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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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Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework announcement

Please find below CPE Information resources available on the recently announced 24/25 and 25/26 Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework.

Briefing - [here](#).

Infographic - [here](#).

Animation - [here](#).

Income calculator - [here](#).

In addition, CPE are running webinar and face-to-face events. CPE's event details are available [here](#).

Webinar: Mon 7th April, 7.30pm-9pm register [here](#).

Roadshow South: Sat 26th April, 2pm-4pm, Holiday Inn London Bloomsbury, register [here](#).



Reminder of the CPSS Deadline Tracker

A number of new action deadlines are in place following the announcement of the 25/26 CPCF and Pharmacy Quality Scheme. The CPSS deadline tracker is updated monthly and includes the new deadlines which are known to date.

[April deadline tracker](#)



Please ensure that your DoS and NHS.UK profiles are updated for the upcoming Easter Bank Holidays

Check that your DoS and NHS.UK profiles are updated with the pharmacy opening hours (or if you are closed) on the Bank Holiday over Easter 2025.

This can be done via NHS Profile manager: [Profile editor login - NHS](#)

- Log into the NHS Profile Manager and select 'Manage your profiles'.
 - If you need any help, email nhswebsite.servicedesk@nhs.net.
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Local Services

Contract changes: NMS fees

NMS Service changes in place from 1st April

The changes to the structure of NMS funding which commenced on the 1st April may cause confusion impacting on the claims submitted. CPE have published an explanatory news story on their website to provide examples of how the new system works and also to clarify some elements of the service which have not changed.

Further details on the changes to the structure of NMS funding which commenced on Monday can be found [here](#).



Exercising due diligence when patients or representatives collect Controlled Drugs (CDs) of any schedule following a prescription or

Pharmacy First referral from NHS 111

NHS 111 services are aware that drug seeking behaviour is increasing across the South-East and have created this very useful [reminder guide](#).

Training



PG Certificate in Pharmacy Practice FULLY FUNDED in Sussex

Dear Pharmacist,

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**. For further information and if you are interested in this opportunity, please email me on simranjohal@communitypharmacyss.co.uk.



**Excellence in Pharmacy
Sussex Conference 2025**

Sussex
Health & Care

Sussex Pharmacies, get your nominations in for the Excellence in Pharmacy Conference awards!

The Excellence in Pharmacy Sussex Conference is taking place on **Saturday the 17th of May 2025 between 09:30 – 16:30**. The event is free to attend and will be held at the **Huxley Building, University of Brighton, Moulsecoomb Campus**.

The event will include an award ceremony and nominations are needed for the awards (details below).

- **Innovation in Patient Care** - an individual or team who has enhanced medicines optimisation for patients, this can include use of digitally enhanced clinical practice, pathway design, quality improvement project leading to improved patient care, innovation through research, Projects may be clinical or non-clinical.
- **Excellence in Continuing Professional Development or Education of others** - an individual or team who has made a significant contribution to provide excellence in education, training and development.
- **Environmental Sustainability** - an individual or team who have championed sustainability within the workplace resulting in measurable outcomes and a contribution towards meeting the NHS target of Net Zero.

More information on the awards and how to nominate can be found [here](#).

Individuals, and or teams are also invited to share best practice or research projects by presenting their work in the form of a poster. Details of how to submit your poster can be found [here](#).

Don't forget to book your place on the conference using the following link:

[Excellence in Pharmacy Conference - Welcome](#).

PQS

Pharmacy Quality Scheme

PQS is back for 25/26

The 2025/26 scheme began on 1st April 2025 and has a declaration period

between 9am on 2nd February 2026 and 11.59pm on 27th February 2026.

Pharmacy owners must have evidence to demonstrate meeting the domains that they have claimed for **by the end of 31st March 2026**. It has £30 million funding available and pharmacy owners will be able to claim an Aspiration payment if they wish to **between 9am on 1st May 2025 and 11.59pm on 16th May 2025**.

Full details on the new scheme are available [here](#).

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



COVID-19 Vaccination Programme Site Selection Process (Outreach Services) to the South East

NHS England South East is seeking to procure providers who have the capability and capacity to deliver COVID vaccination outreach services. The services additionally will cover enhanced aspects of vaccination awareness, engagement,

communications and education.

The core aim of each Lot is to reduce the gap in vaccination uptake by eligible individuals and cohorts within population groups who experience health inequalities, and link population groups and areas of need to preventative healthcare and support.

The service would commence Autumn 2025. If you are interested in putting in a tender to provide these services the deadline for application is the **14th April**. For more information click [here](#).



Vitamin D Supplements on prescription - reminder

It has been reported from care home medication reviews that patients maybe receiving unlicensed vitamin D food supplements, even though licensed products are available. Only licensed colecalciferol products should be prescribed and dispensed. If a licensed product is available in the strength/formulation prescribed, please check this is dispensed.

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