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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



### **Help steer the future of pharmacy – CPE South East Event 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

Pharmacy owners across Surrey and Sussex are invited to take part in a 'Future of Pharmacy' workshop to inform next steps for the sector.

Senior figures from Community Pharmacy England are heading to Crawley, near Gatwick, on the evening of **Wednesday 23rd July** to discuss pressing issues and plans for the future with local pharmacy owners (or their representatives). The workshop will explore the impact of the recent CPCF deal, the ongoing issues you face, and the possible tactics to try and win over policymakers.

This is a great opportunity to get involved in CPE's preparations for the 2026/27 CPCF negotiations and work with them to map out a clearer way forward for the sector.

Gary Warner, local independent pharmacy owner and Regional Representative for the South East, will also be there to listen into discussions and share his ambitions for the future.

#### **The event agenda will cover:**

- The impact of the CPCF settlement for 2025/26;
- Challenges community pharmacies are continuing to face;
- Pharmacy's place in the NHS 10-Year Health Plan;
- Preparations for 2026/27 negotiations; and

- How best to support community pharmacies to plan for the future.

Chairs and Chief Officers from all five LPCs in the South East will meet with CPE earlier in the day provide local context on national issues and raise any specific concerns.

### **Make a difference: meet with CPE on 23rd July.**

#### **Event details**

**Date:** Wednesday 23rd July

**Time:** 8pm-9.30pm (doors open from 7pm for refreshments, with informal networking and Q&A with the CPE team)

**Venue:** Crowne Plaza London Gatwick Airport, Langley Drive, Crawley, RH11 7SX

**[Sign up here.](#)**

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## **Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment**

### **Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments across Sussex open for consultation**

The three Sussex Health and Wellbeing Boards have produced draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) 2025 reports, which are now available online. In accordance with the NHS (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 guidance, the drafts are now out for consultation prior to the publication of the final document.

#### **For Brighton and Hove**

**[Project: Comment on our draft Pharmaceutical Needs Asses... | Brighton & Hove City Council](#)**

**The consultation is now open and will close on the 27th of July 2025.**

#### **For West Sussex**

**<https://yourvoice.westsussex.gov.uk/pna-2025>**

**The consultation is now open and will close on the 28th of July 2025.**

### **For East Sussex**

[Share your views on the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2025 - East Sussex - Citizen Space](#)

**The consultation is now open and will close on the 1st of August 2025.**

CPSS sits on the Steering Groups for the PNA's to represent community pharmacy and across Sussex currently no gaps in pharmaceutical provision have been identified.

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## **Local Services**



### **Naloxone Services – raising awareness to all service providers**

Presence of Nitazenes in tablets confirmed in West London and the Thames Valley Area. Two people were found deceased after they were thought to have consumed green pills with an '80' on one face and possibly an 'OP' on the other face.

Following the recent alert, we urge pharmacy contractors offering naloxone to raise awareness within their teams and to service users. Please remind staff teams and service users that 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 share the following harm reduction advice:

• **Don't use alone** • **Carry naloxone** • **Start low, go slow** • **Don't all use at the same time**

Further details on the alert can be found [here](#).

**Please promote the uptake of naloxone to as many service users as possible.**

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### **Covid Vaccination Service**

NHS England has opened the procurement process for pharmacies that wish to provide the Covid-19 vaccination service from their healthcare premises from 1st October 2025. This process only applies to:

- Pharmacies not already contracted to provide the service and wishing to apply to provide it from 1st October 2025; and
- Pharmacies already contracted to provide the service but whose contract only runs up until the end of August 2025.

Most pharmacies already providing the service are contracted until 31st March 2026; those pharmacies **do not need** to re-apply in order to continue to provide the service from October 2025, as their contract already covers provision until 31st March 2026.

Guidance documents and details on how pharmacy owners can submit a response, can be found on the [NHS Business Services Authority's webpage](#).

Pharmacy owners who plan to apply to provide the service should read the guidance (which outlines key deadlines and processes) and contractual agreements (which are available on the [NHS England website](#)) and submit their response document by the deadline.

### [Review the guidance](#)

The interim response deadline for submissions for the Autumn/Winter 2025/26 campaign is 11:59pm on **16th June 2025**.

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## Training



### **Foundation Pharmacist Training 2025/ 2026: NHSE/ RPS Webinars on using the e-Portfolio**

The 2025-26 NHS England Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme e-Portfolio will be provided by the Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS) and powered by Axia Digital.

Use of the e-portfolio will be **mandatory** for all foundation trainee pharmacists and supervisors in England.

NHS England, in collaboration with the RPS, will be hosting three webinars to introduce the e-Portfolio for the 2025-26 foundation training cohort:

- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – 8-9pm [for Designated Supervisors](#)
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025 – 8-9pm [for Foundation Trainee Pharmacists](#)

- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025 – 8-9pm [for Designated Prescribing Practitioners](#)

The webinars will provide an overview of how the e-Portfolio directly supports the use of the [NHS England FTTP practice-based assessment strategy](#), demonstrate key functions, and outline the resources and support available during the course of the year.

Click on the relevant link above to register for one of the webinars. Webinars will be recorded and hosted on the RPS website.



## Sussex Training Hub

### **Sussex Training Hub**

Training hubs support primary care workforce planning, education, development and resilience.

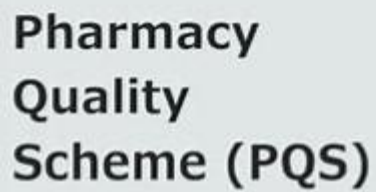
The Sussex Training Hub leads on workforce planning and support, recruitment and retention, education and training, career development and progression for the primary care workforce promoting the delivery of high-quality health care.

There are a number of training opportunities on the Sussex Training Hub that community pharmacy teams may find useful. For further information, please visit

[Welcome to the Sussex Training Hub - Sussex Training Hub](#).

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## PQS

The logo for the Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) features the text 'Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS)' in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The text is positioned on the left side of a rectangular box. To the right of the text, there is a stylized graphic consisting of several concentric, curved lines in shades of purple and blue, creating a sense of depth and movement.

## Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS)

### **PQS Palliative Care – Requirement**

If you hold the 16 palliative medicines and can support access to parenteral haloperidol.

As part of PQS under the Palliative Care requirement it states that ‘as soon as possible after 1st April 2025 and by the end of 31st March 2026 the contractor must have updated NHS Profile Manager to show they are a ‘Pharmacy palliative care medication stockholder’ if they routinely hold the 16 palliative and end of life critical medicines and can support local access to parenteral haloperidol.’

Note if the pharmacy claimed for the Medicines Safety & Optimisation domain in 2023/24 you must ensure this is updated again for 2025/26 by logging into NHS Profile Manager and confirming this by the end of 31st March 2026 by verifying your account at <https://organisation.nhswebsite.nhs.uk/sign-in> . If this verification has not been completed a contractor **will not** have met this requirement even if their profile is still showing them as a stockholder.

### **For pharmacies completing this domain**

By the end of 31st March 2026, pharmacy owners must have an action plan in place to use when they do not have the required stock of the 16 palliative and end of life critical medicines and/or parenteral haloperidol available for a patient. This must include collated information from pharmacies in their area to be able to aid a patient, relative/carer in obtaining medication as swiftly as possible by redirecting them to the nearest open community pharmacy that stocks the 16 palliative and end of life critical medicines and/or parenteral haloperidol.

To qualify for payment all pharmacy owners must have this action plan irrespective



of whether they do or do not routinely stock the 16 palliative and end of life critical medicines listed above.

The action plan must include:

- An awareness of any locally commissioned services for palliative care including any on call and delivery arrangements;
- A list of community pharmacies stocking the 16 palliative and end of life critical medicines for palliative/end of life care in their area and noting the ability to check the DoS to find pharmacies stocking these medicines;
- Details of where parenteral haloperidol can be accessed locally, e.g. through any local commissioning arrangements; and
- Awareness of other support services that may be useful for patients/relatives/ carers.

Note for pharmacy owners who claimed for the Medicines Safety & Optimisation domain in 2023/24, an update to the previous action plan will be required.

To support completion of the action plan a current list of the palliative care locally commissioned pharmacies has been compiled, this has been sent directly to pharmacies and is also available by e-mailing [lpc@communitypharmacyss.co.uk](mailto:lpc@communitypharmacyss.co.uk)  
Note the list of medication for this service does not exactly match that of the 16 listed palliative care medicines for PQS.

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## Newsletters

To read the latest edition of the Surrey Heartlands  
Medicines Safety Matters Newsletter, click [here](#).

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



Additionally you may be interested in.....



**A free training opportunity - A Surrey MECC approach to smoking**

In Surrey, over the next 5 years, everyone needs to work together to support an additional 15,000 people who currently smoke to successfully quit and lead a healthier smokefree life. To help achieve this, Surrey Public Health have developed a Making Every Contact Count (MECC) approach to smoking training module. The training is for all staff, both clinical and non-clinical who may be seeing patients/residents who are current smokers.

This MECC module explores the societal impacts and health risks of smoking, the benefits of going smokefree, using a MECC approach to deliver brief advice about quitting smoking, and where to signpost / how to refer to local stop smoking services and support available in Surrey.

Click on this link to view course dates and book [The Jen Group and Surrey County Council | Eventbrite](#).

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### **Free Blue Light Training for West Sussex Frontline Workers on supporting individuals with alcohol dependence**

As part of a partnership project with Alcohol Change UK (ACUK), West Sussex Public Health is pleased to offer frontline workers in West Sussex who engage with vulnerable and dependent drinkers, access to ACUK Blue Light Training. This training focuses on working with individuals who have chronic alcohol dependence and multiple compound needs, providing practical strategies to engage with this vulnerable group. The flyer and links to the Eventbrite booking site for more details can be found [here](#).

This training is free, and stakeholders working in this area are encouraged to book a place early, as spaces are limited.

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### **Centre for Perioperative Care - New information resource for patients**

The [Centre for Perioperative Care](#) have produced a patient information leaflet outlining '[what to ask, think about, and do, if you might be having an operation](#)'. This leaflet covers the entire surgical journey, right from when surgery is first contemplated right through to postoperative recovery. Ideally patients should be aware of the leaflet as soon as possible in their surgical pathway so they can think about whether surgery is right for them and how they can prepare to ensure the

best outcomes.

You may find it useful to signpost patients to this leaflet should you receive any queries from patients about to undergo surgery.

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