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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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Quick Glance

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Funding secured for our Community Pharmacy PCN leads

Community Pharmacy Surrey and Sussex has secured further funding for the Community Pharmacy PCN leads across Surrey and Sussex. CP PCN leads are an integral part of the Primary Care infrastructure and Integrated Community Team network.

In Sussex they work alongside the funded Community Pharmacy Integrated Neighbourhood Leads to support collaborative working and aligning workstreams and services for the benefit of all patients.



Reminder CPE Medicines Shortages Reporting Tool

Please report any new medicine shortages not listed on the [SPS website](#) using the form [here](#), if you have not been able to source stock of a medicine from any supplier or manufacturer.

Please note the form is only for unobtainable stock, if you are able to source stock but above Drug Tariff price, [click here](#) to report the price to us.

Information on the reported medicine may be shared with the DHSC's medicine supply team.

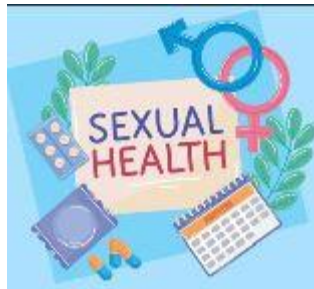
Local Services



ICB's across Surrey and Sussex provide a free of charge needlestick injury occupational health service via Heales for community pharmacy

The ICB's have a contract with Heales Medical for Occupational Health, providing support around needlestick injuries for all staff working in primary care on exposure to potential Blood Borne Viruses (BBV), 52 weeks of the year (normal working hours 9am-5pm Monday-Friday, excluding bank holidays). If you need any further information and a poster regarding the service, please contact us at lpc@communitypharmacyss.co.uk.

Training



Please join the Surrey Sexual Health training on Wednesday 2nd April 2025 at 7pm

Free online training for pharmacy staff Training for pharmacy staff on the EHC, Chlamydia and Gonorrhoea testing programme in Surrey, to provide an overview of Sexually Transmitted Infections, to provide a clear understanding of the free condom scheme for under 25's and support the training requirements of the service specification. This is for commissioned pharmacies and those who wish to sign up.

Aim

These sessions will provide training for the EHC, Chlamydia and Gonorrhoea testing Programme in Surrey. By Gaining an overview of Sexually Transmitted Infections and Contraception, including Emergency Contraception, PEP and PrEP and how to provide Chlamydia and Gonorrhoea test kits.

Objectives

- By the end of the session participants will:
- Understand how the Condom Distribution Scheme works
- Know who can access the scheme
- Know how young people access condoms
- Know how the C-Card is used
- Have knowledge of condom varieties, and effective usage

- Know where to get help if needed.

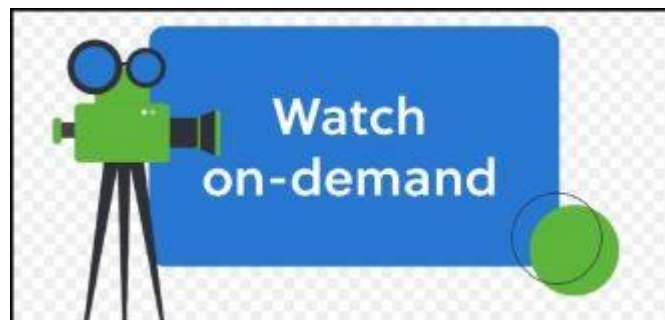
Please book your place [here](#).

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



Additionally you may be interested in.....



Introducing Advancing you practice for pharmacist's - webinar available on demand

This webinar was held on the 6th of March for Southeast colleagues. If you could not attend the webinar and would like to watch on demand, please view [here](#).



Sussex Respiratory Network Training Day on Tuesday 13th May 2025
9:00am-4:30pm at Brighton Racecourse, Freshfield Rd, Brighton and
Hove, Brighton BN2 9XZ

The day is aimed at any clinician with an interest in updating and improving their respiratory skills and knowledge, as well as getting to know local colleagues and specialists. There will be lots of opportunities to ask questions and share learning.

Keynote sessions include the updated NICE asthma guidelines (diagnosis and treatment), managing difficult asthma, bronchiectasis and complex infections.

There will be a choice of smaller group sessions in the afternoon with topics including the new Sussex Respiratory Medicines Chapter, spirometry skills session, COPD, and interstitial lung disease - ILD.

The sessions will be delivered by multi-professional specialist clinicians who practice in Sussex.

Please see further details and booking information here [Sussex Respiratory Training Day](#).

Any questions please email: amelia.palmer2@nhs.net.

Learning Outcomes

Core Sessions:

1. To understand the rationale behind the updated (Nov. 2024) NICE/BTS/SIGN asthma guidelines re. asthma diagnosis and management and to feel confident in applying them in clinical practice.
2. To understand options (including referral for biologic treatment) for people with a diagnosis of asthma who have symptoms that are difficult to control.
3. To understand when to suspect bronchiectasis. To understand the rationale for investigations and treatment plans for patients with bronchiectasis.
4. To understand what may need to be considered if respiratory infection symptoms

do not resolve with 1st and 2nd line antibiotic treatments.

Breakout Groups (Choose two)

Spirometry

COPD

Medicines optimisation

Interstitial lung disease (ILD)



Hydrate to feel great project

Hydrate to Feel Great is a project funded by NHS England. The aim of the project is to help reduce the risk of getting a Urinary Tract Infection (UTI) by improving hydration. The hydrate to feel great project encourages people to use a hydration plan to track how much fluid they drink and helps to increase this intake.

Promo film

This is a short film to introduce Hydrate To Feel Great and our hydration toolkit.

Patient film

This film supports people using My Hydration Plan. It has been designed to offer friendly, peer-to-peer support and information. There is a QR code on the back of the booklet to direct people to this film. Subtitles in many languages are available, using YouTube Settings.

Staff training film:

This film has been created for staff. It offers a full introduction to Hydrate To Feel Great and our hydration toolkit. It explains the benefits of improved hydration, and the increased risks surrounding dehydration for the older population.

There is an order form, if you would like to request free booklets while stocks last.

[Please order resources here](#)

Finally, you can request access to our NHS Futures page, where everything is available: [South East hydration project - Antimicrobial Resistance Programme - FutureNHS Collaboration Platform](#).



**DWP Jobcentre Plus are running a jobs fair at the View Hotel
Eastbourne East Sussex on 3 April 10.00am – 12.30pm - availability to
promote pharmacy vacancies**

DWP Jobcentre Plus are running a jobs fair for those who are 50 plus at the View Hotel Eastbourne this is a free event for Local Employers & Providers, if you would like to advertise your pharmacy vacancies at this event or if you would like further Information or to reserve a free stand, please contact: eastsussex.ea@dwp.gov.uk & add "Your Experience Counts Event" in the subject line.

Your Experience Counts Jobsfair

The View Hotel

Eastbourne

3rd April 2025

10am to 12.30pm

Free event for Local Employers & Providers. If you would like further Information to reserve a free stand please contact:

eastsussex.ea@dwp.gov.uk & add "Your Experience Counts Event" in the subject line.
Thank you.

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