

News & headlines has been specially prepared for you to scan-and-skim read so please go all the way to the end to be sure you don't miss anything.

Here are 26 stories, items and topics to be aware of from this week, with [blue](#) links to more information.

CPSS and LPC news

- *The end of the financial year* is one of the busiest times of the year. **Please don't forget to make all relevant claims for services you provided in 1918/19.** Would our [monthly deadline tracker](#) help you?
- **TCAM in East Sussex is live!** Pharmacies should start to see a trickle of notifications through PharmOutcomes. Here is a link to a [specially recorded webinar-on-demand](#) for you to refresh on some of the training from the face-to-face event on 12 March. (Simply enter your details when prompted to see the webinar - it's only 22 minutes). [Also see our TCAM information page](#)

PSNC news

- PSNC have created [a briefing to outline how gabapentin and pregabalin becoming CDs has changed the dispensing and supply requirements](#) for these medicines <http://>
- The national community pharmacy [Flu Vaccination Service 2018/19](#) has now ended. Department of Health and Social Care, Public Health England and NHS England have jointly published the [annual flu letter for 2019/20](#), which provides information on the vaccines which are licensed to be used for the 2019/20 programme. Please don't forget to claim for 2018/19. [Read more](#)

NHS and Public Health England news

- NHS England South East (Kent Surrey and Sussex) have started work on a **dispensing patient list validation audit**, as is required under the [NHS Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services Regulations 2013](#). This work, sometimes referred to as a 'rural sweep', is to identify all patients registered with a dispensing GP who are not entitled to receive these services from their GP, as they live within 1.6km radius of a community pharmacy. Up to 18,000 patients across Sussex, Surrey and Kent could be affected. Please look out for a joint letter from NHS England and the LPCs; it will have details of the audit timeline and suggest actions you may wish to take to prepare for speaking to any patients at your local GP practice who are affected.
- The NUMSAS Pilot has been extended to the 30 September 2019. Here is the [revised NUMSAS Service Specification](#) document. Please make sure that any staff providing this service are aware.
- DHSC and the NHSBSA are updating the suite of FP10 prescription forms used for primary care prescribing in England. [Read more](#)
- Please [complete this short survey for NHS England](#) about their recent **Help Us Help You 'Pharmacy Advice' campaign**, which positioned pharmacies as the first place to go to for advice on minor health concerns, such as coughs, colds, tummy troubles and aches and pains.

- Please share your experiences of the recent **Tobacco Health Harms campaign**. [This short survey](#) should around 10 minutes to complete before Friday 5 April.
- **Cervical Screening Saves Lives** campaign had a great launch so-much-so that demand for materials was more than expected. Items such as posters, wallet cards, dispensers and stickers are available to order again from the [Campaign Resource Centre](#).
- Here is the most recent Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) [Drug Safety Update](#)
- The latest [Pharmacy bulletin from PCSE](#) (Primary Care Support England) is available to read online.

Public health, CCG and other partners news

- The **National Institute of Health Research (NIHR)** involves patients and members of the public in the work of the advisory committees that prioritise and recommend health and social care research applications for funding. Two of their national coordinating centres, **Central Commissioning Facility (CCF)** and **NIHR Evaluation, Trials and Studies Coordinating Centre (NETSCC)** are currently looking for members of the public to join national and regional committees. [Read more](#)

Surrey

- [Here is a letter from the Surrey Heartlands Integrated Care System \(ICS\) and the Sussex and East Surrey Sustainability and Transformation Partnership \(STP\)](#) about how they can **commission and provide health and care services** in the best way for their population. It has also been sent to GPs.
- From 1 April you can refer to, or contact, ONE YOU, **the new smoking cessation provider in Surrey** in four different ways: General queries hello@oneyousurrey.org.uk; secure email: s.smoking@nhs.net; phone the office: 01737 652168 or www.oneyousurrey.org.uk
- **Care UK now provide NHS 111 in East Surrey, Guildford and Waverley, Surrey Downs and North West Surrey.** [Please read this letter about the changes and how they will affect you and your patients](#)

East Sussex

- Sophie Lewis, the Chlamydia Screening Promotion Officer for East Sussex Sexual Health, has asked us to let you know that there has been a change in the free Chlamydia screening test packs currently offered in community pharmacy. [Read Sophie's message](#)

West Sussex

- The Minor Eye Care Service (MECS) offered by accredited optometrists within Crawley CCG and Horsham and Mid Sussex CCG ended on 31 March. Patients presenting with a minor eye condition that cannot be managed following pharmacist advice and self-care will therefore need to be referred to a GP or A&E depending on urgency. [Read more and see patient leaflet which has been prepared to help patients choose the most appropriate service provider for their needs.](#)

In the news

Brexit and medicines supply

- Media attention on this topic remains. If you receive any enquiries from the media you, of course, have full authority to comment, but be sure to consult your organisational policy first! However, you might prefer to refer them on to the LPC via CPSS or contact us to help you decide on a course of action and agree a statement. [Visit PSNC's Brexit and pharmacy hub.](#)

Events & training

- Pharma company GSK have organised an evening training event on **Wednesday 24 April** in Arundel (BN18 0LS). Expert **Jon Bell**, the founder of a specialist company that focuses on inhalers and inhaler technique, will lead the session. All Community Pharmacists from Sussex and Surrey are invited to attend. [Find out more and book in advance here.](#)

Pharmacy resources

- PHE has published a new [menu of interventions](#) that can be used by pharmacy teams to improve quality of life for older people. For example, supporting older people and their carers to prevent or reduce falls, increasing levels of physical activity, maintaining a healthy weight, reducing the risk of social isolation and loneliness, reducing the risk of dementia and reducing the need for medicines. **Healthy Living Pharmacies** (HLPs) will find this useful, especially if they are looking for new health promoting interventions they could undertake as part of their commitment to being an HLP.
- Another great resource for **Healthy Living Pharmacies** is the new [Population Wellbeing Portal](#) which brings together material from multiple sources. It includes FREE resources from HEE, PHE, the Academy for Public Health for London and Kent, Surrey and Sussex, the Faculty of Public Health and many others. Also links with All Our Health, PHE's framework of evidence to guide healthcare professionals in preventing illness, protecting health and promoting wellbeing.
- Download and keep this [at-a-glance guide to mandatory Health promotion campaigns 2019-20](#), with links to useful resources and training materials
- **Have you seen this new video called [Your pharmacy team are healthcare experts?](#)** GPs Dr Dawn Harper, Dr Hilary Jones, Dr Sara Kayat, Dr Zoe Williams and Pharmacist, Abraham Khodadi highlight the skills and expertise of pharmacists.
- **The next mandatory public health campaign**, Children's Oral Health, is due mid-May to mid-June. [Here is a summary of Resources from CPPE](#) to help you prepare in advance of campaign materials being available

Please help

Work in a community pharmacy at least one day a week?

- Please help a PhD student by [completing this short survey](#) about your current role in the management of people with rheumatoid arthritis.

Look out for :

- *Issue 6 of News and Headlines* on 18 April
- *Your next Newsletter* very soon.
- [View news archive](#)

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