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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



CPE webinar on the NHS 10-year plan – 26th November 7.30pm

Community Pharmacy England will be hosting webinars to discuss the Government's NHS 10-year plan and to help pharmacy owners or others who want to feed into it. The final webinar is available to book onto below.

The development of this NHS plan could not come at a more critical time for community pharmacies, making it vital for the sector to feed into the process. Community Pharmacy England's webinar will advise pharmacy owners on how they can best engage with the public conversation on the NHS plan.

The webinar will provide more detail on how the plan is being developed, outline opportunities for pharmacy owners to have their say, and describe the ways in which Community Pharmacy England is responding on behalf of the sector. They will also highlight how the [Vision for Community Pharmacy](#) provides clear examples of how things could be improved for community pharmacies, patients and the wider NHS.

[Book here for the final webinar.](#)

Training



Recruitment of Trainee Pharmacists 2026/ 2027: Information and support for current and prospective employers in the South East region

The National Recruitment system will be open in January - February 2025 for

employers to submit their training programmes for 2026/27 trainee pharmacists. To support primary and secondary care employers, the South East Pharmacy Workforce Leads and NHS England WT&E South East pharmacy team are hosting online webinars in November 2024. The focus of these webinars will be the development of multi-sector training programmes, including rotation options and supervision requirements.

This is a reminder for the final webinar on Wednesday 27th November 1pm to 2pm, [Join the meeting here](#), Meeting ID: 327 482 786 73, Passcode: mTAK9o.

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



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Community Pharmacy England is hosting a webinar on Original Pack Dispensing (OPD) on Monday 25th November, at 7.30pm.

The session will cover the upcoming regulatory changes, effective January 2025, which will allow pharmacies to dispense up to +/- 10% of prescribed quantities in original packs. CPE experts will explain what these changes mean for your

dispensing processes and provide updates on reimbursement and IT arrangements.

If you have specific questions, you can send them to the CPE [Regulations Team](#) in advance to help shape the discussion. Don't miss this opportunity to prepare for the changes ahead.

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World Antimicrobial Awareness Week (WAAW)

World Antimicrobial Awareness Week (WAAW) is an annual global campaign coordinated by [WHO](#) to increase awareness of antimicrobial resistance as a global problem. The campaigns aim to promote best practices among the public, health workers and policy-makers to reduce its spread. The theme for the World Antimicrobial Awareness Week (WAAW) 2024 is "Educate. Advocate. Act now."

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is a pressing global health and socioeconomic crisis and continues to pose a severe threat to modern healthcare, making infections harder to treat and putting our lives at risk. Yet, much more can be done to raise public and stakeholder awareness.

Community pharmacy teams play a pivotal role in raising antimicrobial resistance awareness to the public and more so now with Pharmacy First. We encourage our pharmacy teams to support this awareness week. For more information on how you can support, please click [here](#).

You can also use these [digital resources](#) to support your campaigns.



NHS Sussex Opioid Conversion Chart

Caution is needed when switching patients between opioid containing medications. Whilst these medicines can be effective for severe pain, they also pose a significant risk of overdose.

If clinically indicated to switch between opioids then a number of factors must be considered including, but not limited to:

1. The potency difference between the opioids in question
2. Patients specific needs including pain severity, opioid tolerance and medical history
3. Need for robust counselling including the risks and benefits of switching and education on overdose signs and symptoms and when to seek further medical advice
4. Need for regular follow-up to assess efficacy and safety

An opioid conversion chart was recently approved by NHS Sussex to guide

prescribers on doses when switching between opioids in palliative care and can be used to support community pharmacy when dispensing prescriptions where a patient has been switched between opioids. The chart can be found [here](#).

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