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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.

Visit our Newsletter page for an archive of previous issues. Sign up to CPE to receive nationally significant news and guidance on national contracts.

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LPC News



CPCF arrangements for 2024/25 and 2025/26: Share your views

Community Pharmacy England wants to hear views from pharmacy owners in Surrey and Sussex on the new CPCF funding settlement.

The short opinion poll is a key opportunity to share views and share what you think should be the next priorities for Government and Community Pharmacy England. The results of this poll will feed directly into discussions at the upcoming Committee meeting and contribute to the national negotiator's efforts to push for further improvements and support for the sector.

The ten-minute survey, open until **11.59pm on Wednesday 30th April 2025**, offers local pharmacy owners the chance to feed directly into Community Pharmacy England's work.

[Read more here.](#)



Applications for changes to core hours

A number of applications have been submitted recently for changes to core hours without providing robust supporting evidence. If you need any support in applying for changes to the core hours of your pharmacy, please do not hesitate to contact us at CPSS and we can provide advice on what to include to support your application.

At CPSS we do submit letters to the ICB supporting any contractors' applications for changes to core hours.

Training



PG Certificate in Pharmacy Practice fully funded

Community Pharmacy Surrey and Sussex have secured funding for early careers community pharmacy teams in Sussex. As part of this, we are offering pharmacists including locums in Sussex an opportunity to undertake a PG Certificate in Pharmacy Practice fully funded. You must be working in Sussex a minimum of 3 days a week.

We have limited funding for this amazing opportunity so if you are interested, please email simranjohal@communitypharmacyss.co.uk.



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pharmacy practice - 17th May 9.30am to 4.30pm!!**

Date: Saturday 17th May 2025

Time: 09:30 -16:30

Cost: FREE

Location: Huxley Building, University of Brighton, [Moulsecoomb campus](#)

The event will include:

- David Webb, Chief Pharmaceutical Officer for England – Keynote speaker
- Panel discussion
- Interactive workshops
- Innovation case study presentations
- Networking opportunities
- Opportunities to showcase projects in our poster zone

- Click [here](#) to register.

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Additionally you may be interested in.....



The West Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board is seeking residents' views on its draft

five-year strategy (2025-2030), which sets out the overarching plan for improving health and wellbeing and reducing inequalities across the county.

The draft strategy uses the latest evidence to identify the challenges and needs of people and communities in West Sussex and presents the board's vision and five priority areas:

- Food and nutrition
- School readiness
- Transitioning to adulthood – children and young people's mental health and wellbeing
- Tobacco control
- Health and wellbeing in temporary accommodation

A public consultation on the draft strategy is open until **11.55pm on Sunday 27 April 2025**.

Everyone in West Sussex, including young people, professionals, and local organisations, is invited to take part at the following link - yourvoice.westsussex.gov.uk/jlhws.

The survey is also available to download and print and can be returned to any West Sussex library. [Find your local library on our website](#).



Workforce, training and education

NHSE WT&E online support sessions for Designated Supervisors and Designated Prescribing Practitioners

To support you in your preparations for the incoming 2025/26 Foundation Trainee Pharmacist cohort, NHSE WT&E are holding some South East region information

sharing and online support sessions.

Tuesday 29th April 1pm – 2:30pm [Join the meeting now](#)

Wednesday 7th May 7pm- 8:30pm [Join the meeting now](#)

This will be an opportunity to look at and discuss the following, as well as ask any questions you may have.

- Getting ready for foundation trainees starting summer/autumn 2025
- Your role as a DS / DPP
- How to use the Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Assessment Strategy and associated activities and tools

Information and documents to support your planning can be found here:

[Implementing the foundation pharmacist training year from 2025/26 | NHS England | Workforce, training and education.](#)

There will be a follow up with two further sessions to focus more on training plans as below:

Monday 2nd June 7pm- 8:30pm [Join the meeting now](#)

Tuesday 3rd June 1pm- 2:30pm [Join the meeting now](#)

Recognising you may not be able to stay for the full session, NHSE WT&E intend on releasing more support dates as the training year progresses. As always, please contact the team at england.wtepharmacy.se@nhs.net if you have any immediate questions.

Join our 24-hour charity webathon for health and care staff



NHS Elect: Thursday 1st May 2025: 24-hour charity webathon

NHS Elect are hosting a special charity webathon, offering 24 hours of free learning for NHS Staff as a thank you for everything you do. Their aim is to help raise money for four amazing health and care charities that have supported NHS staff and their loved ones during challenging times.

There are plenty of sessions to choose from, including popular topics like leadership, wellbeing, and workplace happiness. Individuals can take part and register for as many sessions as they wish. Please see [here](#) for the sessions and how to book.

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