

Here are some of the stories to be aware of from this week, with [blue](#) links to more information. Please scan to the bottom, clicking the links for more information and do please share with all pharmacy staff, as appropriate. Thanks.

CPSS and LPC news

- At recent LPC meetings members were concerned to hear that **significant numbers of contractors across Surrey and Sussex are not yet registered for waste collection services**. Anenta was appointed by NHS England in October 2018 to collect waste from community pharmacies.
 - If you haven't already you should [register with Anenta's online platform \(Vector\) to give you full access](#). Please complete all fields within the form.

PSNC news

- PSNC produces a weekly email newsletter which covers a range of topics relating to NHS community pharmacy such as changes to contractual requirements, Drug Tariff updates, funding arrangements, as well as updates to the wider healthcare landscape.
 - Those signed up to the newsletter also receive news such as price concession alerts and updates as they happen. [We urge you to sign-up to receive these newsletters by completing this form:](#)
- The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) granted an [initial list of price concessions on 20 March](#) and a [second on 22 March 2019](#)

NHS and Public Health England news

- The **national roll out of controlled drugs (CDs) in EPS** for EMIS Web users will start on 25 March. This means that the number of CD prescriptions you receive via EPS will continue to increase. It is important that you and your pharmacy team understand how the changes affect you and are prepared to dispense an electronic prescription for a CD. [Read our news story](#) and visit the [NHS Digital website](#) for more information.
- [These letters, issued to providers of seasonal flu immunisation and other stakeholders](#), provide information on the recommended vaccines for the 2019/20 **seasonal flu vaccination programme**.
- A [guidance and patient leaflet regarding the rescheduling of pregabalin and gabapentin](#) was published on Friday 8th March 2019 and is available now.
- **In his March blog the deputy chief pharmaceutical officer at NHS England** [looks at the role for pharmacists in the leadership of Primary Care Networks](#)

Public health, CCG and other partners news

Surrey

- Thrive Tribe have been awarded the **Stop Smoking Service Contract** across Surrey. From 1 April 2019 Thrive Tribe will be running the contract that was recently delivered by Bionical (Quit 51) and all the staff from Quit 51 will transfer to Thrive Tribe. [Read more and get contact details for the new service](#).
- Surrey Heartlands CCGs produce a bi-monthly and the East Surrey Medicines Management produce a monthly, local newsletter, **Medicines Management Matters (MMM)**. Here is the issue for [March 2019](#) and [past issues](#)

East Sussex

- New content **recently added to the [East Sussex JSNAA Website](#) includes local briefings on [Frailty](#), [Multi-morbidity](#), [Respiratory disease](#) and [Physical Activity and Healthy Eating Snapshot](#)**
- Here is the Spring newsletter from [East Sussex Hearing Resource Centre](#)
- Care for the Carers are providing a programme of free Carer Awareness Training as part of their Building Carer Friendly Communities initiative. See the information leaflet for dates and locations up until September 2019. [Here is the list of dates and locations](#)

Brighton & Hove

- Another development in **buprenorphine pricing** means that Subutex is now significantly cheaper than generic buprenorphine. [Please read this letter from Mike Newman, Clinical services manager at Pavilions](#)

West Sussex

- West Sussex Drug and Alcohol Wellbeing Network are reviewing service users currently taking buprenorphine tablets and transferring to **Espranor** where appropriate. You should have already received a letter about this prescribing change. [Please now read this about Espranor Stocks](#)

Events & training

- **CPPE (Kent, Surrey and Sussex) events and training for April to September 2019 includes a new e-learning programme on *Atrial fibrillation to help* equip and support pharmacy professionals to carry out an AF detection service, a **Clinical Medication Review e-course** and an **Asthma focal point programme** with up to six face-to-face events before 6 June to help pharmacy teams consider how pharmacy professionals can support people who have asthma in their practice. [Read CPPE news and events](#) for April to September 2019.**
- The highly-regarded and popular University of Bradford **mock GPhC Registration exam will take place in East Sussex on Thursday 30 May**. This is a full-length mock exam that has been established for a number of years and always gets excellent feedback from pre-regs for being most similar to the actual exam. [Pre-regs: book here to secure a place.](#)
- Flexible, online **Pre-registration Tutor Training** is funded by HEE London and the South East until November 2019 and focuses on both knowledge and skills development to ensure tutors are supported to oversee a trainee from first introduction through to signing onto the register. [Read: information, terms and conditions, and how to apply.](#)
- Calling all **Pharmacy Technicians**: showcase event will be on Sat 6th April 2019 @TheGPhC with bite sized updates on key themes. APTUK are supporting. Free to members, £48 to non-members (redeemable against joining) [Book here](#)
- **Join [RPS Sussex on Monday 25 March 2019](#) for an informative evening to be updated on the prevention and treatment of Type 2 Diabetes.**

Pharmacy resources

- Download and keep this at-a-glance guide to **mandatory [Health promotion campaigns 2019-20](#)**, with links to useful resources and training materials

Keeping you informed. Look out for:

- *Issue 5 of News and Headlines* on 4 April
- *Your next Newsletter* on, or around 28 March
- [View news archive](#)

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