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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.

Visit our Newsletter page for an archive of previous issues. Sign up to CPE to receive nationally significant news and guidance on national contracts.

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LPC News



## **New pharmacy services and changes to the Pharmacy First service from October**

CPE has announced the provisional dates for the changes within the Pharmacy First service, the addition of anti-depressants to the NMS service and the addition of emergency hormonal contraception to the Pharmacy Contraception Service.

Further details can be found on the link below.

[Timings for commencement of CPCF changes announced - Community Pharmacy England.](#)

### **Please note the following requirement:**

**Pharmacy owners who are registered and do not wish to provide oral EC need to de-register from the existing service via the NHSBSA's MYS portal by 29th September 2025.** In that circumstance, pharmacy owners should note that de-registering from the service after 31st August 2025 will make them unable to fulfil the gateway criteria for the Pharmacy Quality Scheme 2025/26, and consequently any Aspiration payments they have already received will be re-claimed from them at a future date. In addition, to receive the Pharmacy First Clinical Pathways monthly payment from June 2025, pharmacies need to be signed up to provide both the Hypertension Case-Finding Service (except Distance Selling Pharmacies (DSPs) and PCS.

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### **Reminder Patient Nominations**

Recently there has been an increasing number of concerns raised with the ICB's regarding pharmacy nominations being made without patients' informed consent.

Please ensure the pharmacy has a robust process in place for patient nomination changes and that these are only made with patient consent.

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## Local Services



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### **Locally Commissioned Service Evaluation Tool**

LPCs in Surrey and Sussex work positively with commissioners to support, represent and develop pharmacy teams. We lead the development of local professional and commercial environments of pharmacies to deliver sustainable

services for their communities.

In order to be transparent, we evaluate all requests for new services and/or contract variations using this service evaluation tool. The tool helps us test every proposal we receive for its potential and suitability.

**How we will use this tool:**

Every new, or recommissioned service specification received by the LPC for comment or consultation is assessed using this tool:

A Summary is presented to LPC members for discussion and agreement.

If necessary, the LPCs comments and /or recommendations for requested changes, if any, are sent to the local commissioner to consider.

All services and contracts are **RED**, **AMBER** or **GREEN** to help community pharmacy contractors make informed decisions about taking on a community service or contract. Part of this process includes recommending to contractors that they carefully consider this as part of their business operating model.

The Service Evaluation Tool can be found [here](#).

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**Top Tips for increasing service delivery**

CPSS are excited to launch a series of Top Tips guides to support contractors to increase and improve service delivery. With the increased pressure to deliver more

services, we understand the conflicting priorities that contractors juggle with every day.

This series of Top Tips can support you to embed services more effectively whilst, importantly, increasing income.

When considering local services, remember to think about your local populations. Do you know your demographic? Do you know your patient needs? Further information on services can be found [here](#).

We will kick off the Top Tips series with Needle Exchange and Naloxone supply.

For top tips on delivering the **Needle Exchange Programme**, please click [here](#).

For top tips on supplying **Naloxone**, please click [here](#).

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



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## **Surrey Heartland ICB Appliance Management Service (SHAPMS)**

From **8th September 2025**, the Surrey Heartlands Appliance Management Service will take over the prescribing of all Urology (catheter-related), Stoma and Transanal Irrigation products from GP Practices for patients currently using these items. This includes long-term and intermittent self-catheterisation (ISC) catheters, sheaths, leg and night bags, transanal irrigation systems, stoma pouches and stoma accessories.

Further details can be found in the information on the links below.

[Surrey Heartlands APS GP Introduction Letter](#)

[SHAPMS HCP Information Leaflet](#)

[SHAPMS Patient Information Leaflet](#)

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## **Sussex Wide Pharmacy Adherence Training**

Pharmacists, Pharmacy technicians and clinical staff across Sussex from primary, community 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 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.

***Please use the links below to register your interest (please register to one course only):***

**Course 1: 10th September 10am to 2pm  
(and follow-up on 8th October 1-2:30pm)**

[Sign up here](#)

**Course 2: 24th September 10am to 2pm  
(and follow-up on 22nd October 1-2:30pm)**

[Sign up here](#)

*For any more details about the Sussex Wide Adherence Training events, please contact Dr Sian Williams ([s.williams5@brighton.ac.uk](mailto: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.*

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## Genomic Medicine and Pharmacogenomics

### **Funding for Modules in the Master's in Genomic Medicine**

The National Genomics Education Programme (NHS England) have confirmed that **funding applications are now open** for the 2025/26 financial year for modules within the Master's in Genomic Medicine framework. Funding is currently available for modules starting before 31st March 2026.

Applicants can initially receive funding for up to four modules. Upon successful completion, you may apply for further funding – up to a total equivalent of 12 modules – to complete the full Master's degree.

Full details on eligibility and how to apply can be found on the Genomics Education Programme [website](#), and in the funding rules of each [module](#). Please note that to be eligible, applicants must be working under an NHS contract in England and have the support of their line manager.

Further information on Genomics and Pharmacogenomics is found on the training hub pharmacy page: [Genomic Medicine and Pharmacogenomics : Surrey Training Hub](#).

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