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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



Integrated Referral Service - Booking and Referral Standard: For Regional Digital and Regional Senior Pharmacy Integration Leads

Integrated referral service update

Sonar Informatics will be live using the integrated referral service, joining Cegedim Healthcare Solutions, EMIS (PharmOutcomes), and Positive Solutions (HxConsult) as an assured community pharmacy IT supplier. This enables Pharmacy First referrals from general practice to integrate directly into pharmacy workflows.

Supported GP IT Systems

- EMIS Web
- EMIS PharmRefer

For Sonar Users: Referrals from EMIS PharmRefer and EMIS Web Local Services now go directly into Sonar, enhancing the efficiency of Pharmacy First referrals. If a referral does not appear in Sonar, it will automatically be resent by email. Referrals from non-EMIS systems will continue to be received as usual (typically by email).

For TPP SystemOne Users: Referrals will continue through NHSmail or PharmRefer (where licenced). Work is underway with TPP to develop and adopt the national Referral Standard.

Support process: Community pharmacy teams must raise any technical queries or

live service issue with the relevant IT supplier. Suppliers then raise live service issues with the National Service Desk following the NHS England [incident and service request process - NHS Digital](#).

Local Services

Brighton & Hove Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) questionnaire for contractors

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for

Brighton and Hove HWB – Pharmacy Survey

The Brighton and Hove Health and Wellbeing Board has delegated responsibility for the revised Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) to Brighton and Hove Council. The new PNA is currently being drafted for publishing by October 2025. To support the drafting of the PNA the pharmacy contractor survey has now been sent out to all pharmacies in the area via your pharmacy NHS email and is also available on the link below.

CPSS negotiated for the number of questions sent out to pharmacies to be significantly reduced compared to previous years due to the current workload. Please note there are now only a few questions, and it will now take less than 5 minutes to complete. Your support with this is appreciated.

To access the survey click [here](#) **before 30th December 2024**.



For Brighton & Hove Healthy Living Pharmacy teams only – A message from the Brighton & Hove County Council team, please see below:

We are pleased to advise that a new support has been added to our Learning Zone for Healthy Living Pharmacy teams. We have prepared a webinar to support delivery of the Alcohol Identification and Brief Advice service as detailed in the Healthy Living Pharmacy Framework service specification. It is now ready to access using the Learning Zone link below.

[Healthy Living Pharmacy Webinar](#)

The PharmOutcomes template for this service will be live from January 1st 2025.

We are asking that HLP providers are ready to start providing the service by Friday 24th January. If you need extra support to meet this deadline, please let us know as soon as possible.

To view the webinar, pharmacies need to have a Learning Zone account. To register for an account please go to <https://learning.brighton-hove.gov.uk>. To avoid your request being rejected, please ensure you fully complete the registration form and in the section “Reason for requesting an account” you must add ‘to access Health Promotion training’.

Please contact the public health lead for the Healthy Living Pharmacy service, Roisin.Thurstan@brighton-hove.gov.uk with any queries.

Training



Reducing Health Inequalities: Inclusion of people with a learning disability and autistic people in tobacco dependency support and universal prevention services webinar

You are invited to attend the webinar on Wednesday 5th February 2pm-:30pm

An opportunity to hear from people with a learning disability on how to provide accessible support. People with learning disabilities and autistic people continue to face health inequalities, die younger than the general population, and be twice as likely to die of a preventable condition. The top three causes of death are cardiovascular disease, respiratory disease, and cancer - smoking is a leading risk factor for all three.

This webinar supports the thinking about what reasonable adjustments you can make to improve access to prevention services and help reduce these health inequalities.

The training will be co-delivered by the Speak Out's Thumbs Up trainers who have lived experience of a learning disability, and they will discuss:

- The barriers people with a learning disability and autistic people face when trying to access mainstream services.
- What reasonable adjustments are and how they can be used to reduce these barriers.
- How a specialist tobacco dependency service has developed reasonably adjusted support in their care for people with a learning disability and autistic people.

- How you can follow their example and adjust your service to promote better access.

There will also be accessible resources shared that you could use.

[Please register here.](#)

The poster for the 'Enhanced Prescribing for Pharmacists' course at the University of Brighton features a background image of a stethoscope and a pen on a document. A yellow starburst in the top left corner states 'FULL NHS ENGLAND FUNDING'. The University of Brighton logo is in the top center. The course title 'ENHANCED PRESCRIBING FOR PHARMACISTS' is prominently displayed. A QR code is located on the left side. The 'Key facts' section on the right lists: Location Brighton: Moulsecoombe, Duration Six months – 30 credits of learning, Start dates March 2025 – applications open in January 2025. Accredited by the GPhC, and Application deadline 31st January 2025. At the bottom, three circular portraits of the course leaders are shown: Connor Thompson (Programme Leader), Danny Bartlett (Associate Programme Leader), and Safoura Adimi (PAT Leader). A 'Face to face' schedule is listed on the bottom left.

Key facts
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Face to face:
Friday 14th March
Friday 28th March
Friday 11th April
Friday 25th April
Friday 9th May

Course Leaders:
Connor Thompson Programme Leader
Danny Bartlett Associate Programme Leader
Safoura Adimi PAT Leader

University of Brighton Independent Prescribing Course Application Support Webinar

Community Pharmacy Surrey and Sussex along with University of Brighton will be hosting a webinar on Friday 13th December 1-2pm on Teams (please see link below) to support pharmacists looking to apply for the Independent Prescribing course at University of Brighton.

We will be joined by Connor Thompson, Programme Leader and Danny Bartlett, Associate Programme Leader who can provide you with an insight to the course, expectations, DPP requirements and top tips on applying!

Please join us on Friday 13th December 1-2pm using this link:

Microsoft Teams [Need help?](#)

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 356 689 308 441

Passcode: 44jA9sS6

University of Brighton will be offering NHSE funded places for the course.

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To read the latest edition of the Surrey Heartlands

Medicines Safety Matters click [here](#).

Additionally you may be interested in.....

Prevention Assessment Team

Helping you live independently for longer - the Prevention Assessment Team (PAT)

This is signposting information for patients who may need advice to help retain independence, assistance with general health and wellbeing or are feeling lonely and would like to find a local support group.

If so, patients may benefit from the help of the friendly and supportive Prevention Assessment Team (PAT). Knowledgeable staff working together from West Sussex County Council, NHS Nurse Advisors and Age UK West Sussex, who are available to provide information, advice and guidance to help people live well.

The team are here to help anyone across West Sussex aged 18+ access the support they need to live independently at home and enjoy life as part of their community.

If you want more information on the service and how they can support patients, you can email the team at prevention@westsussex.gov.uk or telephone 0330 222 4222. For more information: Click here [Prevention Assessment Team](#).



Pharmacy early careers funding scoping survey - response needed by 20th December

NHS England South East Workforce Training and Education (SE WT+E) pharmacy has allocated some funding to support education and development of early careers pharmacy workforce within each Integrated Care System (ICS) in the South East.

Early Careers refers to the initial period where pharmacists and pharmacy technicians begin their professional development journey in practice, until they develop their skills prior to advance practice. This Early Careers funding is for **post-registration** pharmacy professionals, including those moving into a new sector or returning from a career break.

This survey provides a mean to **scope the provision** of this funding for the SE region and locally at system-level.

Your responses will help make recommendations and determine how best to utilise the funding across all sectors to benefit the pharmacy workforce.

Data will be shared with the ICS MO Board or equivalent for agreement of requests and development of a Pharmacy Workforce Plan and allocation of funding.

Please complete one survey per organisation, deadline Friday 20th December 5pm.

[Survey link](#)

Please contact your workforce lead for any further queries.

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