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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



NPA Masterclass – next event 16th September

Last week we ran the Surrey AGM event with the NPA running a Masterclass on:
Maximising growth and income with NHS and Private Services.

The Sussex Event will take place on the 16th September. The event is open to everybody, not just NPA members.

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 suction, money generating clinics, such as: weight loss clinics, travel clinic, private Covid vaccines, utilising your whole team and digital management system.

16th September – from 6.45pm for hot food, start time 7.30pm, at East Sussex National Hotel, Little Horsted, Uckfield, TN22 5ES.

At the end of the Masterclass at 9pm we will be running the Sussex LPC Annual General Meeting, there will be the opportunity to leave at this point for anyone who does not want to stay on for this.

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

Local Services



Reminder - Expression of Interest for the Sussex Emergency Palliative Care Drugs Service

NHS Sussex Integrated Care Board (ICB) has recommissioned the Community Pharmacy Locally Commissioned Service for Emergency Palliative Care Drugs to support people with palliative and end of life care needs access to medication in an emergency.

The ICB is seeking providers to hold a locally agreed range and minimum quantity of emergency palliative care drugs (based on the Sussex palliative and end of life care prescribing guidance) with a commitment to ensure that users of this service have prompt access to these medicines during the pharmacy's regular core and

supplementary hours.

They are now inviting Expressions of Interest (EOI) from registered community pharmacies in Sussex with an NHS dispensing contract to provide this service from 1 November 2025 – 31 March 2028.

Providers who wish to take part in this process are asked to submit an expression of interest and confirm their capability and capacity in relation to the service requirements, by completing the Expression of Interest Form. The EOI information was sent to the pharmacy e-mail address on the 15th August 2025. If you would like a copy of this email, please contact us at lpc@communitypharmacys.co.uk.

Responses must be submitted to sxicb.sussex-lcs-claims@nhs.net no later than **12pm Midday on 11 September 2025**.

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



Additionally you may be interested in.....



CPPE Update – September 2025, Learning communities are back!

Please come and join us at a venue near you to connect with other local pharmacists and pharmacy technicians. In response to demand, CPPE have re-launched regular face to face evening workshops. Here's a flavour of what's on locally, but a full list can be found [here](#).

Prescribing Perspectives: A focus on weight management (7pm – 9pm)

Guildford – 14th October 2025

Arundel – 25th Nov 2025

Cooden Beach – 3rd Feb 2026

Eastbourne – 25th Mar 2026

This programme uses a real-life patient story, co-produced with lived experience of obesity, to help you strengthen your consultation skills, documentation and service quality. Wherever you are on your prescribing journey, whether you are experienced at prescribing weight management medicines or whether you are considering doing an independent prescribing course, this will support you to develop prescribing skills. It may also benefit those supporting weight management services. Open to pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and trainee pharmacists. Read more and book [here](#).

NHS Pharmacy First – Face to face workshop – Crawley 11th September 2025 (full day)

Due to last minute cancellations – we have 3 spaces available on the [NHS Pharmacy First: Clinical assessment and examination skills full-day workshop : CPPE](#)
[NHS Pharmacy First - Delivering a quality service](#)

- Do you want support to have effective consultations with people who request antibiotics that are not indicated?

- Do you want support to have effective consultations with people who request NHS Pharmacy First but are excluded by PGDs?

Book now to secure your place – (some pre-work is required)

Respiratory Clinical Assessment Skills workshop – Charis Centre, Crawley

21st October 2025 (full day)

Ready to sharpen your clinical edge? The Respiratory Clinical Assessment Skills Workshop is now open for booking. This full-day, medic-led training equips pharmacists with practical skills in history-taking, red flag recognition, and respiratory examinations. Clair and Tracy look forward to welcoming you to Crawley in October to help you prepare for the evolving demands of pharmacy practice. Secure your place today by clicking [here](#).

Mental Capacity Act - online workshops – 30th September or the 7th October (7pm – 9pm)

Understanding the Mental Capacity Act 2005 is essential for pharmacy professionals working across primary and secondary care, as well as those supporting individuals in care homes or their own homes. Our new [interactive online workshop](#) will help you navigate these responsibilities with clarity and confidence.

Led by an experienced pharmacy professional with expertise in mental capacity, this session offers practical insights and real-world scenarios.



Webinar focusing on Primary Care Cyber security

NHS England have teamed up with the City of London Police's Cyber Griffin team to deliver a series of practical webinars for primary care organisations:

- General Practice
- Pharmacy
- Dentistry
- Optometry

Aims:

- Share real-world intelligence on current cyber threats
- Offer simple, effective steps to protect organisations
- Help colleagues spot and respond to suspicious activity before it becomes a breach
- Have a dedicated section on the Data Security and Protection Toolkit (DSPT)

For further information, contact: chan.maher@nhs.net and to register for a place on the webinar please use this link: [Primary Care Cybersecurity Webinar: Session 1 | NHS England Events](#)

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