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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



### **Surrey LPC Contractors Levy holiday**

As part of our ongoing review of our finances at all our LPC meetings, Surrey LPC members voted for a two-month levy holiday for Surrey pharmacy contractors. This is due to ongoing efficiency savings within the LPC and CPSS and a decision by the committee to reduce the reserves that are held for running and maintaining the LPC to a lower level. This will be in place for two months which means that no levy will be taken for the LPC from contractors for this period.



### **Teach and Treat Programme – Sussex**

Community Pharmacy Surrey and Sussex in collaboration with Sussex Training Hub and Sussex ICB Workforce Transformation Lead submitted a funding bid for the

NHS England Teach and Treat Programme and **successfully secured £28,400!** This amazing funding has been used to support 10 community pharmacists in Sussex to secure a DPP to support with their Independent Prescribing course.

CPSS consistently strives to support the Surrey and Sussex workforce so keep an eye out for future opportunities!

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### **Early Careers Funding - Sussex**

ICBs across the South East Region had secured funding to support the early careers workforce. The aim of this funding was to support all sectors in Pharmacy. CPSS submitted an expression of interest to Sussex ICB highlighting the training gaps in community pharmacy and the need to support our newly qualified pharmacists and pharmacy technicians. We **successfully secured £44,700** for community pharmacy! This will be used to fund a number of training events including support for our pharmacy technicians and utilising PGDs.

Please ensure you regularly check our newsletter for upcoming training events!

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## CPSS Forged and Fraudulent Prescriptions information

CPSS has created [this document](#) to support community pharmacy teams to identify forged or fraudulent prescriptions and what to do if one is received. Further information is also available on our CPSS website in the A-Z [here](#).

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## Local Services



### Claiming Locally Commissioned Services reminder

As we are approaching the end of the financial year, I just wanted to remind pharmacies to claim for all the locally commissioned services for 24/25 that the pharmacy provides, particularly those which are claimed for via a paper-based system. Note as an LPC, part of our ongoing discussions with commissioners is for all local services to be claimed via an IT platform such as PharmOutcomes or in an easier format than the paper based system currently used by the ICBs.

If your pharmacy offers any of the following services, please remember to claim the annual fees as well as the ongoing provision where appropriate.

- End of Life services
- Covid and influenza services

- C diff services
- H pylori services

Details of the claiming for the services can be found on our website [here](#) or for any queries please contact us at [lpc@communitypharmacyss.co.uk](mailto:lpc@communitypharmacyss.co.uk).

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## Training



### **2026-2027 foundation training year via the National Recruitment Scheme (Oriel) - deadline 1st March**

Employer registration for the 2026-2027 foundation training year via the National Recruitment Scheme (Oriel), is **now open** and the deadline is fast approaching! Oriel registration closes at **23:59 on 1 March 2025**. [See here for more information](#).

**Please ensure applications are submitted ASAP and contact [LPC@communitypharmacyss.co.uk](mailto:LPC@communitypharmacyss.co.uk) for support.**

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## **Surrey sexual health training webinar on Wednesday the 5th March 7pm to 8pm**

The aim of the session is to provide training for the Chlamydia and Gonorrhoea testing Programme in Surrey, to provide an overview of Sexually Transmitted Infections, to provide a clear understanding of the C-card Scheme and support the training requirements of the service specification.

Registration available [here](#).

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## **Newsletters**

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



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Additionally you may be interested in.....



## **Surrey and Borders Partnership to roll out EPS across all services**

Over the coming months, Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (SABP) will be rolling out the electronic transmission of prescriptions to community pharmacies (EPS) across all its services. Currently, it is only used by a small number of SABP teams. As a result, pharmacies can expect to see more EPS prescriptions from the trust.

SABP is using TPP's SystmOne electronic patient record systems to provide the EPS functionality.

For any comments or queries, please contact [adapt.digital@sabp.nhs.uk](mailto:adapt.digital@sabp.nhs.uk).



## **Urgent Dental Care and Stabilisation (UDCS) programme**

### **Sussex Urgent Dental Care and Stabilisation (UDCS) pathway for vulnerable patient cohorts.**

The UDCS programme is currently being expanded to offer additional capacity across Sussex for **urgent dental needs, urgent assessment for vulnerable patients and access to subsequent treatment to improve oral health** (where indicated).

The Helpline may be emailed but also accept phone calls. They can book patients into



slots directly and support with conveying messages to practices around patient access needs. The Sussex ICB intranet has been updated with information and resources on the UDCS programme [here](#).

Helpline - [Link to guidance](#)

Posters regarding the signposting service for dental care can be found here [\(1\)](#), [\(2\)](#), [\(3\)](#), to share details of the local helpline.

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## **RCGP/RPS Repeat Prescribing Toolkit lunch and learn workshop**

### **Tickets, Multiple Dates**

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS) and the Royal College of GPs (RCGP) recently released a practical toolkit designed to support General Practice teams and Primary Care Networks to improve the consistency, safety and efficiency of their repeat prescribing processes and systems. To support GP teams and Primary Care Networks keen to implement the toolkit, the ICB's have partnered with Health Innovation Kent Surrey Sussex (KSS HIN).

As a first step they are inviting colleagues from general practice and community pharmacy to attend an on-line lunchtime workshop, hosted by KSS HIN on Teams. Clare Howard, Clinical lead author and Fellow of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society will lead the session, outlining the contents of the toolkit and how to approach its implementation. Three identical sessions are available to book through the [Eventbrite link here](#):



Tuesday April 29th at 12pm

Tuesday May 6th at 12pm

Thursday May 15th at 12pm

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### **CPE Pharmacy Pressures Survey 2025: Please share your views**

Community Pharmacy England has launched its fourth annual Pressures Survey, and CPSS is asking pharmacy owners and staff to share their views. This important annual survey provides crucial evidence to monitor and quantify the intolerable challenges facing the community pharmacy sector. Results from the survey are used to raise awareness in the national media and Parliament, and to demonstrate the impact of the crisis in community pharmacy. The data may also be used by CPSS to respond to media queries and in conversations with local MPs.

CPSS is focused on supporting national efforts to raise awareness of critical pressures facing community pharmacy. Taking part in the Pressures Survey will help to support this.

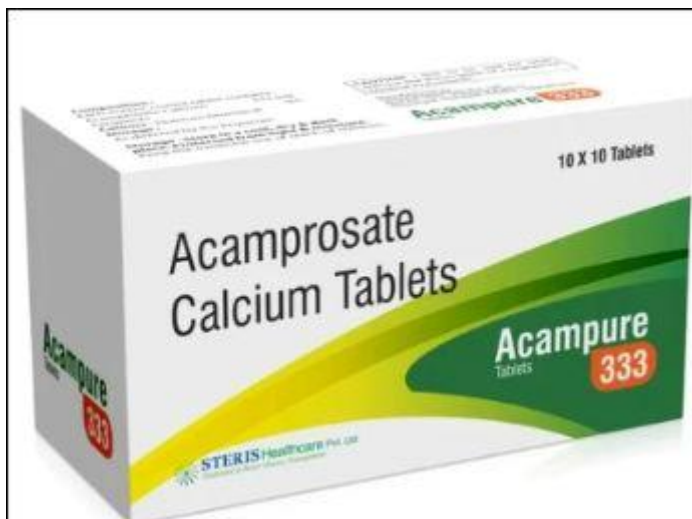
### **Survey Information**

The survey consists of two separate surveys: one for pharmacy business owners/head office representatives and the other specifically for pharmacy teams. Expected to take around 10–15 minutes to complete, both surveys will remain open until **11.59pm on Monday 10th March 2025**.

For more information and to **complete either of two separate surveys**, visit the

[Community Pharmacy England website.](#)

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### **Acamprosate Supply Disruption**

There will be a supply disruption of generic Acamprosate with the hope that the stock will be back by the end of March.

Limited supplies have been sent to some wholesale customers from Phoenix.

Pharmacies may be able to order from Phoenix if they are set up as a supplier.

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