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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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Introducing Advanced Practice for Pharmacists**

## LPC News



### **Sussex Integrated Neighbourhood Teams and Community Pharmacy INT Leads**

Community pharmacy is an integral part of the NHS and has a vital role to play as a full partner within a neighbourhood and integrated community team (ICT).

Medicines' safety and optimisation is widely recognised as part of its unique skill set, but increasingly community pharmacy is collaborating with partners in primary care to deliver integrated clinical services to the population. At a time when all organisations are looking to fulfil an enhanced role within integrated care systems (ICS) and resources are stretched to a maximum, it is critical that all available clinical capacity is used effectively on the ground and that we have a local voice within the INTs.

Integrated Neighbourhood Teams (INTs) are made up of professionals working together as a 'team of teams' across primary care, community, mental health, local authority partners, voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations and other local partners. The INT footprint spans across several PCN geographies.

There are 13 INT footprints across Sussex. These will serve as the core geographies for planning and delivering services in partnership focussed on local communities

and neighbourhoods. INTs are seen as the building block for how Sussex embeds plans and continues to transform local health and care system, shaping and delivering services differently both with, and in, our communities in the future.

CPSS successfully applied for funding to enable each INT in Sussex to have a Community Pharmacy representative referred to as the Community Pharmacy Neighbourhood Lead. Find out further details on your CP Neighbourhood Lead [here](#).

The Community Pharmacy Neighbourhood Lead has an important role in shaping engagement between pharmacies and other healthcare professionals in the ICT and will:

- Provide a local voice for community pharmacy at ICT and Neighbourhood meetings.
- Work with the GP Neighbourhood Lead for your locality.
- Share information with the PCN leads within your ICT footprint to share with community pharmacies.
- Engage with stakeholders at meetings and promote community pharmacy services whilst building collaborative working relationships with relevant members.
- Identify opportunities for pharmacies in the ICT area and assist the LPC with the development of community pharmacy service proposals to meet local population health needs.
- Become a champion of community pharmacy within the ICT, helping to ensure community pharmacy plays a significant role in delivering healthcare services within the community.
- Identify key priorities and capacity constraints in the ICT area by getting together with your local PCN leads and pharmacy colleagues in the area and discussing how your skills, and the services pharmacy could provide, would support the ICT to address their health inequalities.

As the role develops across Sussex, we will keep you updated.

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## **Autism Acceptance Week**

Truly inspirational work from our Sussex LPC member, Dervis and the team at Healthy-U Pharmacy who have worked alongside the incredible support staff at St Johns College to help students with learning disabilities, including autism, take their first steps towards a career in pharmacy. One student, in particular, had a dream of becoming a dispenser and the Healthy-U Pharmacy team have proudly helped create a pathway towards that goal.

Finding placement providers for individuals on the autism spectrum who want to begin their journey in pharmacy can be a real challenge. The dedication, patience and compassion from Dervis and team has made this possible. Their willingness to adapt, support and mentor is what brings this vision to life.

There is so much more we can do to drive inclusion and learn from those who are forging pathways to enable this such as the Healthy-U Pharmacy team.

Here at CPSS, we work hard to promote a career in community pharmacy from schools, colleges and universities. To all our contractors, let's take the next step in supporting those with learning disabilities to flourish in a career in community pharmacy!



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## General Pharmaceutical Council

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### **GPhC Inspection - Top Tip**

Useful top tip - one of the issues seen on GPhC Inspection visits is where a pharmacy is using a Private Prescription electronic register, and not all prescriber details are recorded. Just a reminder to ensure that the full prescriber details are included, these can be missed especially for example, for dentists, private hospitals where the details are recorded generically instead of using the specific details of the prescriber.

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### Local Services



**Pfizer and CPSS LFD Service webinar – update on new patient cohorts from the 1st June and opportunity to increase service provision - 30th April 1.15pm and repeated at 7.30pm - 30 minutes duration**

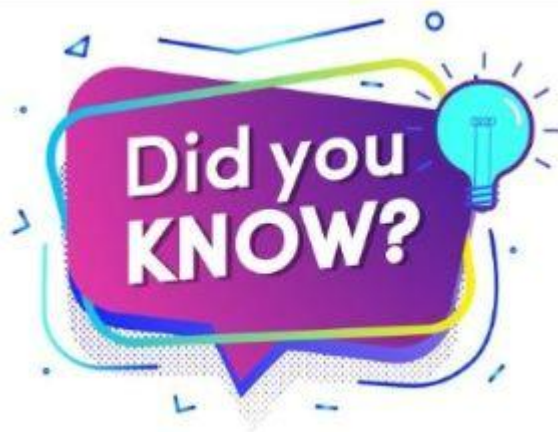
We are looking to raise awareness with Community Pharmacy and drive uptake of the LFD scheme to ensure patients access the Covid Medicine Delivery Unit (CMDU) service when testing positive. As the LFD service for COVID-19 patients by Community Pharmacy is continuing in the next financial year and the changes to the NICE eligible cohort bringing a 3-fold increase of those eligible for these tests we have planned an educational meeting.

This will be on Wednesday 30th April at lunchtime 1.15pm and then repeated in evening at 7.30pm and is specifically for Community Pharmacy.

Please find attached the meeting invitation [here](#), if you would like to attend please reply to [leigh-ann.ogborne@pfizer.com](mailto:leigh-ann.ogborne@pfizer.com) to receive the joining instructions. If you feel this would be of interest to any colleagues do let them know.

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## Training



## Do you know what training is available from CPSS?

We work with a number of organisations to organise training events for community pharmacy teams. We also organise our own training events in response to contractor need.

For more information and to access all our webinars on demand, please click [here](#)!

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## Newsletters

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

To read the latest Surrey Heartlands ICB Medicines Safety Matters click [here](#).

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

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Additionally you may be interested in.....



**Community Pharmacy England is hosting a series of online and in-person sessions to help pharmacy owners, and their teams understand the new funding and contractual arrangements. The in-person event in the South/London will take place on Saturday 26th April 2025 2pm – 4pm, Holiday Inn London Bloomsbury, Coram**

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The format will include presentations from the Community Pharmacy England Negotiating Team and hearing from DHSC Officials. Plenty of time will follow for in-person question-and-answer session and to hear your views, before considering preparations for the 2026/27 negotiations. The agenda will include:

1. Hearing from the Minister
2. DHSC and Q&A
3. Overview of the new funding and contractual arrangements for 2024/25 and 2025/26
4. Funding changes
5. Service developments and changes to fees
6. Pharmacy Quality Scheme
7. Regulatory changes
8. The Committee's decision and further commitments
9. Independent Economic Analysis
10. What next?
11. Q&A
12. Informal networking and lunch

Please register [here](#).







### Launch of new UKHSA AMR campaign

UKHSA launches its new campaign focused on antimicrobial resistance. It aims to re-engage the public with AMR and explain how to use antibiotics responsibly. As we know, antibiotic resistant infections are on the rise, and it is important that the public have the knowledge to help reduce the spread of these infections.

To deliver this message UKHSA have created a new mascot, Andi Biotic, an anthropomorphic life size pill who is on a mission to spread the word about the importance of antibiotics and of using them correctly, so we can keep antibiotics working. UKHSA has created a variety of print and digital assets for all settings, communities and patients that [can be found here](#). In addition, press release for the campaign went live to media today and is available on UKHSA news page [here](#).

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## **South East Advancing Practice Faculty webinar watch on demand – Introducing Advanced Practice for Pharmacists**

Thank you to those who attended the webinar **“Introducing Advanced Practice for Pharmacists Webinar”** on the 6th March. We hope you found the session informative and insightful.

Missed something or want to revisit key points? You can access the webinar recording [here](#).

A comprehensive FAQ document has been compiled covering the questions that were raised during the webinar. Please see attached [here](#).

Thank you once again for joining us. We hope you found the session valuable and look forward to seeing you at future events. If you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch. If you would like to contact the South East Advancing Practice Faculty, please email [england.acpenquiries.se@nhs.net](mailto:england.acpenquiries.se@nhs.net).

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