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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



### **MPs want to hear about medicines shortages**

The All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Pharmacy has announced the launch of an inquiry into the impact of medicines shortages in England, the contributing factors and potential solutions. As part of this inquiry, the APPG has issued a call for written evidence from key stakeholders across the healthcare sector.

This inquiry comes in response to the growing concerns surrounding medicines shortages and their impact on patient care in the UK, including pharmacy teams' ability to dispense medicines in a timely way. The APPG is aiming to develop practical recommendations to address this ongoing challenge and its impact.

The survey for pharmacists and pharmacy teams and GPs and prescribers is multiple choice and should take no longer than 10 minutes to complete. A longer form questionnaire is available for patient groups, professional organisations and medicines manufacturers and distributors. Please see submission details below.

The APPG is an independent cross-party parliamentary group, currently chaired by Labour MP Steve Race.

**Deadline: Friday, 24th January 2025**

**How to Submit:** [All-Party Parliamentary Group on Pharmacy – Call for written evidence on medicines shortages.](#)

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## Local Services



### **Surrey Pharmacists only**

### **Are you a Community Pharmacist wanting to become an Independent Prescriber?**

NHSE have contracts with a number of universities to again provide access to funded IP courses: [Approved suppliers list - National Provision | NHS England | Workforce, training and education.](#)

In addition, Surrey Heartlands ICB have secured some additional funding via the Surrey Heartlands Workforce Innovation Fund to support 40 community pharmacists to access a Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP) to supervise their IP training.

The scheme provides a £2600 financial contribution to a DPP's employer for being a DPP supervisor for a community pharmacist working within the Surrey Heartlands geography (for 3 or more days per week).

If you would like further information or would like to submit an expression of interest on this project, please contact:

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### **Surrey Training Hub Munch and Learn Timetable January-April 2025**

‘Munch & Learn’ training sessions are designed help you make the most of the Surrey library services and to support you with accessing and searching a variety of online resources relevant to your work. These bite-size sessions, delivered via MS Teams, last no more than 30 mins. Email Kerry to book your place: [Kerry.Seelhoff@nhs.net](mailto:Kerry.Seelhoff@nhs.net).

Further information can be found [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 Heartlands Medicines Management Matters click [here](#).

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Additionally you may be interested in.....



The poster for the University of Brighton Enhanced Prescribing for Pharmacists course features a yellow banner in the top left corner that reads "FULL NHS ENGLAND FUNDING". The University of Brighton logo is in the top center. The main title "ENHANCED PRESCRIBING FOR PHARMACISTS" is prominently displayed. A QR code is located on the left side. The background image shows a stethoscope and a pen on a document. On the right, a box titled "Key facts" 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 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025. At the bottom left, a "Face to face:" section lists dates: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March, Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March, Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April, and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May. Three circular portraits of staff members are shown at the bottom right, with their names and roles: Connor Thompson (Programs Leader), Danny Bartlett (Associate Programme Leader), and Safoura Adimi (BSc Leader).

### University of Brighton Independent Prescribing Course

Just a reminder the deadline for the University of Brighton Independent Prescribing Course is fast approaching! Please ensure applications are submitted by **31st January**.

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### Trainee Pharmacists: Employer Registration for National Recruitment Cycle (Oriel) Now Open

Employers wishing to be part of 2025 national recruitment, for the 2026-27 training year, must register via the [employer programme information online form](#). All employers will need to provide programme specific information and agree to meet the terms of participation of the scheme.

The deadline to submit your application is **11.59pm on 1st March 2025**.

For all further information please refer to the Employer Handbook.

### **Webinars to support Foundation Trainee Pharmacist National Recruitment Scheme 2025 (2026 intake) via Oriel**

As you are aware, all trainee pharmacists for **2026/27** must be recruited via the National Recruitment Scheme, Oriel. **The National Recruitment Scheme opens for employers January 2025 and will remain open until March 1st 2025.**

To support you in preparation for 2026/27 foundation training, and in registering your training programmes on Oriel, the Sussex Pharmacy Workforce team, in conjunction with Workforce, Training and Education Directorate NHS England – South East are hosting online webinars.

The session will provide opportunities to discuss any specific issues you may have related to ORIEL and registering your training programme

### **Session One: Establishment of Sussex Trainee Pharmacist Split Sector Programme 2026/7**

January Wednesday 22th - 19.30- 20.30 - Link to join the meeting [here](#).

January Tuesday 28th - 14.00-15.00 - Link to join the meeting [here](#).

#### Session Outline

- Overview of General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) new learning outcomes and Initial Education and Training of Pharmacists Standards for the 2026/27 Trainee Pharmacist Programme
- Current Trainee Pharmacist Landscape within Sussex
- Prospective models of collaborative Trainee Pharmacist Split Programmes for 2025/26 including
  - o Community and General Practice
  - o General Practice and Secondary care
  - o Community and Secondary Care
  - o Host and Partner roles

- o Designated Prescribing Practitioner/Designated Supervisor arrangements
- Next steps and timeframe for registering 2026/7 Trainee Pharmacist Programmes

**Session Two Oriel Applications- a step-by-step guide to submitting an ORIEL application form for Sussex Trainee Pharmacist Foundation Year programmes 2026/7**

February Friday 7th - 13.00-14.00 - Link to join the meeting [here](#).

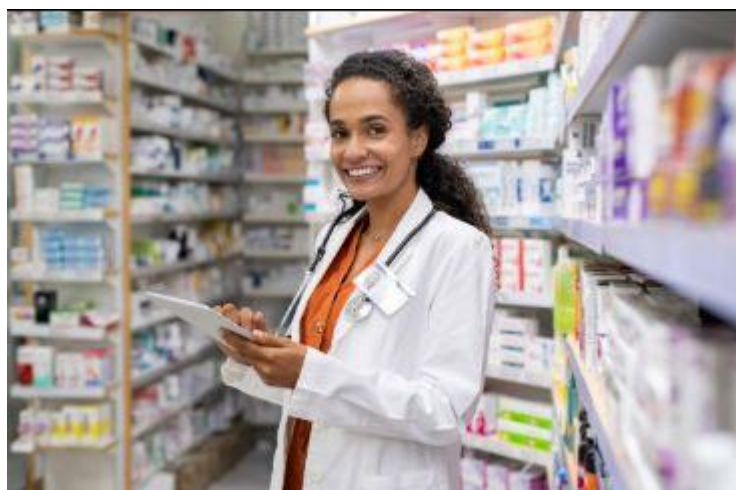
February Tuesday 11th - 19.30- 20.30 - Link to join the meeting [here](#).

Session Outline

- Overview of ORIEL recruitment system
- How to make your Sussex trainee pharmacist programme attractive to undergraduates
- The trainee experience of ORIEL and preferencing rationale
- Next steps and timeframe for registering your ORIEL trainee pharmacist programme

We look forward to supporting you through this process.

Please don't hesitate to contact [Alice.Conway@nhs.net](mailto:Alice.Conway@nhs.net) Sussex Pharmacy Workforce if you have any queries on any of the above information.



## **NHS England Pharmacy Technician Workforce Development**

The Pharmacy Technician Workforce Development Programme aims to develop pharmacy technicians to practice autonomously as confident and competent healthcare professionals. This plays a vital role in supporting the delivery of NHS England Long Term Workforce Plan recommendations, linking to three key priorities

1. Grow the Workforce
2. Embed the Right Culture and Improve Retention
3. Work and Train Differently

The document is now available on the NHS England website.

[Pharmacy Technician Workforce Development Programme.](#)

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