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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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## Local Services



### **DMS: Shortened claim journey on MYS from July 2025**

A new streamlined process for making claims for the Discharge Medicines Service (DMS) will come into effect from 6th July 2025. NHS England and NHSBSA have agreed to introduce a shortened process for making claims for DMS. In time, an API will be introduced to support transfer of data on DMS provisions from clinical services IT systems to the NHSBSA's Manage Your Service (MYS) portal.

The new MYS process will allow pharmacy owners to make and submit claims for the three stages of DMS. Pharmacy owners can still do all three stages of the service or a combination of stages 1, 2 or 3 depending on the needs of the patient; pharmacy owners should continue to only submit claims for payment once all the stages they are able to provide are completed.

### **What do you need to do?**

Claims	Action
<b>Claims up to and including 30th June 2025</b>	<p>All DMS activity up until 30th June 2025 and within the three month claim period, that has been completed should be claimed and submitted using the NHSBSA's existing DMS journey via the MYS portal. The current journey will be retired at 11.59pm on 5th July 2025.</p> <p>Any DMS data of activity started on or before 30th June 2025 but <b>not completed</b> should be entered into the new shortened MYS journey from 6th July 2025.</p>
<b>Claims from 1st July 2025</b>	Pharmacy owners should use the new shortened MYS journey to claim for any activity for the service that will be completed from 1st July 2025. The new MYS journey will be available from 6th July 2025.

Further information and FAQs can be found [here](#).

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## Training



### Join the Sussex PharmED programme every Wednesday 8:30-9:30am

The Sussex PharmED programme is a weekly one hour programme which aims to fill the educational gap for advanced practitioners, builds on the [HEE Newly Qualified Pharmacist Pathway](#) and is based on the five pillars of [RPS Core Advance Pharmacist Curriculum](#) and the [Pharmacy Technician Workforce Development Programme](#). These are highlighted at each session to increase awareness and uptake of credentialing but also address the needs of all pharmacy staff, Pharmacy

Technician and Pharmacist alike.

Sessions give opportunities to collaborate with academic colleagues on applied research, increase managerial skills through 'in conversations' with senior managers, give access to professional role models creating aspiration and act as a platform for delivering training and education.

This pharmacy education program is built to serve as hub of learning for the pharmacy workforce in Sussex. The program is aligned to local educational needs, provides opportunities to network and form valuable professional relationships, act as a discussion forum to develop new ideas and projects for pharmacist in **all sectors** to work collaboratively and improve seamless patients care. It is partnered with local pharmacy academia to aid with the research component and develop clinical academics, to initiate and develop new research projects across boundaries.

**Chairs:**

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If you would like to attend the weekly sessions please  
contact: [simranjohal@communitypharmacyss.co.uk](mailto:simranjohal@communitypharmacyss.co.uk).

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### **Women's Health Webinar 24th June 19:00**

Are you interested in learning about:

- Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS)
- Premenstrual Syndrome (PMS)
- Myth busting the use of hormonal contraception for the treatment of gynaecological conditions?

Join a webinar with NHS women's health experts on at 7pm on Tuesday 24 June. This webinar is open to the public and professionals who want to find out more about women's health. [Register for the Surrey women's health webinar.](#)

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### **Pharmacy Training Webinar on Domestic Abuse 24th June 19:00**

You are invited to attend a bespoke webinar aimed at upskilling pharmacy teams and providing you with a thorough understanding of the prevalence, nature, and

effects of domestic abuse, and to increase your confidence in “asking the question” and then responding to disclosures.

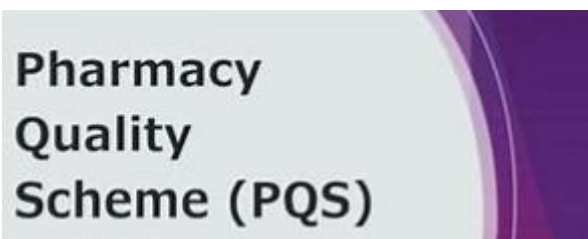
You will learn about the barriers people may experience when accessing support and increase your knowledge on where additional support and information can be accessed nationally and in West Sussex.

The guest speaker is Charlie Gibbs, Domestic & Sexual Violence and Abuse Lead Officer, Community Safety Team and Qualified Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) for West Sussex County Council although the speaker is West Sussex she will be giving a national overview, so this webinar is open to all our contractors across Surrey and Sussex.

Please book on here: [Pharmacy Training Webinar Domestic Abuse Tickets, Tue 24 Jun 2025 at 19:00 | Eventbrite.](#)

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## PQS



### **Week 6 - PQS - Piece by Piece: Start Tracking Respiratory Interventions (Domain 1c/d)**

There are 2 aspects for you to action for the Respiratory component of PQS:

- **Use of a Spacer in Patients Aged 5-15 Years**

By the end of 31st March 2026, the pharmacy must be able to evidence that between 1st April 2025 and the day of the declaration they have:

1) Checked that all children aged 5 to 15 (inclusive) prescribed a press and breathe pressurized MDI for asthma have a spacer device, where appropriate, in line with NICE NG245

2) Referred children aged 5 to 15 (inclusive) with asthma to an appropriate healthcare professional where this is not the case.

- **Referrals for patients using 3 or more short-acting bronchodilator inhalers in 6 months**

By the end of 31st March 2026, the pharmacy must be able to evidence that between 1st April 2025 and the day of the declaration that patients with asthma, for whom three or more short-acting bronchodilator inhalers were dispensed without any corticosteroid inhaler within a six-month period have, since the last review point, been referred to an appropriate healthcare professional for an asthma review.

**If you would like to use our simple Respiratory Intervention & Referral tracker and Referral form template, just email us at**

**[LPC@communitypharmacyss.co.uk](mailto:LPC@communitypharmacyss.co.uk).**

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



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**Additionally you may be interested in.....**



CPPE - Are you confident in making clinical records important for service like Pharmacy First and the Pharmacy Contraception Service

Pharmacy professionals can now access the Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education's (CPPE) ['Documenting in patient clinical records' e-learning programme](#) to refresh and improve their record-keeping skills.

The programme covers legal and regulatory requirements, the structure and content of clear clinical records, and how to accurately document consultations and interventions. [See how it can support you.](#)

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### **Improve Smoking Cessation Support for Advisors in West Sussex**

WSCC Public Health is pleased to share that work is underway to establish a new SmokeFree Advisor Network for West Sussex which will be facilitated by Quit 4 Wellbeing, the new specialist stop smoking service.

The purpose will be to support any Smoking Cessation and Tobacco Dependency Advisors - currently practising or thinking of returning to practice - to access the training and support needed to be an effective practitioner.



If you're a Smoking Cessation Advisor working in West Sussex, WSCC invite you to complete their short survey to identify relevant training opportunities and help shape a stronger advisor network. Please take a moment to share your insights.

[West Sussex Smoking Advisor Training Survey | Your Voice West Sussex.](#)

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### **RPS Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP) consultation**

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS) is seeking views on the update for the [Designated Prescribing Practitioner \(DPP\) Framework](#). The consultation is now open and will run until **Monday 21 July 2025 (6 weeks)**.

The framework is being reviewed in collaboration with an expert group on behalf of all prescribers and DPPs in the UK.

Your input will ensure the framework is current, clear, relevant, and fit for purpose for prescribers and DPPs from all professional backgrounds.

Full details are on the RPS

website: <https://www.rpharms.com/resources/frameworks/designated-prescribing-practitioner-competency-framework/consultation>

If you have any queries regarding this consultation, please email [Consultations@rpharms.com](mailto:Consultations@rpharms.com).

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### Paxlovid Stock Queries

Please note there is stock available in the UK, but the pharmacy must ensure they are using the right PIP-Code: 435-2712.

If the old PIP code that was associated with the free of charge stock is used, then the pharmacy will receive a message saying that the product is not available.

Please note:

- If a pharmacy hits their quota limit, then all they need to do is to call the Pfizer Customer Contact centre on 0800 032 7907 or 0345 608 8866 to get additional stock.

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