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Newsletter

06/11/2025

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.

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## Quick Glance

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## LPC News



### **Reminder: NHS Workforce Survey 2025 – Deadline for completion is Friday 21 November 2025**

All pharmacies are required to complete the survey via the online portal in 2025 unless the head office for a multiple has agreed they will supply the 2025 data centrally.

To access the portal pharmacies can follow this link [Manage Your Service \(MYS\) portal](#).

# Training

Sussex Community  
Dermatology Service



## Don't forget to sign up to tonight's webinar!

As part of NHS England's [Pharmacy First](#) campaign, there is an increasing expectation for pharmacists to diagnose and manage a range of minor skin conditions directly within the community. To support this, Sussex Community Dermatology Service (SCDS) is delighted to offer a series of educational webinars and talks designed to help pharmacists build confidence and clinical knowledge in diagnosing and managing common dermatological presentations.

Conditions such as infected insect bites, shingles, impetigo, and other inflammatory skin disorders often present in community pharmacy settings. By empowering pharmacists to recognise and appropriately manage these conditions, we aim to reduce unnecessary referrals into primary and secondary care, helping to improve patient access and streamline dermatology pathways.

Our introductory webinar at **7pm on 6th Nov 2025** will:

- Outline the recent clinic pathway changes linked to the NHSE Pharmacy First initiative.
- Feature Clinical Director, Dr Andrew Morris, introducing the Consultant-led dermatology services SCDS provide across Sussex and Surrey.
- Include a clinical update on shingles, focusing on practical community management and key red flags for onward referral.

The Sussex Community Dermatology Service look forward to working collaboratively with local pharmacies to enhance dermatology care in the

community and strengthen the link between pharmacy and specialist services.

You can register your place at this webinar by [clicking here](#). All recordings of the Educational webinars are available on the [Skinwise Educational Hub](#). To access this please contact [sally.evenett2@nhs.net](mailto:sally.evenett2@nhs.net).

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## **Surrey Sexual Health Training Webinar**

**Date and time: Monday 10th November @ 19:00-21:00**

**To sign up click [here](#).**

Sign up to this **FREE** online training for pharmacy staff on the EHC, Chlamydia and Gonorrhoea testing programme in Surrey, to provide an overview of Sexually Transmitted Infections, to provide a clear understanding of the free condom scheme for under 25s and support the training requirements of the service specification. This is for commissioned pharmacies and those who wish to sign up.

### **Aim**

These sessions will provide training for the EHC, Chlamydia and Gonorrhoea testing Programme in Surrey. By Gaining an overview of Sexually Transmitted Infections and Contraception, including Emergency Contraception, PEP and PrEP and how to provide Chlamydia and Gonorrhoea test kits.

### **Objectives**

- By the end of the session participants will:

- Understand how the Condom Distribution Scheme works
  - Know who can access the scheme
  - Know how young people access condoms
  - Know how the C-Card is used
  - Have knowledge of condom varieties, and effective usage
  - Know where to get help if needed.
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**Community  
Pharmacy**  
**Surrey & Sussex**

### **Pharmacy First Clinical Skills Training 30th November 2025**

This interactive training day is designed to equip community pharmacists and pharmacy teams with the practical skills, clinical confidence and consultation structure needed to deliver Pharmacy First services to the highest standard.

Through live demonstrations, case-based discussions, and peer-to-peer skill practice, participants will learn how to conduct effective consultations, manage red flags safely, document accurately, and navigate referral pathways.

Empowering pharmacists for confident, clinically safe consultations in Pharmacy First, and beyond

📍 **Sandman Signature Hotel, Crawley RH10 8XH**

📅 **Sunday 30th November 2025**

🕒 **Morning session: 9:30 – 12:30 Sign up [here](#)**

🕒 **Afternoon session: 1:30 – 5:30 Sign up [here](#)**

**📍 Facilitator: Darshan Negandhi – Superintendent Pharmacist, PCN Clinical Lead & CPPE Trainer**

**Session Learning Outcomes**

**By the end of this hands-on session, participants will be able to:**

- ☒ Confidently assess and manage Acute Otitis Media (AOM) using otoscopy – bring your otoscopes!
- ☒ Apply clinical pathways for sore throat, sinusitis and UTI presentations
- ☒ Recognise and treat impetigo, shingles and infected insect bites safely
- ☒ Demonstrate confidence in referral, safety-netting and signposting as per updated Clinical Pathways v2.5
- ☒ Reflect on service improvement, GP referral integration, and “Taking Pharmacy First Forward” within the NHS 10-Year Plan

**Detailed Agenda (applies to both morning & afternoon sessions)**

| Time          | Agenda Item                                                  | Learning Focus / Method                                                                                          |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 09:15 / 13:15 | Arrival & Registration                                       | Refreshments, sign-in, networking                                                                                |
| 09:30 / 13:30 | Welcome & Orientation                                        | Overview of Pharmacy First rollout, session aims, ice-breaker                                                    |
| 09:45 / 13:45 | Consultation Excellence & Otoscopy Skills                    | History taking structure, red-flag questioning, otoscope technique demo & peer practice (bring your otoscopes!)  |
| 10:30 / 14:30 | Clinical Focus 1: Acute Otitis Media (AOM)                   | Anatomy review, normal vs abnormal findings, management options, documentation, safety-netting                   |
| 11:00 / 15:00 | Break                                                        | —                                                                                                                |
| 11:15 / 15:15 | Clinical Focus 2: Sore Throat, Sinusitis & UTI               | Interactive case discussions; applying NICE CKS and Clinical Pathway v2.5; treatment vs referral decision-making |
| 11:50 / 15:50 | Clinical Focus 3: Impetigo, Shingles & Infected Insect Bites | Visual recognition, differential diagnosis, first-line management, red flags                                     |
| 12:15 / 17:15 | Taking Pharmacy First Forward                                | Reflective discussion: service improvement, GP referral flows, integrating with LTC and NHS 10-Year Plan         |
| 12:25 / 17:25 | Q&A / Wrap-Up                                                | Key take-aways, feedback forms, certificates                                                                     |

## Notes for Participants

- Please bring your own otoscope for the practical component.
- All clinical pathways referenced are aligned to Clinical Pathways v2.5 (October 2025).
- Digital handouts and templates for clinical documentation and safety-netting will be provided after the session.

Learners can obtain a post event certificate of attendance.

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## Independent Prescribing (IP) Training – Applications for training offers with start dates up to March 2026 now OPEN

NHS England are currently funding independent prescribing courses for pharmacists. All community pharmacists (including locum pharmacists) are eligible to apply. Several cohorts will be starting in January or March 2026. A list of nationally approved IP course providers, cohort dates and modes of delivery is found here: [Approved suppliers list - National Provision | NHS England | Workforce, training and education](#).

There are two other universities, Brighton and Winchester who also offer funded places but are not listed on the webpage for the South East:

- **Winchester university** has a cohort in **January 2026** [Independent & Supplementary Prescribing - University of Winchester](#) and applications are now open.
- **Brighton university** will start another course in **March 2026**: [Enhanced Prescribing for Pharmacists](#). The application deadline for March 2026 start date is **midnight on 11 January 2026**.

[Preparing to train as an independent prescriber : CPPE](#). This programme is open to pharmacists from all sectors of practice, including community pharmacists who are planning to commence their independent prescriber training.

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### **Designated Prescribing Practitioners (DPPs) to support community pharmacist Independent Prescribing (IP) learners in Surrey**

Are you looking for a DPP? Are you based in Surrey 3 or more days a week? The Surrey Heartlands Workforce Innovation Fund is providing a funding contribution for the supervision element of IP training for community pharmacists.

A funding contribution of £2,600 will be paid to the DPP's employer to support the release of the DPP to supervise the learning in practice time specified by the IP course provider

For further information or to submit an EOI on this project, please contact: Ritienne

Fenech – Pharmacy Workforce Transformation Programme Lead, Surrey

Heartlands: [Ritienne.fenech@nhs.net](mailto:Ritienne.fenech@nhs.net).

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Bulletin click [here](#).

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

To read the latest edition of the Frimley ICB Prescribing  
Newsletter click [here](#).

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Additionally you may be interested in.....



### **CPPE November update**

CPPE look forward to welcoming you to their face-to-face workshops. Spaces are filling fast - so do not miss out on these FREE workshops and an opportunity to be part of the local learning community.

#### **Workshop 1: [Weight Management – A Person-Centred Approach](#)**

Discover their brand-new CPPE programme, centred around a real-life patient story that highlights the lived experience of obesity. Strengthen your consultation skills, improve documentation, and enhance the quality of your service.

Whether you're supporting weight management services or considering independent prescribing, this session will help you navigate complex scenarios with confidence.

**Locations:** All workshops run from 7pm – 9pm with food and refreshments from 6:30pm

- Canterbury - 18 November
- Arundel – 25 November
- Maidstone – 13 January
- Cooden Beach (Bexhill) – 3 February
- Eastbourne – 25 March

*This workshop topic will not be repeated – so book [HERE](#) now to avoid disappointment*

### **Workshop 2: Hypertension Case-Finding Service – Practical Skills for Person-Centred Care**

This interactive workshop is designed to equip you with the practical skills and clinical confidence needed to deliver the NHS Hypertension Case-Finding Service effectively. Through hands-on training with a clinical demonstrator, you'll gain experience in conducting person-centred consultations and assessments.

You will learn how to:

- Identify and engage eligible patients
- Accurately use and interpret blood pressure and ABPM devices
- Apply shared decision-making techniques and offer lifestyle advice
- Support and train your wider pharmacy team to deliver the service confidently

**Location:** Workshops run from 10am – 12:30pm

Maidstone (Great Danes Hotel) – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November

Hellingly (Wellshurst Golf Club) – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March

*Places are limited – early booking is recommended book [HERE](#) now to avoid disappointment.*

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### **Exciting news for pharmacy technicians!**

The Pharmacy technician development programme (PTDP) is now open for booking! CPPE's new flagship programme provides a flexible course to support pharmacy technicians in all sectors at all stages of their career to build clinical confidence, strengthen decision making and prepare for new service delivery. You'll get personalised education supervision and a tailored learning plan to fit around your own career aspirations. Find out more [here](#) and book your place now.

There are also plenty of online workshops for the whole team to choose from, so embrace your professional development and [Book today!](#)

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# Inclusive Pharmacy Practice Week 2025

24 - 27 November

Hosted by:



CPPE  
CENTRE FOR PHARMACY POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION

Open to all members of the pharmacy team, **Inclusive Pharmacy Practice Week 2025** offers a series of **FREE** online interactive workshops exploring practical ways to create more inclusive workplaces and improve patient outcomes.

Follow the link above to view the full programme and register now!



Inclusive Pharmacy Practice is a joint initiative between national pharmacy partners:



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The first-ever [Inclusive Pharmacy Practice \(IPP\) Week](#) takes place on **Monday 24th to Thursday 27th November 2025.**

IPP Week is a collaboration between 16 national pharmacy partners, supported by the Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education.

To support the week there are 8 workshops being run. [Click here to view the programme and register for IPP Week sessions](#)

**#IPPWeek2025** can be shared on social media using these posts:

[David Webb, Chief Pharmaceutical Officer for England on LinkedIn](#)

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