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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



DMS Feedback!

We are working with the hospitals across Surrey and Sussex to improve the Discharge Medicine Service (DMS).

This is an essential service therefore all contractors are required to undertake the DMS service. Your feedback will be useful to inform how we can improve and utilise the service to ensure we meet the aims so the service such as decreasing hospital readmissions, reducing harm from medicines at transfer of care and improving patient understanding and optimise the use of medicines following discharge from hospital.

Please complete the MS Form [here](#).

Thank-you, this will take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.

Local Services



Very Important message regarding ALL Smoking Cessation Locally Commissioned Services

Please be aware that Varenicline is not included as part of the locally commissioned services offer across Surrey and Sussex and therefore pharmacies **should not** be signposting patients to their GP to obtain the supply. There is no 12-week support in place at this current time and patients need the support throughout duration of treatment, we are working on a new PGD however until the medicine is included in the drug tariff this will not be in place.

Thank you for your patience, please follow your service specifications as detailed in the service level agreements and encourage patients to continue their cessation journey through behavioural support and NRT.



Decommissioned service: Healthy Living Pharmacies locally commissioned in Brighton and Hove

We are sorry to advise that the Healthy Living Pharmacies locally commissioned

service will not continue after this current financial year. This is due to a combination of financial pressures within Brighton & Hove City Council and low service activity over the last 18 months.

The notice period in HLP service specification is 1 month and so the service end date will be Monday **31st March**. However, we have agreed a grace period with the Council for claims (6 weeks) until Monday 12th May.

PharmOutcomes will be available until 31st May so that claims can be processed after the end date.

Please submit your claims by May 12th

As a reminder, claims can be submitted for:

HLP Campaigns

There were two campaigns in the current financial year: Ovarian Cancer in Sept 2024 and Kidney Cancer in February 2025

If your pharmacy participated in both campaigns, please claim £100

If your pharmacy participated in one campaign, please claim £50

Claims can be submitted via PharmOutcomes or via email to Ellie -

Publichealth@brighton-hove.gov.uk.

HLP Training

Training details and remuneration are in the service specification on page 8

Claims can be submitted via PharmOutcomes

Alcohol service provision

Any pharmacies that deliver the alcohol service before March 31st 2025 can claim as follows:

Scratch card completion £5

Full audit C completion £5

Claims can be submitted via PharmOutcomes

Please email Roisin Thurstan Senior Health Improvement specialist
roisin.thurstan@brighton-hove.gov.uk if you have any queries.

Training



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](#).



Invitation to Trainee Pharmacists and Trainee Technicians working in Community Pharmacy Across Surrey Heartlands to attend a Surrey Heartlands ICB Medicines Optimisation Team Insight Week Monday 19 May – Friday 23 May 2025

Last year the ICB held their first Surrey Heartlands ICB Medicines Optimisation Team Insight Week for trainee pharmacists (TPs) and trainee technicians (PTPTs) from all the acute trusts across Surrey. Following its success, they are planning to run another Insight Week **from Monday 19 May 2025 – Friday 23 May 2025** and they are very pleased to be able to extend this offer to TPs and PTPTs working in community pharmacy across Surrey Heartlands. Further details can be found [here](#), with agenda [here](#).

The training will be delivered face to face at **Horizon House in Epsom:**

Horizon House, 28 Upper High Street, Epsom, Surrey, KT17 4QJ

Map: [KT17 4QJ - Google Maps](#)

Horizon House is 10-minute walk from Epsom station which is well served by trains from London Waterloo, London Victoria, Dorking, Guildford, and Horsham stations. Epsom also has several car parks within a 5-minute walk. Each day would not start until 09:30/10:00 to allow the trainees sufficient time to travel.

If interested, please contact sarahflack@nhs.net as soon as possible to confirm

the number of TPs and/or PTPTs who would like to attend so that they can manage capacity at the venue.

Newsletters

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



To read the latest edition of Surrey Heartlands ICB

Medicines Management Matters click [here](#).

To read the latest edition of the Frimley ICB prescribing newsletter click [here](#).

Additionally you may be interested in.....



Pharmacy First Referrals from NHS 111- feedback survey for the South East Region – Please Support completion

CPSS are working closely with NHS111 to ensure community pharmacies receive appropriate referrals and patients access the healthcare service most appropriate for them. South East Coast Ambulance NHS Trust (SECAMB) are looking for feedback on how they may improve the referral pathway for patients referred to community pharmacies from NHS 111- we want to work together to make sure this service is as successful as possible in the South East!

To complete the survey, scan the QR code or click [here](#).



CPPE Upcoming Training Events

CPPE are running the following workshops to support pharmacy services;

NHS Pharmacy Contraception Service: delivering effective consultations to initiate contraception, face-to-face workshop.

Mercure Great Danes Hotel, Maidstone.

Sunday 27th April, 10-12 noon

BP monitoring in community pharmacy: essential skills, face-to-face workshop.

Sandman Hotel, Three Bridges, Crawley.

Sunday 29th June, 10.30am-1pm

NHS Pharmacy First clinical assessment and examination skills all day, face-to-face workshop.

The Charis centre, Crawley.

Thursday 11th September, 9.30am-5pm

They can all be booked via the CPPE website.



Infection prevention control (IPC) for Community Pharmacy – Upcoming Forum

Surrey Heartlands Integrated Care Board (ICB) is responsible for commissioning Pharmacy, Optometry & Dentistry (POD). These services were previously commissioned and managed by NHS England but were delegated to ICBs in April 2023. This means Surrey Heartlands ICB is responsible for a broader range of functions, including the statutory function of **Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)**.

In order to support continuous improvement in Infection, Prevention & Control in Surrey Heartlands, the ambition is to develop an IPC education forum for POD. These sessions will be led by the ICB Strategic Lead for IPC, held quarterly via MS Teams and will offer support to health and care professionals to develop fundamental IPC skills and knowledge.

A successful IPC forum model has been available for colleagues in GP Practices for the past three years, covering subjects related to Standard and Transmission Based Precautions, as set out in the national IPC manual which highlights how these principles can be applied to specific out of hospital settings.

The ICB will provide further information, including how you can join forums in the coming months.

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