

Here are some of the stories to be aware of from this week, with [blue](#) links to more information. Please share with all pharmacy staff.

CPSS and LPC news

- Our ever-popular list of **contractual deadlines** is available to help you avoid any last-minute panics. [View and download March 2019 Tracker](#)
- LPC meetings are open to all contractors and pharmacists and we encourage you to join them and find out what they do. Should you wish to attend an LPC meeting this must be pre-arranged (contact LPC@communitypharmacyss.co.uk) Next LPC meetings are on:
 - 13 March: **West Sussex**
 - 14 March: **East Sussex**. CCA have formally confirmed the appointment of **James Grieves**, area manager with Boots UK, to fill the CCA vacancy on East Sussex LPC. Please join with us in welcoming James, who brings a wealth of experience in area and regional pharmacy management across the South East
 - 21 March: **Surrey**

PSNC news

- ****NEWS**** 8 March 2019 [Community Pharmacy Funding Announcement: Interim Arrangements](#)
- An online recording of PSNCs recent **price concessions webinar** is now available to view <http://ow.ly/dbvy30nWw2O> and don't forget you can sign up at <http://psnc.org.uk/email> to get price concessions announcements as soon as PSNC have them
- Here is a [summary of PSNC's February meeting](#) where committee members discussed a wide range of issues and agreed the strategic plan
- The February 2019 edition of PSNC's Community Pharmacy News (CPN) Magazine [is available online via a flipbook reader or to download as a pdf](#). This month's edition features: health service transformation, CEO Blog, clinical governance deadlines, and Pregabalin and gabapentin reclassification.

NHS and Public Health England news

Controlled drugs (CD) in EPS

- The national roll-out started on Thursday 28 February for TPP SystemOne and on Tuesday 5 March for Vision GP practices. This means that the number of CD prescriptions that pharmacies receive via EPS will increase significantly as more GP practices have the functionality switched on. **It is therefore important that all pharmacy staff, including locums, are aware of the roll-out and are prepared to dispense an electronic prescription for a Schedule 2 or 3 CD.** [Further info here](#)

#CervicalScreeningSavesLives

- Earlier this week (5 March) Public Health England launched [Cervical Screening Saves Lives](#), the first national campaign urging all eligible women to take up their screening invitation in a bid to boost the number of women attending their smear test. Please show your support for the campaign when and where you can, using the materials mailed directly to you from Public Health England's Campaign Resource Centre.

No Smoking Day 2019: Wednesday 13 March

- Are you ready for this annual health awareness **day** which is intended to help **smokers** who want to **quit smoking**? New digital resources for No Smoking Day are now available to [download from the PHE Campaign Resource Centre](#).

Public health, CCG and other partners news

Surrey

- The draft Health and Wellbeing strategy for Surrey sets out key priorities and outcomes that the system should be working towards in the next 10 years. Find it on [Surrey Says](#) along with details on how to give comments
- **There will be a new stop smoking service in Surrey from 1 April** when Thrive Tribe take over the contract. The service in Surrey will be re-branded and will be known as *One You Surrey – helping YOU to go Smokefree*. More to follow, but in the meantime should you have any immediate enquires please contact Thrive Tribes' Head of Service Delivery- Andy Emerson at andrew.emerson@thrivetribe.org.uk

East Sussex

- [Your February East Sussex Better Together Update](#)
- [East Sussex Public Health bulletin](#)
- [View content recently added to the East Sussex JSNA website](#)
- Did you know there is a CRI Star template on Pharmoutcomes that allows pharmacies to send a message to CRI such as missed pick-ups, avoids supervised consumption etc. CRI should get an email notification when the template is complete. Using this template can reduce the number of times you have to ring clinics and also gives the prescriber robust information for the clients.

West Sussex

- The [February 2019 edition of Keeping Tabs](#) is now available on the CWS CCG GP website. Articles include: GP guidance on self-care; Seasonal flu vaccination programme 2019/20; 'Ghost' generics, Cilest® discontinuation, PQRS 2018/19

In the news

Brexit

- Visit PSNCs revamped Brexit and Pharmacy hub which brings together updates from the Government and contractor guidance alongside PSNC's work leading the Community Pharmacy Brexit Forum <http://psnc.org.uk/Brexit>

NHS prescription charge

- This is to rise to £9. [PSNC has designed a poster to display the new charge](#)

Events & training

- If you are an innovator in the NHS you should consider **England's Clinical Entrepreneur Programme**, described as an exceptional opportunity for pharmacists. Applications close on 29 March. Please [see letter from Dr Keith Ridge and Professor Tony Young](#)

Surrey

- [Surrey Heartlands pharmacy team OD session](#). Eight dates between 27 March and 30 April. Select your preferred date.

East Sussex

- [TCAM: keeping patients safe when they transfer between care providers](#) Tuesday, 12 March, 2019 (eve) Eastbourne BN21 4JJ
- [EHS and HR CCGs consultation events called Our Health and Care....our FUTURE](#) on 13, 15 March and 10 April at three different venues in East Sussex
- [Brighton and Hove Digital Inclusion Network Meeting - Phase 2 Wrap-up](#) 10 April 2019, 1330-1630 Jubilee Library, Conference Hall
- [East Sussex GP & Community Healthcare conference 2019 Saturday](#), 27 April 2019 from 08:00 to 12:45 FREE, but spaces are limited so early booking is recommended

West Sussex

➤ [West Sussex health & wellbeing marketplace](#). Thursday, 14 March 2019
Drop-in between 10.30am - 1.30pm Horsham

**Pharmacy
awards**

➤ [It's time to enter for a Recognition of Excellence Award](#), and the chance to be publicly recognised for the effort, commitment and extra mile you, and your teams, go every day in community pharmacy. The deadline for entries is 8 April – please don't leave it until the last minute! Tell us if you enter.

Keeping you informed. Look out for:

- *Issue 4 of News and Headlines* on 21 March
- *Your next Newsletter* on, or around 28 March
- [View news archive](#)

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