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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



Surrey and Sussex contractors, did you know we're on LinkedIn? Click [here](#) to find our page and give us a follow!



Face to face event- Community Pharmacy England 7pm on 16th July

Community Pharmacy England will be holding a workshop in the South East. This face-to-face event will enable pharmacy owners and their representatives to discuss the next steps for community pharmacy with CPE, which will feed directly into priorities for the 2026/27 CPCF negotiations and beyond.

Details of event and how to register is below:

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

Timings: 8pm – 9.30pm, with doors open from 7pm when a hot buffet and light refreshments will be available, with informal networking and Q&A with the Community Pharmacy England team)

[Register your place here.](#)

This event is free to attend, but you are asked to register in advance. Please note, attendance is for pharmacy owners and their representatives.

Booking will **close on Wednesday 16th July**, unless they reach maximum numbers earlier.

Click link to read more **[South East Pharmacy Workshop \(Wednesday 23rd July\) - Community Pharmacy England.](#)**

Local Services

Point of Care system suppliers

Choosing your PoC supplier for autumn/winter 2025 Covid and flu vaccination campaign

Community pharmacies participating in the autumn/winter Covid-19 and flu vaccination campaigns will soon need to select a [Point of Care \(PoC\) supplier](#). To support this, pharmacy colleagues are invited to register for webinars where suppliers will explain their systems:

- 28 July, 3pm – 3:45pm. [Positive Solutions Webinar](#)
- 29 July, 3pm – 3:45pm. [Cegedim Webinar](#)
- 30 July, 3pm – 3:45pm. [Sonar Webinar](#)
- 31 July, 3pm – 3:45pm. [Optum Webinar](#)
- 01 Aug, 3pm – 3:45pm. [RAVs Webinar](#)

Recordings will be uploaded to [FutureNHS](#).

Supplier selection for assured sites will open from 7 August.

Contact: england.poconboarding@nhs.net for any registration problems.

Training



Introduction to ulcerative colitis (UC): overview, diagnosis & medical management webinar Wednesday 9th July 2025 7-8pm

Join Elena, a Medical Science Liaison for this informative session, presented as non-promotional Education by Ferring Pharmaceuticals, which will delve into the understanding of mild to moderate UC, covering key areas such as disease clinical features, treatment pathway and current medical management strategies with a focus on mesalazines.

Time and date: Wednesday 9th July 2025 7-8pm. Click [here](#) to sign up.



One You East Sussex - if you would like to find out more about our Local Stop Smoking Service in East Sussex, join us on one of the following webinars

The webinar is being run on two different dates to update on the local stop smoking service and being delivered by One You East Sussex on Friday the **11th of July from 12pm -1pm** or Monday the **29th of September from 11am-12pm.**

Friday 11th July sign up link - [Stop Smoking and Service Insights Online Webinar Tickets, Fri, Jul 11, 2025 at 12:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

Monday 29th September sign up link - [Stop Smoking and Service Insights Online Webinar Tickets, Mon, Sep 29, 2025 at 11:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)



Surrey Heartlands

Are you a Community Pharmacist working in Surrey Heartlands wanting to become an Independent Prescriber?

NHSE have contracts with a number of universities to again provide access to funded IP courses: [Approved suppliers list - National Provision | NHS England | Workforce, training and education.](#)

In addition, Surrey Heartlands ICB have secured some **additional funding** via the Surrey Heartlands Workforce Innovation Fund to support some community pharmacists to access a Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP) to supervise their IP training.

The scheme provides a £2600 financial contribution to a DPP's employer for being a DPP supervisor for a community pharmacist working within the Surrey Heartlands geography (for 3 or more days per week).

If you would like further information or would like to submit an expression of interest on this project, please contact Ritienne Fenech – Pharmacy Workforce Transformation Programme Lead, Surrey Heartlands: ritienne.fenech@nhs.net.



Sussex Wide Adherence Training

Pharmacy Technicians and Pharmacists across Sussex from general practice, community pharmacy and secondary care are invited to take part in an evidence-based training course focussed on the identification of patients who may be non-adherent with their medicines.

On the course you will learn how to understand, identify, and address non-adherence to medications in patients and be given the opportunity to apply these approaches within a simulated environment and receive feedback on your performance.

Two cohorts of 25 participants each are running at the Simulation Suite, Huxley Building, University of Brighton, Sept 10th and 24th.

Required criteria for participants:

- Undertaking a patient facing role and able to apply the learning into practice
- Complete the online pre-course work (1 hour)
- Attend the 4-hour in person event, at the Simulation Suite, Huxley Building, Moulsecoomb, University of Brighton on Sept 10th or 24th
- Attend a course follow up on-line event (90-minute online event) on either October 8th or 22nd

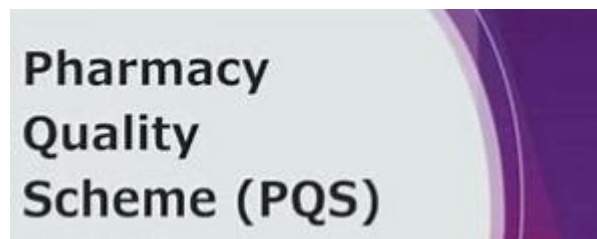
This course is fully funded as part of the Sussex Early Careers NHS England Funding priorities and is an exciting collaboration between the Sussex Institute of Medicines Education and Research, the Centre for Adherence Research and Excellence, Kings

College London and the University of Brighton.

For details on how to register and further information about the Sussex Wide Adherence Training events, please contact Dr Sian Williams

(s.williams5@brighton.ac.uk) Senior Lecturer in Medicines Use, Student Engagement Lead, School of Applied Sciences, University of Brighton Cockcroft Building, Lewes Road, Brighton, BN2 4GJ.

PQS



By the end of 31st March 2026, contractors must ensure all registered pharmacy professionals working at the pharmacy on the day of the PQS declaration must have an enhanced DBS check to support the safe provision of clinical services, with a certificate issued or a status check undertaken using the DBS update service within the last three years (between 1st April 2023 and end of 31st March 2026).

Make sure you have enhanced DBS check certificates or a print out of the results from the status check using the DBS update service to demonstrate that all registered pharmacy professionals who work at your pharmacy have undertaken an enhanced DBS check as above.

This evidence must be available for inspection from the end of 31st March 2026 at premises level and must be retained for 3 years for PPV purposes.

Check your DBS checks are all up to date!

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



Additionally you may be interested in.....

NHS England Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme (FTPP) Supervisor Registration Form

Trainee Pharmacist Supervisor Registration Form

The NHS England Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme (FTPP) supervisor registration form for the 2025 cohort is now open, available here: [NHS England Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme \(FTPP\) Supervisor Registration Form - NHS ML Medicines Management and Optimisation Service](#)

This form must be completed by all Designated Supervisors and/or Designated Prescribing Practitioners for Foundation Trainee Pharmacists.

Please forward this to any colleagues who will be taking the role of Designated Supervisor or Designated Prescribing Practitioner for the 2025/26 Foundation Trainees. If you do not have a trainee starting in 2025, you do not need to complete this form.

Please note: to complete the form successfully the supervisors will be required to know the trainee's name, oriel pin and the confirmed trainee start date. You

also need the GPhC employment site number.

All trainees are required to have a named Designated Supervisor prior to starting their programme as described in the [training site requirements](#).

Information on the trainee, their programme and their designated supervisors is required to be shared with the GPhC two weeks prior to their start date. Please be aware that e-portfolio access for trainee pharmacists will be dependent on Designated Supervisor allocation; failure to submit information in accordance with NHS England's timelines, will result in a delay in provision of access.

Please endeavour to submit Designated Supervisor details at least 3 weeks prior to the trainee starting their training.

All trainees on the full GPhC learning outcomes are required to have Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP) to supervise a period of learning in practice relating to prescribing during the FTPP.

Designated Prescribing Practitioners details must be submitted at least 3 weeks prior to commencement of their prescribing learning in practice within the programme. All trainees are required to have a named Designated Prescribing Practitioner by week 13 of the programme.

If you have not secured a DPP please contact your regional pharmacy team as soon as possible.

Any changes to supervisors (both Designated Supervisors and Designated Prescribing Practitioner) within the FTPP must be reported via the FTPP Change Form.

It should be noted that where the trainee pharmacist has a multi-sector rotation (of 13 weeks or more) into another organisation, there must be another named Designated Supervisor or a Designated Prescribing Practitioner, at the rotational site.



Drop-in sessions for designated Supervisors and/or Designated Prescribing Practitioners for Foundation Trainee Pharmacists.

Please find below a series of drop in sessions available for all DSs and DPPs in the South East region. These will be run by NHS England to support the Foundation Training Year. Please feel free to come with a question, comment, observation or a chance to listen to others and network with fellow DSs and DPPs in the South East region. Please forward this to any DSs or DPPs in the South East region who would find these useful.

Tuesday 15th July 2025 12:30 – 13:30

[Join the meeting now](#)

Wednesday 23rd July 2025 12:30 – 13:30

[Join the meeting now](#)

Thursday 31st July 2025 13:00 – 14:00

[Join the meeting now](#)

Monday 4th August 2025 12:30 – 13:30

[Join the meeting now](#)

Tuesday 12th August 2025 12:30 – 13:30

[Join the meeting now](#)

Wednesday 20th August 2025 12:30 – 13:30

[Join the meeting now](#)

Thursday 28th August 2025 13:00 – 14:00

[Join the meeting now](#)

Monday 1st September 2025 12:30 – 13:30

[Join the meeting now](#)

Tuesday 9th September 2025 12:30 – 13:30

[Join the meeting now](#)

Wednesday 17th September 2025 12:30 – 13:30

[Join the meeting now](#)

Thursday 25th September 2025 13:00 – 14:00

[Join the meeting now](#)

Wednesday 8th October 2025 12:30 – 13:30

[Join the meeting now](#)

Tuesday 21st October 2025 12:30 – 13:30

[Join the meeting now](#)

Tuesday 4th November 2025 12:30 – 13:30

[Join the meeting now](#)

Thursday 13th November 2025 13:00 – 14:00

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