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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 Heartlands ICB – Only Order What You Need patient campaign**

Surrey Heartlands ICB has launched an only order what you need (OOWYN) medicines waste campaign. **A great story featuring Khatidja Kureeman, a Surrey Pharmacy Contractor was published on BBC Surrey news on the 21st July and appeared in the Woking Mail on the 18th July.**

Well done to Khatidja for highlighting the issues with medication over-ordering and waste, the links below take you to the articles.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c0m837273k7o>

<https://www.wokingnewsandmail.co.uk/news/dont-stockpile-pills-surrey-pharmacist-urges-action-on-ps12m-medicine-waste-813970>

Only order what you need SHL campaign [Pharmacist appeals to Surrey residents to help cut medicine waste.](#)

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### **National Booking System sign up**

Community pharmacies providing the Flu Vaccination Advanced Service are being invited to make use of the National Booking System (NBS).

NHS England has announced that any pharmacies who have yet to register with the NBS, can do so for the 2025/26 flu season. This follows on from an **[offer made to pharmacy owners for flu vaccination bookings in 2024/25](#)**.

If your pharmacy would like to take up the offer of its use, you will need to complete a **[NBS flu form](#)** **between 24th July and 11th August** to receive login details before 18th August 2025. Later applications (open until 9th March 2026) will receive their login details within 10 working days.

To register, pharmacy owners will need to provide their pharmacy ODS code (F code), and the name and secure email addresses (NHSmail email addresses are **[secure emails](#)**) of two pharmacy representatives who will be given access to NBS. Following registration, the representatives will be sent login details, training details and further information.

Any queries on this should be emailed to **[england.vacspolicyandcontracts@nhs.net](mailto:england.vacspolicyandcontracts@nhs.net)**.

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### **Children's Flu Vaccination Service**

Following negotiations with NHS England, CPE have agreed to the introduction of a one-season trial of a new flu vaccination service for children aged 2-3 years.

The service will be commissioned as an Advanced service and pharmacies that choose to provide the service will be able to commence vaccinating eligible children from 1st October 2025. The commissioning of the service is seeking to increase uptake of the vaccine in this age group, who are ordinarily offered vaccination via their general practice; older children are offered vaccination at school. The majority of eligible children will be vaccinated with Live attenuated influenza vaccine nasal spray suspension (LAIV) which will be supplied to pharmacies from centrally procured stock.

Pharmacy owners will be paid £9.58 for each vaccine administered; this fee is funded from NHS vaccination budgets, not from the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework global sum.

Further information on the new service can be found in the service specification that has been published by NHS England.

### **[Download the service specification](#)**

Pharmacy owners that choose to sign up to provide the service will be able to do so via the NHSBSA's MYS portal **from 1st August 2025**. In order to receive vaccine ahead of the start of the service on 1st October 2025, pharmacy owners will need to register on MYS by **23:59 on 31st August 2025**. Later registration will be

possible, but the provision of the centrally procured vaccine will be received after the starting date for the service.

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## Training

### Accuracy checking pharmacy technician programme

#### Accuracy Checking Pharmacy Technician funded places

NHS England is funding a final round of places on CPPE's [Accuracy checking pharmacy technician \(ACPT\) programme](#).

So far, the programme has supported over 1400 pharmacy technicians working in the community, hospital and secure environment sectors to upskill and become final accuracy checkers.

Normally priced at £330, this is a fantastic opportunity to access the programme for free – but it **won't be repeated**.

#### Why apply now?

- NHS England has confirmed **this will be the last funded round**
- Open to all sectors – no minimum cohort sizes, just open applications
- If you're not eligible for funding, **you can still apply** for a paid place (£330 including VAT)

If you meet the course criteria, this is your **last chance** to join the programme without paying the full fee. Don't miss out.

[Full details of the programme, the entry criteria and how to apply.](#)

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### Sussex Funded Pharmacy Technicians Level 4 courses

Dear Pharmacy Technicians,

We would like to share an exciting opportunity for Pharmacy Technicians in Sussex to undertake a Level 4 clinical programme. Community Pharmacy Surrey and Sussex together with Sussex ICB were able to secure Early Careers funding for pharmacy professionals. Recognising the growing role of pharmacy technicians in community pharmacy, we are keen to utilise this funding to support the further development of pharmacy technicians. As such, **we are offering to fund the Level 4 clinical programme for Pharmacy Technicians.**

Sussex ICB hosted a webinar on 17th June where course providers provided an overview of the programmes. Slides to the webinar can be found [here](#). Sussex ICB also produced a FAQ documents post the webinar to address the most common queries on the Level 4 programme, this can be found [here](#).

If you are interested in this opportunity or would like further information, please contact [simranjohal@communitypharmacys.co.uk](mailto:simranjohal@communitypharmacys.co.uk). Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

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## Newsletters

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

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

To read the latest edition of NHSBSA Hints & Tips click [here](#).

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Additionally you may be interested in.....



### CPPE - Summer Update

**Face to face and online workshops are now open for booking** for August – December 2025! [BOOK NOW!](#) and encourage your team to join us for a huge variety of CPD opportunities.

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### CPPE Prescribing Perspectives

CPPE are excited to announce **Prescribing Perspectives** - a new style of workshop for all pharmacy professionals.

What to expect from this programme:

*Prescribing perspectives: a focus on weight management* is built around a real-life consultation scenario, exploring how to encourage people to share their story and gathering the information needed to provide person-centred care. You will complete a pre-workshop self-assessment on the Canvas platform to analyse your learning needs and identify key areas for development.

During the live workshop, you will document consultation notes, work through a clinical conundrum, and discover what happened in the real consultation that inspired the programme. You will have the opportunity to connect with peers, discuss your learning, and identify how to actively support each other in practice. After the workshop, you will have access to discussion boards to share useful resources and ideas to improve the quality of weight management medicine services within your practice.

Don't miss your opportunity to join your colleagues in person for this exciting learning opportunity at a venue near you from 7pm – 9.15pm. Find out more here:

[Prescribing perspectives: a focus on weight management : CPPE](#)

[Book a workshop](#) in Sussex or Surrey

- **13<sup>th</sup> October 2025** – Pine Ridge Golf Club, Frimley
- **14<sup>th</sup> October 2025** – The Guildford Institute
- **25<sup>th</sup> November 2025**– The Arundel Park Hotel, Arundel
- **3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026** – Relais Cooden Beach Hotel, Bexhill
- **25<sup>th</sup> March 2026** – Faraday House, Eastbourne

*Other dates and venues are available.*



## **CPPE Respiratory Clinical Assessment Skills workshop 21st October**

The CPPE Respiratory clinical assessment skills workshop is now open for booking at the Charis Centre on 21st October for pharmacists and trainee pharmacists. This workshop will introduce pharmacy professionals to the essential clinical history taking and examination skills relating to respiratory symptoms. The workshop will be led by experienced GPs and includes clinical scenarios to help apply learning to practice. You can find more details here: [Respiratory clinical assessment skills workshop : CPPE](#)

If you have any questions or need help finding or accessing CPPE learning materials, please contact [Tracy.Hedley@cppe.ac.uk](mailto:Tracy.Hedley@cppe.ac.uk) – your CPPE Regional Tutor for Sussex & Surrey.

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