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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 LPC AGM 2025

Join us for the Surrey LPC Annual General Meeting on the 2nd of September 2025 at Silvermere Golf Club, Redhill Road, Cobham, KT11 1EF.

Agenda for the evening:

From 18:30 for food with start time of 19:30

19:30 to 21:00 NPA Masterclass on “Maximising growth and income with NHS and Private Services”

This masterclass is designed to equip you with the knowledge and skills needed to succeed in this ever-evolving field.

Join us for an exciting masterclass tailored to help you excel in the world of pharmacy. The event will consist of a learning opportunity to maximise income and growth from NHS and Private services.

Making NHS services work for you by maximising income from NHS services – blood pressure checks, emergency contraceptives, flu & covid vaccinations, and DMS, NMS, and more...

Discussing opportunities in Private service and how to make it work in your pharmacy – ear micro ear suction, money generating clinics, such as: weight loss clinics, travel clinic, private Covid vaccines, utilising your whole team and digital management system.

21:00 to 21:15 Surrey LPC AGM

To sign up to the evening click [here](#).



Sussex LPC AGM 2025

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Future CPCF: What's most important to you?

Share your views on the next CPCF

Community Pharmacy England would like to know what pharmacy owners in Surrey and Sussex would like to see in the 2026/27 CPCF.

A new opinion poll is asking how you think funding should be allocated, what regulatory changes might help your pharmacy, and which services to consider introducing. Findings from the survey will inform national negotiating priorities and contribute to efforts to push for further improvements and support for the sector.

The poll will be open until **11.59pm on Monday 8th September**.

[Read more here](#).

Training

**Making
Every
Contact
Count**



Surrey Making Every Contact Count (MECC) Training

Making Every Contact Count (MECC) is about using the power of short conversations to help people improve their health and wellbeing and access the support they need. By using key communication skills and behaviour change techniques, you can help people increase people's confidence and motivation to make positive changes to improve their physical wellbeing.

This 2 hour live and interactive online training aims to increase your:

- **Understanding** of behaviour change theory and techniques
- **Ability** to recognise opportunities to initiate conversations about health and wellbeing
- **Confidence** to initiate conversations about health and wellbeing
- **Awareness** of where to *signpost* people for local healthy lifestyle information and support

Training Slots Available:

Thursday 28th August 2025 10am – 12pm

Wednesday 17th September 2025 9.30am – 11.30am

[Making Every Contact Count within NHS Health Checks - Training](#)

These courses are provided as supplementary training for those who have attended the NHS Health Check training previously. If you have not yet attended this training and would like to do so, please contact Will.King@surreycc.gov.uk to book onto the next training day on the 9th October 2025.



CPPE Accuracy Checking Pharmacy Technician (ACPT) Programme Open for NHS England Funded Applications 2025 / 2026

NHS England is pleased to announce that they have funded CPPE to offer the Accuracy Checking Pharmacy Technician (ACPT) programme for pharmacy technicians working in community pharmacy, NHS hospitals, and in health and justice for 2025 / 2026.

A total of 240 NHS England-funded places are available and funding will end when all 240 places have been allocated or by the end of March 2026.

The ACPT programme is a 3-12-month training and development programme available to pharmacy technicians, with employer support. The course is designed to support pharmacy technicians in meeting a range of competencies during their training in order to deliver safe and effective patient care.

The scope of the programme is to train and assess pharmacy technicians, working in community pharmacy, health and justice and NHS hospitals, to perform the final accuracy check of dispensed items on prescriptions that have been clinically screened/ approved by a pharmacist.

The ACPT programme is open to any pharmacy technician in England, from any

sector, who provide NHS services and who qualified pre-2017 GPhC Initial Education & Training Standards. Those who have train on the current standards, receive the knowledge and competencies required to carry out a final accuracy check.

For more information, including further eligibility criteria, please visit:

<https://www.cppe.ac.uk/career/acpt>.

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



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

Additionally you may be interested in.....



Order the updated leaflets and posters about East Sussex Adult Social Care

East Sussex County Council is asking pharmacies to help spread the word about Adult Social Care and ensure everyone has the information they need to access support.

The council has launched their updated leaflets and factsheets for 2025/26. They have also designed a new poster for waiting areas that allows the public and staff to scan a QR code to read digital copies. This is especially useful if you do not have a leaflet rack.

You can:

- order printed copies of the four leaflets and the posters using the [online leaflet order form](#)
- read digital versions of leaflets and factsheets on their website at [leaflets and factsheets](#)

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