

Here is this week's scan-and-skim read for community pharmacy contractors in Surrey and Sussex. It has been specially prepared to help keep you up-to-date with news and headlines relevant to our work.

Almost 30 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

- **This month your three LPCs are discussing PCNs ([primary care networks](#)) and how they will change community pharmacy.** PCNs are a major part of the [new five-year GP contract](#), and will be expected to have 'wide-reaching membership to offer more personalised, coordinated health and social care to very local populations. NHS England has made it clear that PCNs will be expected to have a wide-reaching membership which should include providers from the local system such as community pharmacy, optometrists, dental providers, social care providers, voluntary sector organisations, community services providers or local government.

Your committees are exploring what community pharmacy in Surrey and Sussex will need to do to make the most of all the opportunities the PCNs represent; any risks and challenges for us; and how contractors must work to integrate into the emerging networks. A briefing summarising the key points discussed will be available soon, and we will organise a face-to-face briefing event for all contractors once the PCNs have been formed.

- [This short animation explains how community pharmacy will fit into the NHS of the future.](#)
- [PSNC has developed guidance and resources to support LPCs and community pharmacy teams to get involved in local PCNs.](#)
- We are preparing a briefing for contractors about GPhC inspections to help you prepare and will send this as a bespoke briefing later in the month.

PSNC news

- **Drug Tariff Watch:** [here is a quick summary of the changes due to take place from 1 May 2019.](#)
- NHSBSA has raised concerns over the **increasing number of prescriptions they are receiving with stickers attached to them.** This can obscure patient or prescriber information. [Find out more](#)
- [End of antiviral medicine prescribing for 2018/19 influenza season](#)

NHS and Public Health England news

- **Children's oral health campaign starts on Monday (13 May).** Participation is mandatory for community pharmacies. This campaign will be evaluated so please do try to keep a tally of who you, and your teams, speak to. [Find out how to prepare for the campaign](#) and see more below in *pharmacy resources* – the pink section!
- It was a contractual requirement to **submit MUR data** for Quarter 4 (period of January to March 2019) to NHSBSA in early April. But a significant number of contractors have not done so and are now at risk of **a breach notice from NHS England's local area team.** Outstanding MUR

data should be submitted asap, and in any case by Saturday 18 May to avoid the risk of a Breach Notice. Contact lpc@communitypharmacys.co.uk if you need advice and support to complete your return.

- These **three newsletters** are rich with content, advice and thought-pieces:
 - [April's edition of Hints & Tips from NHSBSA](#) . It's full of helpful ideas and tips, if you haven't seen it already
 - [issue 24 of Collaborate](#), KSS AHSN (Kent Surrey Sussex Academic Health Science Network) fortnightly e-newsletter with a range of news from around our region and beyond
 - April's newsletter from The Health Foundation with [Six things we need to do now to address the NHS workforce crisis](#)

Public health, CCG and other partners news

- **Sussex's seven CCGs** (clinical commissioning groups) could merge into three, while East Surrey CCG could potentially leave the areas STP (sustainability and transformation partnership) and move to Surrey Heartlands ICS (integrated care system). The proposals are expected to support the development of ICSs and [PCNs](#). [Read letter from Adam Doyle, accountable officer.](#)

East Sussex

- **GP practice in BN27 3DG joining EPS Phase 4 pilot.** All dispensers need to be aware that they could now receive EPS Phase 4 tokens from patients. Bridgeside Surgery in Hailsham, will join the pilot from Thursday 16 May 2019. If you receive a Phase 4 token, you should scan the barcode and dispense it as you would any other electronic prescription. It is important that all staff working in your pharmacy, including locums, are aware of the pilot. More information at [NHS Digital website](#).
- Here is a list of [new contact numbers for staff and teams based at Bexhill Hospital](#) Please update your contact details accordingly.
- Here is [April's edition of The East Sussex public health bulletin](#), a regular update of local public health news
- [April's edition of ESBT newsletter](#) has a feature on [TCAM](#) alongside other health and social care updates and news.
- HOSC has agreed that the decision to reconfigure stroke services in Kent and Medway are in the best interest of health services in East Sussex. Read about this, NHS savings plans in East Sussex and more in [East Sussex Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee \(HOSC\) newsletter](#)

West Sussex

- [April's edition](#) of *Keeping Tabs*, the newsletter from the medicines management team at Coastal West Sussex CCG is out now. Articles this month include: medicines & CQC inspections; Adalat discontinuation; Locality Prescribing meeting dates; The Gosport Report; Fluoroquinolone Antibiotics; Sodium Valproate 'Prevent' risk acknowledgement form. You will need to register and/or login to the CCGs site.
- The **Alcohol Identification Service** has been 'live' since the beginning of 2019 yet monitoring show mixed results. Data on PharmOutcomes has revealed that 0 out of 42 community pharmacies commissioned to provide the service achieves 100 alcohol conversations a month, the number estimated to provide up to £400 additional income for each pharmacy. Public health contract managers are monitoring this service closely; please make sure you update PharmOutcomes daily to help make it a success.

Surrey

- BHF (British Heart Foundation) is promoting blood pressure checks during the month of May as part of May Measurement Month. [Read our news story which highlights our work with them](#) in Epsom, Staines,

Guildford and Woking where the BHF shops will signpost customers to the nearby Pharmacies providing BP+ checks.

- Here is [Surrey's public health bulletin](#) for May
- The next **North West Surrey Pharmacy network event** is on Wednesday 22 May 2019 (7pm – 9pm). [Find out more.](#)

In the news

GPs and primary care: media attention on this topic remains, especially as [PCNs](#) start to emerge and [Pharmacy Contract negotiations](#) continue. 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 your LPC via [Sandra Lamont](#) to help you decide on a course of action and agree a statement – *and do let us know if you see any interesting articles in your local media.*

- **GP's: Why Can't I Get an Appointment? - Panorama** was on BBC One at 7.30pm on Wednesday 8 May. Panorama filmed with doctors and patients on the frontline and revealed that many GPs think the crisis is putting lives at risk. The programme asks: 'will the government's new [long term] plan help matters or is it just going to get worse?' Available on the [BBC iPlayer: Panorama](#)
- Last night (Thursday 9 May) panellists on **BBC Question Time** Anna Soubry MP (Change UK), Amber Rudd MP (Conservative) Jonathan Reynolds MP (Labour) and leader of the Brexit Party, Nigel Farage MEP discussed the continued fall in numbers of GPs, and how to reverse this trend. Available on the [BBC iPlayer: Question Time](#) (starts at 46:36)

Events & training

- **SAVE THE DATE:** here are the dates for your **annual general meeting of contractors** in each of our LPC areas, where we will review our year briefly **AND** (more importantly?) look ahead to the future of community pharmacy, especially [PCNs](#) and how we will need to be proactive in engaging with local GPs and others providing services in primary care. These are evening events:
 - **West Sussex:** Tuesday 10 September 2019
 - **East Sussex:** Tuesday 17 September 2019
 - **Surrey:** Wednesday 18 September 2019
- **Is your pharmacy commissioned to provide NHS Health Check services?** There is [a training event on 26 June for all staff in Surrey and West Sussex pharmacies](#) that are already providing the NHS Health Check service

Pharmacy resources

- **Are you ready for children's oral health campaign 13 May – 13 June?**
 - You should have had a delivery from Colgate-Palmolive last week (week commencing 29th April 2019) which contained one A3 'Monster teeth' poster and a range of supporting materials, such as leaflets and brushing charts.
 - [Here is a summary of Resources from CPPE](#) and this at-a-glance guide to [NHS England SE Team health promotion campaigns 2019-20](#), has links to useful resources and training materials for oral health and your other mandatory campaigns

Did you know?

- Our neighbours at **Kent LPC** are recruiting a new CEO to lead and deliver on their strategy for pharmacies across Kent and the South East. An exciting opportunity to work with a host of stakeholders including us at Community Pharmacy Surrey and Sussex. [Find out more](#)

- **Dementia Action Week, 20-26 May, unites communities across the UK to take action to improve the lives of people with dementia**

Look out for:

- *Issue 8 of **News and Headlines** on 23 May*
- *Your next **Newsletter**, a special edition all about **Primary Care Networks (PCNs)** very soon.*
- [View news archive](#)

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