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Newsletter

07/11/2024

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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LPC News



Local MP visits

CPSS have written to all MPs across Surrey and Sussex inviting them to visit a community pharmacy.

A number of successful visits have been carried out to date raising awareness of the financial situation within community pharmacy, with further visits planned over the next few weeks.

Thank-you to all the contractors who have supported with these visits and those who have personally contacted their MP's.

Kieran Mullen MP for Bexhill and Battle pictured below, recently visited Sidley Pharmacy and heard from owner Sukhy Uppal of the current challenges in community pharmacy particularly with the core funding within the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework and potential future opportunities.



Kieran Mullan MP, Member of Parliament for Bexhill and Battle with Sukhy Uppal and the Pharmacy Team.

Jay Amin from Woodbridge Pharmacy, Guildford hosted a visit with Zoe Franklin MP for Guildford last week to inform her of the current situation within community pharmacy and this week she was speaking in the Commons on the 4th of November, mentioning community pharmacy and the budget impact.

Liberal Democrat MP for Guildford Zoe Franklin said the NI hike would penalise business owners, commenting: "I have spoken to small business owners in my constituency, including an independent pharmacy owner, and each has shared with me how the hike will have a hugely detrimental impact on their business, and will impact their employees."

If you would like to support raising awareness of the situation within community pharmacy and to contact your MP, resources are available [here](#). We can also support you with this just contact us at lpc@communitypharmacys.co.uk.

Local Services



Covid Vaccination service – open for new applications

NHS England has opened the procurement process for pharmacy owners that wish to provide the COVID-19 vaccination service from April 2025. This is only for pharmacies who are not already offering the service as part of the Autumn 2024 campaign, if you are offering the service this Autumn, you do not have to re-sign up.

Please find below, a link to the news story highlighting this on the CPE website.

[Provision of C-19 vacs from April 2025 - Community Pharmacy England.](#)

The deadline for applicable submissions is **11:59pm on 19th November 2024.**

Training



Oriel 2026/27 Webinar links for information sessions from 7th November

South East Workforce transformation leads and NHS SE WT&E are putting on a series of webinars from next week to help explain the Oriel process and support community pharmacy contractors in the next round of Oriel programme submissions (window of which will open January 2025).

Please join one of the sessions below for a chance to hear about the process and have the opportunity to ask questions.

Thursday 7th November 6:30pm to 8pm

[Join the meeting now](#), Meeting ID: 333 621 414 223, Passcode: YmKQ2Z

Tuesday 19th November 6:30pm to 8pm

[Join the meeting now](#), Meeting ID: 389 675 865 211, Passcode: kLnBeL

Wednesday 27th November 1pm to 2pm

[Join the meeting now](#), Meeting ID: 327 482 786 73, Passcode: mTAK9o



CPSS webinar - Supporting understanding and confidence in Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) and autoimmune hepatitis (AIH) - 12th November 7.00pm to 8.00pm

The IBD consultant pharmacist, Fiona Rees, from University Hospitals Sussex is providing training to support understanding and confidence in Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) and autoimmune hepatitis (AIH), so please join us on 12th November 2024 7-8pm. This is open to all members of the pharmacy team.

Sign up to the event [here](#).



Hypertensive Case Finding Training webinar Wednesday 13th November at 7pm-8pm

This training webinar is designed to support colleagues to fully embed the hypertensive case finding service, explore opportunities to increase service delivery presented by our guest Speakers Alison Warren (Consultant Pharmacist Cardiology FRPharmS, FFRPS, BPharm, DipClinPharm, MSc, PharmIP. University Hospitals

Sussex (Brighton) and Sussex Integrated Care Board) and Mike Okorie (Consultant Physician and Associate Medical Director for Medicines Safety & Prescribing; Professor of Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics and Head, Department of Medical Education, BSMS; RCP Regional Specialty Adviser for Clinical Pharmacology in Kent, Surrey & Sussex)

The aim of this webinar is to support pharmacy colleagues to deliver the NHS Community Pharmacy Blood Pressure Check service and will include:

- Why identifying and managing hypertension is key CVD prevention priority
- Measuring the blood pressure - clinic, ambulatory and home blood pressure monitoring
- Opportunities of the community pharmacy hypertension case finding programme
- How are we doing in Sussex and how can you help?
- Q&A Please submit your questions by Thursday 7th to LPC@communitypharmacys.co.uk.

To sign up click [here](#).



Identifying signs of violence against women online training session

Tuesday 27th November 7pm-9pm

This Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) training is designed specifically for the Community Pharmacy setting, addressing the unique role that pharmacy professionals play in identifying and supporting victims of abuse.

The session aims to build a comprehensive understanding of VAWG, emphasising the broader societal issues that perpetuate violence, such as sexism, misogyny, and patriarchy. Through tailored case studies, participants will explore scenarios relevant to their daily work environment, equipping them with the skills to recognise and respond effectively to signs of abuse, harm or violence against women or girls.

The training will delve into the systemic nature of gender inequality highlighting how male entitlement and societal structures contribute to VAWG. By understanding the wider context, pharmacy staff can see the bigger picture—how these forms of violence are both a cause and a consequence of entrenched gender biases—and how their involvement can have a far-reaching impact on society.

Additionally, participants will learn how to adopt anti-victim blaming practices, ensuring that victims feel believed and supported in their interactions with pharmacy professionals. Through this training, pharmacy teams will be empowered to continue making a real difference, offering compassionate, informed care in their community.

This can be documented as CPD for GPhC revalidation. To sign up click [here](#).

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

To read the latest edition of the Surrey Medicines



Management Matters click [here](#).

To read the latest edition of the Frimley ICB Prescribing

Newsletter click [here](#).

Additionally you may be interested in.....



West Sussex County Council Stop Smoking Campaign

West Sussex County Council's Public Health team have launched a new stop smoking campaign entitled '**It's Well Worth It**'. The campaign encourages smokers to make a quit attempt with the support of Smokefree West Sussex services. It is targeted towards smokers aged up to 50-years-old, who work in routine and manual occupations, although the campaign messaging will be relevant to a wider audience.

Digital advertising will be running for the month of October, with out of home advertising (bus backs, digital screens, radio adverts) running from October

onwards, and we would love you to use the free campaign resources (see attached toolkit) to promote this initiative to your patients, clients, and customers.

A new Smokefree West Sussex telephone number has been established to provide information and signposting into local stop smoking services, including West Sussex Wellbeing, participating GP surgeries and pharmacies, the new Quit 4 Wellbeing specialist stop smoking team and the Smokefree app: a fully digital stop smoking service. The phone number is featured on the **'It's Well Worth It'** campaign artwork, along with QR codes which link directly to details of all services on the West Sussex Wellbeing website.

The new Smokefree West Sussex number is: 0330 222 7980. Details of all services can also be found at www.westsussexwellbeing.org.uk/smokefree. The communications toolkit which can be found [here](#), includes digital and print ready materials, as well as social media messaging etc. Hard copies of the posters/leaflets are available from the Health Promotion Resource Service, email phresources@westsussex.gov.uk.



Surrey Carer's Cards offer proof of caring status

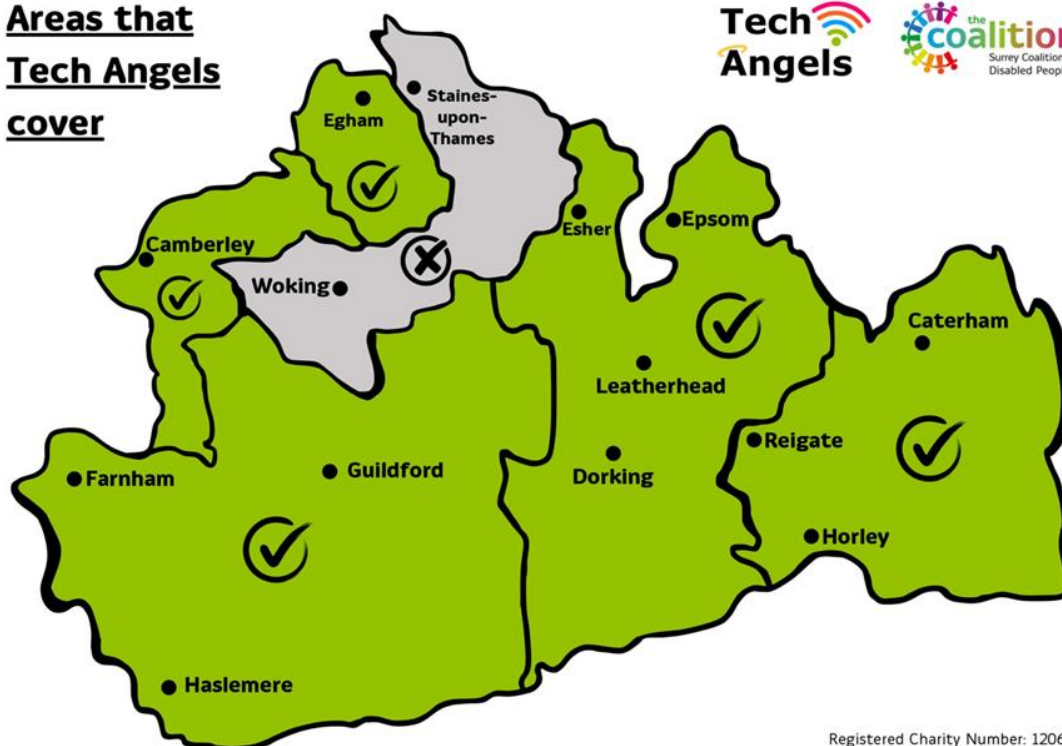
Unpaid carers often face an unenviable task in trying to look after a loved one. To help give them some reassurance and support, carers in Surrey can choose from two types of 'Carer's Card' which offer help in the event they are suddenly incapable of fulfilling their normal role. The basic card contains the contact details of a substitute carer and is a good option for those who already have a trusted second person on hand who can step in.

The more advanced Emergency Care Plan (ECP) card is linked to a 24/7 personalised Care Plan and comes with up to 48 hours of emergency support if other nominees aren't immediately available.

Cards are free and come with other benefits and discounts on local services across Surrey. Over the winter, they can be used to prove eligibility for the free Carer's Winter Flu Vaccination offered through many pharmacies (alongside the long-running flu voucher scheme).

Over 3000 cards are now in circulation, with almost 1800 issued in the last year alone. If you know of an unpaid carer looking after someone in your community, ask them whether they are carrying the card, and urge them to apply.

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Are your patients struggling to get online?

As the NHS is slowly moving to become more digital, you may be finding there are patients struggling to access the online world.

Tech Angels in Surrey Heartlands ICB is a digital inclusion service aimed to support people who are the highest risk of digital exclusion; people who are disabled, people with a long-term health condition, people with mental ill-health, carers, older people and people from Black and minoritised ethnic groups.

For more information on how Tech Angels can support and a poster, please click [here](#). You may find this poster useful to share with patients you think could benefit from the support.

The areas above are covered by Tech Angels.

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