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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



CPE Guide to the Pharmacy First Bundling requirement

Following on from the [CPCF settlement announcement](#), pharmacy owners are reminded of upcoming changes to the bundling requirements for Pharmacy First.

From **1st June 2025**, pharmacy owners must be registered and able to deliver the Hypertension Case Finding Service, the Pharmacy Contraception Service (PCS) **and** the Pharmacy First service, in addition to delivering the minimum number of clinical pathway consultations to achieve the fixed payment for the service.

Changes effective from June also include a new fixed payment of £500 for those pharmacy owners delivering a minimum of 20 to 29 clinical pathway consultations in a month, with the £1,000 maximum fixed payment for those who deliver the minimum of 30 or more consultations.

[More information available here.](#)



Reminder Data Security and Protection Toolkit deadline approaching

The Toolkit is used to make a pharmacy's information governance (IG) declaration and must be completed **by 30th June 2025**.

Further guidance is available [here](#).

Local Services



Important information; CGL Needle Exchange change of supplier for all pharmacies in Sussex commissioned to provide needle exchanges services

CGL are changing supplier for needle exchange from Vernacare and moving over to Exchange Supplies. Exchange Supplies will be in touch with community pharmacies that are signed up to the Needle and Syringe Programme and they will set up new sign in details and explain the ordering system.



Naloxone: support service delivery and save lives

The Drug and Alcohol services have received information of a drug seizure in Kingston, south-west London, that took place during April 25. The substance seized has been described as brown/pink powder. Forensic testing has confirmed the presence of Etonitazene. Testing also confirmed the presence of heroin, crack cocaine, caffeine and paracetamol.

Nitazines are synthetic opioids and can be hundreds of times more potent than heroin. Therefore, there is a high risk of overdose and death.

Please encourage people who may come into contact with someone who may overdose to carry Naloxone.

Training



Surrey Sexual Health service training

Free online training for pharmacy staff training for pharmacy staff on the EHC, Chlamydia and Gonorrhoea testing programme in Surrey, to provide an overview of Sexually Transmitted Infections, to provide a clear understanding of the free condom scheme for under 25s and support the training requirements of the service specification.

This is for commissioned pharmacies and those who wish to sign up.

Aim

These sessions will provide training for the EHC, Chlamydia and Gonorrhoea testing Programme in Surrey. By gaining an overview of Sexually Transmitted Infections and Contraception, including Emergency Contraception, PEP and PrEP and how to provide Chlamydia and Gonorrhoea test kits.

Objectives

By the end of the session participants will:

- Understand how the Condom Distribution Scheme works
- Know who can access the scheme
- Know how young people access condoms
- Know how the C-Card is used
- Have knowledge of condom varieties, and effective usage
- Know where to get help if needed.

Monday 7th July 2025 [Sign up here.](#)

CPPE Training Event Dates

The latest version of the core CPPE events for April to June 2025 can be found [here](#). This includes a number of events to support the Community Pharmacy Contract. Please note that further online events will be released on the 15th of May.

PQS



PQS Deadline Tracker

CPSS will be sending weekly emails to help you complete PQS 25/26. This week's resource includes a deadline tracker to help you monitor key PQS milestones - from registration deadlines to audit cut-offs. The Deadline Tracker can be found [here](#). Print this out and have it to hand!

Newsletters

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



To read the latest edition of the Surrey Heartlands

Medicines Matters newsletter click [here](#).

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

Additionally you may be interested in.....

RPS Greener Pharmacy Guides and Toolkit

The RPS Greener Pharmacy Guides and Toolkit are here to help pharmacy staff reduce their carbon footprint so we can all do our part to address the current climate emergency, as well as save money and improve services.

The Greener Pharmacy Toolkit

The [Greener Pharmacy Toolkit](#) is a free digital resource which has been developed to support hospital & community pharmacy staff reduce their carbon footprint. It allows pharmacy teams to monitor and lower their environmental impact.

It has been commissioned by NHSE and supported by the Greener NHS programme. **The toolkit enables pharmacies to aim for bronze, silver and gold accreditation through self-accreditation of their sustainability status. Each level comes with a certificate, which can be displayed to demonstrate the pharmacy's commitment to the environment.**

Pharmacies can use the toolkit to monitor and lessen their environmental impact across six domains: clinical practice; people; operations and strategy; travel; information and communication technology; and resource use. Each domain has a list of "descriptors", which are specific areas of focus, such as safe inhaler disposal, optimising fridge and freezer space and introducing sustainable pharmacy training programmes.

Some larger multiple pharmacies are already signatories to the British Retail Consortium's Climate Roadmap. For larger multiples please check within your respective organisations regarding the alignment with existing business sustainability policies and agendas.

The toolkit supports in evidencing what pharmacies teams are doing.

An invite to an upcoming webinar is below.

Greener Pharmacy Toolkit webinar

How pharmacy champions in community and hospital settings can help to combat climate change

Thursday, **29 May 2025** | **7-8pm**, online via Zoom. [Find out more and book your place.](#)

Gedeon Richter's UK Women's Healthcare Portfolio

Free resources for Pharmacy Team from Gedeon Richter on womens Health products

To support community pharmacies with training on women's health products Gedeon Richter has free training and resources available on their website. Please see below a link to the resource centre for HCP info / materials / educational recordings and patient support materials.

[Richter Resource Centre – Education & Support in Women's Health](#)

In addition to this there is the decision tree for the Oral Contraception portfolio to

help community pharmacists with their OC service:

[OC-Portfolio-PDT-Leave-Piece-Digital-December-2024.pdf](#).

Surrey Health

Understanding Stigma: Promoting Inclusive Attitudes & Practice

Surrey Health – Understanding Stigma: Promoting Inclusive Attitudes and Practice

Remote training sessions available via Microsoft Teams. For further information and booking links please click [here](#).

Overview

Stigma can have a profound impact upon the lives of people who use alcohol and other drugs or those who have a history of substance use. The impact of stigma can permeate numerous aspects of a person's life such as their health and wellbeing, relationships, education and employment prospects and socioeconomic status.

Commonly, family, friends, service providers and institutions often place numerous expectations on people who use substances to engage in change behaviour, however, the social context that creates and perpetuates the cycle of stigma is rarely considered or challenged. Through developing a greater awareness of the wider context that the cycle of stigma fosters and exploring our own role in reinforcing and challenging stigma, participants can identify new approaches for fostering enhanced relationships with service users.

Aim

This half day training will give participants a distinct set of knowledge and skills to help them understand and address alcohol and drug-related stigma.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course, participants will be able to: Recall the meaning of stigma

and the theory relating to stigma.

- Identify and understand the specific stigma attached to people who use substances, people in treatment or in recovery from substance use.
 - Describe the consequences of the cycle of stigma.
 - Identify our own attitudes and beliefs towards treatment options and treatment outcomes for substances.
 - Identify language and practice which de-stigmatises people affected by substance use.
 - Challenge stigma attached to people who use substances, people in treatment or in recovery from substance use.
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