

Here is last week's scan-and-skim read for community pharmacy contractors in Surrey and Sussex – late (again!) because of the Bank Holiday. It has been specially prepared to help keep you up-to-date with news and headlines relevant to our work.

Over 20 stories, items and topics to be aware of, with [blue](#) links to more information. Be sure to go all the way to the end to so you don't miss anything.

CPSS and LPC news

- YOU HEARD IT HERE FIRST: “**Don't be concerned if you have not yet been invited to help set up emerging Primary Care Networks**”, reassures head of primary care for NHS England's South East Local Regional Office, as your LPCs set out their timetable of support to help contractors learn more about PCNs. [Read more](#)
- **GPhC new-look inspections are underway** and we've heard that inspectors are active in Surrey and Sussex. Last week your LPCs distributed their guide to help you get your teams ready for your unannounced visit. [Read more](#)

PSNC news

- Did you see yesterday's news from PSNC that they have recently updated [The community pharmacy – A guide for general practitioners and practice staff](#) and are collaborating with the BMA's General Practitioners Committee to promote this guide among the GP and pharmacy professions. Feel free to cascade within your networks too.
 - A complementary guide, *The GP practice – A guide for community pharmacists and pharmacy staff* is currently being updated and will be published shortly by the BMA GPC and PSNC
- NHSmail: **changes to password policy**. [Read more](#)
- Have you seen PSNC's [animation on the future of pharmacy?](#) If not please have a look soon and then take a wee bit of time to give feedback using [this short survey](#) where responses can be provided anonymously.

NHS and Public Health England news

- **The current mandatory public health campaign**, Children's Oral Health, ends on 13 June. Please use this [monitoring sheet to record your interventions](#) and then complete [the formal evaluation](#) before the end of June.
- The **deadline for GP practices to form primary care networks** passed on 15 May with PCN's submitting registration information to their CCGs. (see this month's [headline story](#), if you missed it above. Next steps in the process are:
 - **By 31 May:** CCGs confirm network coverage
 - **Early June:** NHS England and GPC England jointly work with CCGs and LMCs to resolve any issues
 - **By 30 June:** All primary care networks confirm to CCGs the network agreement has been signed by all

participants before CCGs sign off all network submissions

- **1 Jul 2019:** Network Contract DES goes live across 100% of the country

Public health, CCG and other partners news

Surrey

- **Getting Carers Connected in Surrey** is an Essential Toolkit to **Carers Week (June 10th-16th)**. It has been produced a partnership of local organisations including Surrey County Council; Action for Carers Surrey; Surrey and Borders NHS Foundation Trust and the Guildford Diocese. [Download and read this excellent resource.](#)
- **Care of the Elderly Study Day.** We've heard this is always a great multidisciplinary event; could be very useful if you work with older people. Friday 21 June. [Read more](#)
- **New from the meds management team at Surrey Downs CCG:** [Medication errors](#) poster, [Medication safety in Surrey Heartland](#) posters, [Reporting of Medication errors and learning points poster](#) and [May's edition of MSM \(Medicines Safety Matters\)](#)

East Sussex

- Did you see this **message from Simon Tyler-Murphy, Lead Urology Nurse, Conquest Hospital** about a **current shortage of Alprostadil products?**
- Dozens of events for **Carers Week (10 – 16 June)** are listed on the [Care for the Carers website](#), along with ideas and resources for you to run your own fundraising or awareness raising event. And don't forget Care for the Carers also delivers [FREE Carer Awareness Training](#), to support 'carer friendly pharmacies'. Call Carole Gregory 01323 738 390 caroleg@cftc.org.uk if you want to discuss.
- Some contractors asked for an email list of **generic email addresses for GP practices**. [This list has been supplied by the East Sussex CCGs](#), with a note to be aware that practices don't all use their generic addresses in the same way and how frequently they are checked may vary from practice to practice

Brighton and Hove

- Have you seen this [letter from Pavilions about prescribing Subutex / generic buprenorphine.](#)?

West Sussex

- **IC24 Ltd, the West Sussex GP out-of-hours service provider, has stopped faxing prescriptions to pharmacies,** and now uses a fully operational electronic prescription system to issue prescriptions. Please tell all dispensary staff about this change and don't forget to update your procedures to reflect this change.
- **West Sussex Public Health (Healthy Lifestyle's team)** have produced a newsletter for May, with seven useful articles and updates and six useful links to background information. [Read it here.](#)

In the news

- The **House of Lords Select Committee on the Rural Economy** recently published a report which has recommended that the Government takes steps to **improve pharmaceutical services in rural areas.**
 - PSNC, along with Community Pharmacy Wales, submitted evidence to the inquiry, advocating

greater utilisation of community pharmacies to deliver healthcare needs for communities.

- In particular, PSNC drew attention to the Essential Small Pharmacies Local Pharmaceutical Services (ESPLPS) scheme, which sustained rural pharmacies for many years until it ceased in March 2017. [Read the report.](#)

Events & training

- **SURREY AND SUSSEX WEBINAR: Learn more about PCNs and how they can work with community pharmacy in Surrey and Sussex.**
 - Speakers on our 20 minute session will include James Wood, Community Pharmacy Sussex and Surrey, and a newly appointed PCN Clinical Director.
 - [Wednesday 12 June, 7.30pm](#) or [Monday 24 June, 7.30pm](#). **TIP: register now via these links and the system will automatically remind you nearer the time – it's great!**
- Don't forget there's a number of postgraduate courses, [funded by the Pharmacy Integration Fund](#) until March 2020. **Applications are open now, so act now to secure places. [Read more](#)**
- PSNC and the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) will be holding a **Schedule of Payments webinar on Tuesday 11th June at 7.30pm**. [Find out more and register to take part](#)

Did you know?

- **The Independent Pharmacy Awards** reward the best in UK independent pharmacy. [Entries close on 30 June](#). Good luck and don't forget to tell us if you do enter.
- This year there's a brand-new category – Wellness Warrior – at the prestigious **Women of The Year Awards** on 15 October. Community pharmacy in Surrey and Sussex has hundreds of incredible women who dedicate themselves to improving the health and wellbeing of others. [Nominate someone you think deserves to be honoured by 19 June](#).
- Our Chief executive officer, James Wood, is raising funds for Cancer Research UK by **walking 100km** along the Jurassic Path next weekend. [Read more](#)

Supporting , developing and promoting. Look out for:

- **Issue 9 of News and Headlines due 6 June** (a mini edition to get us back on track after all the Bank Holidays)
- [View news archive](#)

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