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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



Upcoming LPC meetings in May

Your Local Pharmaceutical Committee is here to support you. If you have anything you would like raised at our May meetings, please complete the survey monkey link below or e-mail us at: LPC@communitypharmacyss.co.uk.

[Invitation for local contractor feedback for your upcoming LPC meeting.](#)

LPC meetings are open to observers and we especially encourage community pharmacy contractors and their team members to join us and find out what we do. Should you wish to attend an LPC meeting as an observer in person or by video, this needs to be pre-arranged.

General Pharmaceutical Council

GPhC Pharmacy Inspections

We have put together a quick guide to support contractors with upcoming GPhC inspections. Please see [here](#) for more information.

Local Services



West Sussex Sign up now for Alcohol Awareness Week!

Alcohol Awareness Week will take place from the 7th to the 13th of July this year and is designed to raise awareness about the risks associated with alcohol consumption while supporting those struggling with alcohol-related issues. Pharmacies are encouraged to support this campaign by delivering opportunistic screening and advice wherever possible. In preparation for the week, please visit

[Alcohol Awareness Week | Alcohol Change UK](#) to sign up for free information and resources to participate!

Training



Invitation to TPs and PTPTs working in Community Pharmacy Across Surrey Heartlands to attend a Surrey Heartlands ICB Medicines Optimisation Team Insight Week Monday 19 May – Friday 23 May 2025

Last year Surrey Heartlands ICB Medicines Optimisation Team held their first Insight Week for trainee pharmacists (TPs) and trainee technicians (PTPTs) from all the acute trusts across Surrey. Following its success, they are planning to run another Insight Week from **Monday 19 May 2025 – Friday 23 May 2025** and are very pleased to be able to extend this offer to TPs and PTPTs working in community pharmacy across Surrey Heartlands.

The training will be delivered face to face at **Horizon House in Epsom:**

Horizon House

28 Upper High Street

Epsom

Surrey

KT17 4QJ

Map

[KT17 4QJ - Google Maps](#)

Horizon House is 10-minute walk from Epsom station which is well served by trains

from London Waterloo, London Victoria, Dorking, Guildford, and Horsham stations. Epsom also has several car parks within a 5-minute walk. Each day would not start until 09:30/10:00 to allow the trainees sufficient time to travel.

If interested, please contact sarahflack@nhs.net to confirm the number of TPs and/or PTPTs who would like to attend so that they can manage capacity at the venue.

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Reminder Aspiration Payment

Pharmacy owners, who wish to claim an Aspiration payment, must do so between **9am on 1st May 2025 and 11.59pm on 16th May 2025.**

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



Additionally you may be interested in.....

Grow your pharmacy workforce

Thinking about employing a pharmacy technician apprentice?

- What funding is available?
- What does the role of the educational supervisor entail?
- Where to start with creating a training plan?
- What can a pharmacy technician apprentice do in their role?
- What impact can a pharmacy technician have on your workforce?
- Ask these questions and more...



Join the South East Pharmacy Technician Team for a drop in Q&A session to learn more about employing a pharmacy technician apprentice:

Building on the success of the community pharmacy technician apprenticeship programme (CPTAP) in 24/25, NHSE WT&E would like to invite community pharmacy contractors in the South East to attend an online Q&A session to hear more about the opportunities and resources available to them to continue to support the development of pharmacy technicians as part of their teams in 2025/26 and beyond.

Thursday 22nd May, 1 – 2pm – [joining link](#)

Tuesday 27th May, 7 – 8pm – [joining link](#)



Royal Surrey County Hospital Community Open Day 28th June 11am-3pm

Dear Contractors, Royal Surrey County Hospital are hosting a community open day on 28th June. Please see [here](#) for further information. If you have the ability to do so, please can you display the poster in your pharmacy to advertise to patients. Thank you.



Are you a community pharmacist looking for free support to deliver your clinical services? If the answer is yes, sign up to PrescQIPP today!

Your Integrated Care Board already subscribes to PrescQIPP, which means you can access a vast range of evidence-based, quality assured resources absolutely free. Register for free access to PrescQIPP resources using your NHS email address at www.prescqipp.info/login.

Resources available include:

Bulletins and webkits on a huge variety of clinical topics, such as pain, respiratory, anticoagulation, antimicrobial stewardship, polypharmacy and many more.

Masterclasses - Monthly clinical webinars, across a variety of key therapeutic areas and delivered by national experts in their field.

Clinical and skills webinars covering topical issues, such as Inhaler technique, Reducing the inhaler carbon footprint and Electronic Repeat Dispensing.
Can't make the time of the webinar - don't worry they are recorded and freely available on the website, so you can listen at a time that suits you.

Virtual Professional Groups that meet monthly/quarterly to network and share good practice, including:

- Medication Safety
- Antimicrobial stewardship
- Care homes
- Medication safety
- Nutrition
- Pharmacy technicians
- Polypharmacy and deprescribing

Leadership at Lunch - A popular series of one hour bite sized sessions on the fundamentals of leadership.

For more information and how to sign up click [here](#).

Domestic abuse courses

Domestic abuse awareness courses offered by the Safer West Sussex Partnership

Domestic violence training in West Sussex

Free training provided by West Sussex County Council [Domestic abuse \(WORTH services\) - West Sussex County Council](#). It is recommended that the Responding to Domestic Abuse course would be the most appropriate to book onto.

Information and advice for both residents and professionals around domestic abuse and sexual violence can be found on the Domestic Abuse website [Domestic abuse - West Sussex County Council](#).

SEND training for practitioners

Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) training, resources and information for professionals in Sussex.

A new [central area for Sussex Special Educational Needs and Disability \(SEND\) training, resources, and professional guidance](#) has been created online.

This page is designed to support all healthcare professionals across Sussex who work with children and young people up to the age of 25 with SEND, as well as their families and carers.

It includes information about the Sussex Training Assurance Framework; training modules (levels one to four); and additional training links and resources on issues such as sensory processing and Ordinarily Inclusive Available Practice.



Pharmacy Technician Education & Training in Pharmacogenomics Survey

Pharmacogenomics is the study of how a person's genetic makeup can affect their response to medicines. It helps us to understand why some people experience side effects or do not respond to certain medicines, while others do.

NHSE are inviting you to complete a short survey to help us better understand the current landscape of pharmacogenomics education and training among Pharmacy Technicians.

We would love to hear from Pre-Registration Trainee Pharmacy Technicians and Pharmacy Technicians working in all sectors. No prior knowledge of pharmacogenomics is required!

The survey has five short sections:

1. About you
2. Your pharmacogenomics training and education to date
3. Your current confidence in key areas
4. Potential barriers to learning more about pharmacogenomics
5. Your preferences for future training and education

The survey will take around 7 minutes and all information provided will remain anonymous. The closing date for the survey will be **30th June 2025**.

The survey can be completed online [here](#).

Alternatively, you can scan the QR code below:



For any queries regarding this survey- please contact jessica.humphreys6@nhs.net
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With kind regards,

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