

## **Community Pharmacy Integrated Neighbourhood Team Leads in Sussex**

### **What are Integrated Neighbourhood Teams?**

Integrated Neighbourhood Teams (INTs) are multidisciplinary groups of health, social care, and voluntary sector professionals working together at a local (“neighbourhood”) level with the aim to play a central role in improving health outcomes, focusing on prevention, shifting care towards primary and community services, and reducing health inequalities.

Neighbourhood health is a key part of the [NHS 10 Year Health Plan for England](#).

Further information on INTs can be found [here](#).

### **Who are the Community Pharmacy Integrated Neighbourhood Team Leads (CP INT Leads)?**

Community pharmacy is an integral part of the NHS and has a vital role to play as a full partner within neighbourhoods and INTs. Medicines’ safety and optimisation is widely recognised as part of its unique skill set, but increasingly community pharmacy is collaborating with partners in primary care to deliver integrated clinical services to the population.

### **The 15 INT footprints across Sussex each have a Community Pharmacy INT Lead.**

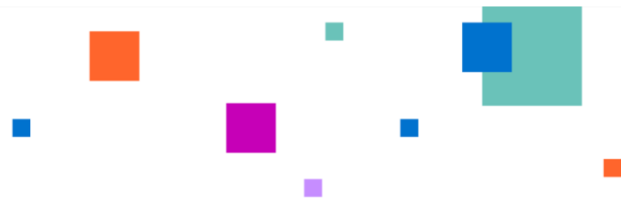
The CP INT Lead has an important role in shaping engagement between pharmacies and other healthcare professionals within the INT and they:

- Provide a local voice for community pharmacy at INT and Neighbourhood meetings.
- Aim to work closely with the GP Neighbourhood Leads for their locality.
- Build collaborative working relationships with relevant members of the neighbourhood teams and identify areas where community pharmacy can work with other providers.
- Be champions of community pharmacy within INTs, helping to ensure community pharmacy plays a significant role in delivering healthcare services within the community.

The CP INT Leads:

- Regularly attend INT meetings and when required, other neighbourhood meetings.
- Attend regular meetings with the GP Neighbourhood Leads to discuss key priorities and areas for improvement and collaboration.
- Maintain regular contact with all the community pharmacies and GP Practices in the area.
- Keep pharmacies within the INT area well informed following meetings and on other occasions as required.
- Provide support to GP colleagues on improving service access when requested.

Further information on CP INT Leads in Sussex can be found [here](#).



## Who Supports the CP INT Leads?

The CP INT leads are supported by Community Pharmacy Surrey and Sussex (CPSS). CPSS represents, supports and develops community pharmacy contractors across Surrey and Sussex. Further information about CPSS can be found [here](#).

The support provided by CPSS will evolve as the INT model grows but the aim is to:

- Act as a key point of contact for advice/support.
- Help with trouble shooting/problem solving.
- Help with data interpretation/analysis.
- Share relevant information about service opportunities, relevant national and ICB-wide priorities and policies and key sources of information.
- Provide key updates to neighbourhood working
- Provide resources to enable CP INT Leads to undertake their role

CPSS have also appointed Place Leads for West Sussex, East Sussex and Brighton & Hove and a Senior INT Lead to support the neighbourhood working across Sussex.

CPSS can be contacted on [LPC@communitypharmacyssex.co.uk](mailto:LPC@communitypharmacyssex.co.uk) for further information on community pharmacy representation in INTs.