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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



Happy World Pharmacist Day – 25th September

As yet another year passes, we come to that time of year where we stop to celebrate the vital role of a pharmacist. We have seen huge changes to the community pharmacy sector in recent years and as this change continues, we acknowledge, appreciate and give thanks to our community pharmacists who are embracing this change and continue to grow themselves to ensure excellent service to their communities.

With community pharmacy being the most visited healthcare profession in England, we are truly in awe of how our pharmacists juggle the demand of not only the continuous growth of prescriptions but also the increase in clinical service provision. From Pharmacy First to contraception and racing to flu season, we have undoubtedly gone 'beyond the pill'.

To all our community pharmacists, thank you for your dedication, knowledge and compassion. Thank you for guiding patients with trusted advice. We look forward to seeing what the future brings.



Vaccination Training

CPSS are very pleased to have been able to secure funding to host vaccination training for community pharmacy teams across Surrey and Sussex. The first two sessions took place on Sunday 21st September in Crawley and it was great to see lots of colleagues new to vaccinating.

A huge thank you to the trainers at ECG training who delivered two fantastic sessions, we hope attendees will hit the ground running come 1st October!

We look forward to seeing those signed up for this Sundays session.

Training



Pharmacy First Clinical Pathways changes

CPSS will be hosting a short webinar on **Friday 26th September 1:30pm**

highlighting the upcoming changes to the Pharmacy First Clinical Pathways.

The provisional date for the commencement of use of the new clinical pathways and PGDs is Wednesday 1st October 2025 therefore we are hosting this webinar to ensure contractors are prepared for the new changes.

NHS England have published the final updated clinical pathways, protocol and PGDs which can be found [here](#).

This session will not be recorded.

See joining details below

Microsoft Teams [Need help?](#)

[Join the meeting now](#), Meeting ID: 349 650 577 887 0, Passcode: Yf6cR3yB



Emergency contraception and the Pharmacy Contraception Service – Webinar

Community Pharmacy England will be holding a webinar about the changes to the Pharmacy Contraception Service (PCS) **on Thursday 9th October at 7.30pm.**

The main changes to the service are the addition of oral emergency contraception

to the service and the ability of pharmacy technicians to provide the service.

On the night, Alastair Buxton, Director of NHS Services and David Onuoha, Service Development Manager will brief pharmacy owners and their teams on the changes, in advance of the scheduled implementation date on 29th October 2025.

The presenters will also highlight the guidance and resources available to support pharmacy teams with the changes to the service.

The webinar will be recorded for on-demand viewing for anybody unable to watch on the night.

[Book your place now](#)

Bookings will close at **midday** on **Thursday 9th October 2025**, with a link to join the webinar being **emailed to all attendees** on **the afternoon of 9th October 2025**.



Reminder Childhood Flu Vaccinations

A checklist and other resources from CPE on providing the service are available here.

<https://cpe.org.uk/our-news/childhood-flu-vac-resources-to-implement-and-promote-the-service/>

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



Additionally you may be interested in.....

Making Every Contact Count training

Information about Making Every Contact Count training in Surrey.

Surrey Fully funded training available: A Making Every Contact Count approach to quitting smoking

Over the next 5 years, we need to work together to support an additional 15,000 residents who currently smoke to successfully quit and lead a healthier smokefree life. To help us achieve this, Public Health has developed a **Making Every Contact Count (MECC)** approach to smoking training module.

The training module explores the societal impacts and health risks of smoking, the benefits of going smokefree, using a MECC approach to deliver brief advice about quitting smoking, and how to refer to our **FREE [local stop smoking services and support available in Surrey](#)**.

This training is designed for **all staff** who work with residents who are current smokers and have opportunities to discuss the health benefits of quitting smoking. It not only equips you with **knowledge of behavioral science**, allowing you to have supportive, non-judgemental conversations that can lead to lasting health improvements and better outcomes for residents, but also offers a valuable opportunity for **personal development and upskilling**.

Spaces available for the next session on Tuesday 7th October 2025.

You can view course dates and book onto training at [Making Every Contact Count training | Healthy Surrey](#).

You can also request a one-to-one session for your organisation/team, either in person or online. To find out more, please email

publichealthtraining@surreycc.gov.uk.



Support a smoke free Surrey this Stoptober

Stoptober returns this October, offering a valuable opportunity to support residents looking to quit smoking. You can play a vital role by signposting to the free stop smoking support available through [One You Surrey](#).

People living, working or registered with a GP in Surrey can receive free personalised one-to-one support along with nicotine replacement therapy for up to 12 weeks.

Use your pharmacy counters and consultation areas to raise awareness and

engage with customers who may be thinking about quitting. Order your free marketing materials [here](#) and download the Stoptober toolkit [here](#).



Stoptober campaign toolkit now available

Stoptober, the annual 28-day quit event, is back with a new focus on quitting smoking together and an expanded range of campaign resources.

Each year, the Stoptober campaign is supported by a range of partners, including pharmacy teams. It offers a great opportunity to promote smoking cessation service and support.

[Download the toolkit](#)

[Order free printed materials](#)



Surrey Heartlands

Surrey Heartlands Lunch and Learn Timetable - new dates now available!

Further information on the library services is also at [Library and Knowledge Service](#)
: [Surrey Training Hub](#).



You're invited! CPPE workshops coming to a venue near you!

Weight Management workshops (7pm – 9pm) Light refreshments (sandwiches etc) and networking from 6:30pm

Come and join us for this new programme for pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and trainee pharmacists providing, or planning to provide, weight management medicines. Our weight management 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. This programme is designed to help you work in the grey and provide person-centred care, whether you are an experienced prescriber, considering doing an independent prescribing course, or supporting weight management services.

Read more here <https://www.cppe.ac.uk/news/a?ID=1041>. Spaces are limited, so [book](#) now!

- Guildford – 14th October
- Canterbury – 18th November
- Arundel – 25th November
- Maidstone – 13th January
- Cooden Beach – 3rd February
- Eastbourne – 25th March

**Respiratory Clinical assessment Skills workshops (10am – 5pm) –
Refreshments and lunch provided. Pharmacists only**

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. It's designed to prepare you for the evolving demands of pharmacy practice.

- Crawley - 21st October 10am - with medic Nigel Hills (as seen on TV!)

Other dates and venues are available across the country. [Secure your place today](#)

If you are a trainee pharmacist having difficulty booking via the CPPE website, please email tracy.hedley@cppe.ac.uk directly to book your place.

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