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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

**Save
the
Date**



Save the Date – LPC Annual General Meetings

We are currently planning the AGM's for Surrey LPC and Sussex LPC. The events will be face-to-face and include the opportunity for networking with colleagues over a hot food buffet.

Surrey LPC AGM will take place on the 2nd of September 2025 at the Silvermere Golf Club and Sussex AGM on the 16th of September 2025 at the East Sussex National Golf Resort and Spa.

Further information on the agenda and sign-up process will follow shortly. The agenda will support the launch of the two new planned services announced as part of the 25/26 Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework – NMS for anti-depressants and the EHC service.



Update on the formation of the Primary Care Provider Collaborative in Sussex ICB

The Primary Care Provider Collaborative (PCPC) brings together providers of primary care services to work collaboratively at a system level. This collaborative approach aims to enhance the delivery of primary care services, ensuring that primary care has a strong and effective voice within the healthcare system. By working together, the aim is to address current issues, anticipate future challenges, and co-create practical solutions that benefit all stakeholders.

The vision of PCPC is to create a sustainable, thriving primary care system in Sussex that aligns with the “Improving Lives Together” mission. Guided by this, PCPC’s efforts will be to:

- Gain deep insights into current issues and future challenges in primary care
- Co-create and deliver practical solutions to these challenges
- Engage with primary care providers and other key stakeholders
- Uphold the principles of subsidiarity

Board Members include:

General practice place leads:

- East Sussex Place – Dr Binodh Bhaskaran

- West Sussex Place – Dr Terry Lynch
- Brighton and Hove Place – Dr Adam Fazakerley

Pharmacy place leads:

- East Sussex Place – Craig McEwan
- West Sussex Place – Sarah Davis
- Brighton & Hove Place – Marie Hockley

The full board also includes representation from the Local Medical Committee (LMC), Local Pharmaceutical Committee (LPC), and practice managers. The board is supported by a Managing Director and an independent chair.

Looking ahead

One of the first areas of focus for the PCPC will be supporting neighbourhood development through the identified GP, managerial, and community pharmacy leads.

Local Services



Please support - West Sussex County Council Public Health survey for the locally commissioned smoking cessation service

West Sussex Council are working with Hitch to conduct qualitative research with pharmacists about the stop smoking service in the county.

They'd like to hold 10-minute informal interviews with pharmacists/dispensers

about stop smoking support (even if your pharmacy doesn't provide it).

You can email hannah@hitchmarketing.co.uk to set up an interview or complete this quick survey [here](#) instead.

A pdf of the survey can be found [here](#).

Training



CPSS Event with CPPE - Preparing to deliver PGD's training session

You are invited to sign up for the **Preparing to deliver PGD's** training session which will be held on **Sunday 22nd June 10-12pm** (9:30am arrival for coffee and cake) at the **Sandman Signature London Gatwick Hotel**, 18-23 Tinsley Lane South Crawley, RH10 8XH.

This is open to both Pharmacists and **Pharmacy Technicians**. With the growing role of Pharmacy Technicians and the recent changes to allow Pharmacy Technicians to utilise PGDs, this is a great opportunity to start preparing to deliver PGDs.

Learning aims:

To understand what a PGD is

To be aware how to operate under a PGD

To understand the steps to take to become competent to work under a PGD

To apply the learning to local services which involve PGDs

To sign up for the event please click [here](#).

We look forward to seeing you at the event.

Newsletters

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



Additionally you may be interested in.....

GLP-1 agonists and contraception

Reminder interaction of GLP1 agonists and the contraceptive pill

A useful patient information leaflet is available for patients on guidance of the use of GLP1 agonists and the contraceptive pill.

FRSH guidance [Patient-information-GLP-1-agonists-and-contraception.pdf](#).

**Women's and girls' experiences
of healthcare services in East
Sussex**

healthwatch
East Sussex

Women's and girls' experiences of healthcare services in East Sussex 2025

Healthwatch East Sussex are the local independent watchdog for health and care. They are collaborating with NHS Sussex to hear from girls (aged 14 years or older) and women about their experiences of local health services in the last 12 months. Please complete their short survey so they can help decision-makers understand how services can meet your needs and aspirations. Your feedback will be anonymous.

Complete their short survey

Please spend 15 minutes to complete their short survey.

They want to hear:

- Issues important to girls and women when using local health and care services
- How comfortable girls and women feel talking to health and care professionals
- Where girls and women currently find support for health and wellbeing
- Preferences for receiving information on health services

[Tell them here.](#)



Gastroenterology webinar

A webinar is being hosted by Ferring Pharmaceuticals with **Mr Jon Kwok, Lead Pharmacist in Gastroenterology & Rheumatology, Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust, Special Interest in IBD**. It is taking place on **Wednesday 30th April from 6-7.30pm, via TEAMS**. The link for registration is within the invitation [here](#).

Ferring has sponsored a Gastroenterology module via the Health Professional Academy that can be accessed via [this link](#) and will take up to one hour to complete. It can be used towards continual professional development.

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