing. From 27 January 2025, the numbers will reduce further over a couple of months as we introduce the new route for all services in this area.

For the rest of East Sussex, and Coastal West Sussex, we will be introducing the new route with a phased approach from 13 January 2025 so the prescriptions for formulary wound care items will start to reduce from this date over a couple of months.

In Crawley, Horsham and Mid-Sussex (North, West Sussex), as there is an existing direct supply service, FP10 numbers are likely to remain the same.

Any queries please let us know at lpc@communitypharmacys.co.uk.

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



Additionally you may be interested in.....

	EpiPen	Jext	Emerade
			
AAI dose by weight	Up to 25kg 150mcg Over 25kg 300mcg	Up to 30kg 150mcg Over 30kg 300mcg	Up to 30kg 150mcg* Over 30kg 300mcg Over 60kg 500mcg dependent on clinical judgement

Adrenaline Auto Injectors (AAI) dosing

When reviewing prescriptions for Adrenaline Auto Injectors (AAI), please remember AAls are prescribed dependent on patients' weight for both adult and paediatric patients.

Surrey Heartlands ICS put together an Aide Memoire for GPs on prescribing AAI.

This can be found [here](#). This aide memoire can also be used by colleagues in community pharmacy to check patients have been prescribed the correct dose of their AAI.



Smokefree West Sussex launch event 26th November

Join West Sussex County Council to discover how they are using the new government grant funding to increase support for smokers to quit, as part of their ambition to make West Sussex smoke free by 2030.

West Sussex County Council look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to the Smokefree West Sussex launch event on Tuesday 26 November 2024. The event will take place in Committee Room 3, County Hall, Chichester and tickets are available to join between 10AM and 11AM, or between 11AM and 12PM.

Refreshments will be available.

Meet the Council's new specialist stop smoking team 'Quit4Wellbeing' and see the innovative new smokefree app.

Learn about the new Smokefree West Sussex phone line, which is improving access to the full range of Smokefree West Sussex services, including GPs, Pharmacies and the West Sussex Wellbeing programme

Find out about the wide range of free training available, covering everything from how to have brief conversations about stopping smoking, with clients, customers, friends or family, through to full stop smoking advisor training.

Hear about a new campaign showing those looking to quit that 'It's Well Worth It'.

West Sussex hope to see as many of you as possible at the event, but spaces are limited so click [here](#) to book your place.



Supporting people through winter and beyond

Free networking and learning events for frontline staff and volunteers in East Sussex

Would you like to know what support is available and what advice to offer someone struggling this winter?

This November, people working across health and social care in East Sussex are invited to special events to learn more about the range of services and support available across our communities. You'll hear a series of short presentations and be able to visit a marketplace of local organisations and teams.

You'll also have the chance to meet other people working across our local communities and get to know them over lunch.

The events are open to anyone working or volunteering in a role where they interact with local people, including health workers, emergency services, social care staff, and community organisations.

Citizens Advice is funding the events as part of their fuel poverty and energy

efficiency programme and they are being organised in collaboration with East Sussex County Council and the [Integrated Community Teams \(ICTs\) programme](#).

Living in a cold home can make health conditions worse as well as impact on people's wellbeing, so it's important to help people get support to stay warm and well.

Five free events will take place at venues across the county between 6 and 14 November. All the events will take place from 12.30pm-3pm and lunch will be provided.

Get more details and book your place:

- Wealden: [Wednesday 6 November, Civic Centre, Uckfield](#)
- Eastbourne: [Thursday 7 November, Hillbrow Health & Wellbeing, Eastbourne](#)
- Hastings: [Tuesday 12 November, East Sussex College Group, Hastings](#)
- Rother: [Wednesday 13 November, Hub on the Hill, Rye](#)
- Lewes District: [Thursday 14 November, The View, Seaford](#)

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