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Newsletter

23/10/2025


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



Tune In to Our Community Pharmacy Podcast!

We know how busy things can get in pharmacy, so why not catch up on the latest news (this weekly newsletter) while you're on the go? Our podcast brings you all the updates, stories, and key messages from our newsletter — in a quick, easy-to-listen format.

Whether you're in the dispensary, on your commute, or grabbing a well-earned break, tune in to stay informed about what's happening across community pharmacy.

 [Listen now](#) and keep up to date with everything you need to know.

Sector Poll: Tell us about winter readiness and C-19 vac issues

Winter pressures and C-19 vaccination issues: Share your views

Community Pharmacy England wants to hear the views and concerns of pharmacy owners in Surrey and Sussex.

A new opinion poll is asking about concerns for your pharmacy business going into

this winter and the impact C-19 vaccination eligibility confusion has had. The results will be discussed at the Committee's November meeting and contribute to efforts to push for further improvements and support for the sector.

The short survey, open until **11.59pm on Monday 10th November**, offers local pharmacy owners the chance to feed directly into the national negotiator's work.

[Read more here.](#)

Local Services

Save the date

28 January 2026

Location: University of Surrey

Time: 09.30 - 16.00



Surrey Substance Use Conference

**Prevention, Resilience and Recovery:
Tackling Substance Use Across the Life Course**

A one-day learning and development event designed to support professionals working to prevent and reduce substance use harms across Surrey

Key topics:

- Prevention and early intervention in schools
- Mental health and substance use
- Harm reduction approaches
- Emerging drug trends
- Building recovery capital

What to expect:

- Interactive workshops
- Networking opportunities
- Marketplace showcasing services and initiatives

Interested in attending?

Please register here: <https://forms.office.com/r/iuNm5ZAB6K>



Surrey Substance Use Conference 2026

Prevention, Resilience and Recovery: Tackling Substance Use Across the Life Course

Wednesday 28 January 2026

9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

University of Surrey, Guildford

Surrey Combating Drugs Partnership is excited to announce the upcoming

Substance Use Conference 2026, taking place on Wednesday 28 January at the University of Surrey.

This year's theme '**Prevention, Resilience and Recovery: Tackling Substance Use Across the Life Course**' highlights the collective commitment to addressing substance use at every stage of life. From children and young people to adults and communities, the conference will explore prevention, harm reduction, and recovery through evidence-based practice, innovation, and cross-sector collaboration.

Join them for a dynamic and inspiring day of learning, networking and action. This is a unique opportunity to bring together professionals and volunteers from local government, health and social care, education, criminal justice, and voluntary and charity sector organisations. Whether you're delivering services, developing policy, or building resilient communities, your contribution is key to tackling substance use across the life course.

What to expect

- **Guest Speakers** – sharing the latest developments and research in substance use, emerging trends and innovative approaches to prevention, treatment and recovery
- **Interactive Workshops** – practical sessions to strengthen your skills and deepen your insight into key issues
- **Marketplace and Networking** – explore services, exchange ideas and forge meaningful partnerships
- **Panel Q&A and Closing Reflections** – hear perspectives from experts and individuals with lived experience in a dynamic discussion to round off the day

👉 Interested in attending?

Please register your interest here: [Surrey Substance Use Conference 2026](#)

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📌 **Save the date** and stay tuned for further details on the programme and speakers.

Training



Vaccination Training

Community Pharmacy Surrey and Sussex are fully funding vaccination training open to Pharmacists, Pharmacy Technicians and other Healthcare Professionals – both those new to vaccinations as well as those requiring a refresher. The training will be undertaken by ECG training.

Please note this training is for community pharmacy teams working in Surrey or Sussex ONLY

This 3.5-hour face to face training course covers all practical skills required to vaccinate adults and children over the age of 2.

You will also have access to an online course which provides all the theory content required.

By the end of this course, you will be able to:

- Deliver Intramuscular and Subcutaneous injections into the deltoid and thigh.
- Reconstitute vaccines.
- Draw up multi dose vial injections.
- Deliver intranasal vaccination.
- Provide CPR.
- Recognise and treat anaphylaxis with the use of adrenaline for children and adults.

You only need to sign up to **ONE** 3.5 hour session. By signing up to this course, you agree to CPSS sharing your email address with ECG training to enrol you onto the elearning module. You must complete this e-learning module in order to receive a valid certificate of completion.

Sunday 26th October 2025 - 9:00am-12:30pm. [Click here to sign up.](#)

Sunday 26th October 2025 - 1:30pm 5:00pm. [Click here to sign up.](#)

Location: Sandman Signature Hotel London Gatwick. 18-23 Tinsley Lane South Three Bridges, RH10 8XH.

Newsletters



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

Additionally you may be interested in.....



REMINDER: Register now for the Newly Qualified Pharmacists Programme Cohort 9 delivered by CPPE - apply by 31st October 2025

The Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education (CPPE) and NHS England (NHSE) [Newly Qualified Pharmacist Programme](#) (NQPP) is open for registration.

About the training pathway

This twelve-month programme is fully funded by NHS England WT&E to support newly qualified pharmacists to develop confidence and competence in the core areas of pharmacy practice. Educational supervision support is provided by CPPE as part of this training programme offer.

Key dates - Two Cohorts for 2025-26:

Cohort 9

- Applications opened 1st September 2025
- Applications close 31st October 2025
- Programme start date: 3rd November 2025

Cohort 10

- Applications open 12th January 2026
- Applications close 20th March 2026

- Programme start date: 23rd March 2026

Eligibility:

The CPPE Newly qualified pharmacist programme is for pharmacists (including locums) who registered with the GPhC from 2023 onwards who are working in any of the following settings as their main role:

- Community pharmacy
- Integrated care boards
- Community health services
- Health and justice
- General practice (Not for learners employed via ARRS)
- Care homes (Not for learners employed via ARRS)
- Pharmacists who registered before 2023 who are returning from a career break are also eligible to apply.
- Other roles may also be eligible – contact CPPE to discuss how they can support.

See the CPPE website for further information regarding the NQPP eligibility criteria.

How can I apply?

- Visit the CPPE website www.cppe.ac.uk/career/nqpp/ for further information about the training offer provided including eligibility.
- A video overview of the programme is available here <https://vimeo.com/997723347/d44abee944?share=copy>
- If you have any questions regarding this offer, please contact the CPPE NQPP team newlyqualified@cppe.ac.uk.

Stay connected:

- Find out more on the NHS England WTE website:

<https://www.hee.nhs.uk/our-work/pharmacy/transforming-pharmacy-education-training>

- Contact england.pharmacyteam@nhs.net for more information.



Live now: Pharmacy technician development programme: Preparing for the future

Applications are now open

NHS England and the Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education (CPPE) are pleased to announce the launch of the “Pharmacy technician development programme: Preparing for the future”.

About the training programme

Preparing for the future is designed to build confidence and support pharmacy technicians to develop their skills to deliver a wider range of services, now and into the future.

Open to all pharmacy technicians, this flexible and supportive programme aims to support the development of clinical confidence, leadership skills, and professional practice. Participants will be supported throughout the programme by a dedicated education supervisor, and the programme is designed to offer a flexible, supportive learning experience, designed collaboratively with each pharmacy technician.

Delivered between October 2025 and March 2026, pharmacy technicians will engage in structured learning that enhances clinical, leadership, and decision-making skills. The programme will particularly focus on supporting pharmacy technicians to adapt to the evolving scope of practice, including recent changes to supervision legislation, the expansion of the Pharmacy First service, and the use of Patient Group Directions.

At the start of the programme, learners will work with their education supervisor to identify their individual development needs and will be supported thereafter to meet these, progressing at a pace that suits them.

Further information

- For more information and to apply for an NHS England funded place on this programme, visit the [CPPE Website](#)
- Please contact info@cppe.ac.uk with any further enquiries about this exciting training offer.

Visit the NHSE website to find out more about [NHS England Pharmacy Workforce Training offers](#).

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