

Here is our regular 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 your work.

Over XX 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

- All three LPC's meet separately on Wednesday 10 July 2019. If there is **anything you would like your committee to be aware of and/or give feedback** you should [tell us by completing this short survey](#). Look out for the agendas in the next News & Headlines, due Thursday 4 July.
- Our webinar to help you learn more about **PCNs and how you can work with them in Surrey and Sussex** was well attended. However, the technology failed and attendees did not get the information they signed-in for. But there's good news... Workcast, our providers, sent apologies to everyone who signed in on the night and they will facilitate a re-run on [Monday 24 June](#), at 7.30pm. [Register now](#), if you haven't already. [Find out more](#)
- In our current fast-paced environment we need to continually assess the value of providing and promoting events and training opportunities to you and **make sure you get you what YOU NEED from us, rather than what we (or others) think you need.**
 - Please [help us by completing this wee survey](#) – and feel free to share with your teams, if you want.
- We told you that it was coming, and now it's here: we took the wraps off **our new visual identity** yesterday. [Read more](#)

PSNC news

- Regulatory changes will introduce **Serious Shortage Protocols (SSPs)** into the terms of service for NHS community pharmacies from 1st July 2019. The changes mean that, if an SSP is in place for a particular product, a pharmacy contractor must consider supplying in accordance with the SSP rather than fulfilling an NHS prescription for that product. PSNC is developing a briefing and further guidance for community pharmacy teams which will be issued shortly. [Read more](#)

NHS and Public Health England news

- You have until **Sunday 30 June** to submit your:
 - **evaluation of the mandatory public health campaign**, Children's Oral Health, which ended on 13 June. [Here is the evaluation questionnaire](#)
 - **Annual Community Pharmacy Assurance Framework (CPAF) screening questionnaire**. All 10 questions need to be answered. [Read more](#) and [here is a dedicated PSNC briefing](#)
- **Breach notices were issued this week to a small number of contractors in Surrey and Sussex** for failing to provide data on MURs and NMS at the end of the last quarter (31 March 2019), despite reminders and an extension from NHS pharmacy contract managers. There is a right to appeal, if

you are unhappy about receiving a breach notice – simply follow the process set-out in your letter but do note, you will need to submit evidence of any submission made along with any confirmation that you have received. Contact lpc@communitypharmacyss.co.uk if you want to discuss.

- NHS England are undertaking a phased rural dispensing audit. **Community pharmacies in Sussex** should receive a letter about this soon. The Surrey audit will follow later in the year. Over 18,000 patients across Kent, Surrey and Sussex are expected to be looking to nominate a community pharmacy to receive their prescriptions, as a result of the audit.
- The CQC has published their report on [Medicines in health and adult social care: Learning from risks and sharing good practice for better outcomes](#) and want to encourage improvement by sharing what they have found through inspections – both sector-specific and cross-sector risks around medicines, and examples of good practice.

Public health, CCG and other partners news

- You are invited to attend, or submit written questions, to the **Surrey and Sussex Cancer Alliance Board meeting** on Thursday 4th July at 11am. [Read more](#)
- In May we heard about proposals to **merge CCGs in East and West Sussex** (but not including Brighton and Hove CCG). Now, a number of discussion sessions across Sussex are planned, where you will hear about these changes from Clinical and Commissioning Leads, ask questions and make suggestions to help achieve the aim of working more collaboratively. [Read more, including dates and venues.](#)

Surrey

- **Take Home Naloxone Service** from community pharmacy to start in Surrey from July 2019. Participating pharmacies will help to make this life saving drug readily available in Surrey. Need more information? Here's the [public health agreement](#) and [training webinar](#).
- Please put Thurs 12th September in your diary for the next **North West Surrey Pharmacy Network** meeting-a proper invite will follow nearer the time. The meeting will be at the CCG offices from 6.30pm-9pm.
- See [message from NHS North West Surrey CCG about Questran/Questran Light](#), which may be of interest to contractors outside of this area too.

East Sussex

- Hastings and Rother CCG – [Annual General Meeting](#) and Market Place 2019
- Eastbourne, Hailsham and Seaford CCG – [Annual General Meeting](#) and Market Place 2019

West Sussex

- **IC24 Ltd (cross-border confusion)**: about a month ago we told you that IC24 Ltd, the West Sussex GP out-of-hours service provider, had stopped faxing prescriptions to pharmacies, and now uses a fully operational electronic prescription system to issue prescriptions. However, it would seem that IC24 Ltd Kent are still sending faxes as electronic prescribing is still being rolled-out there. **Be aware that you could still get faxed** (by Kent). Many thanks to Angela in Haywards Heath for alerting us.

In the news

- Kamsons Pharmacy Pre-registration Pharmacist Training Programme **won Training and Development Award at the prestigious Chemist & Druggist Awards** on 6 June 2019,

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narrowly beating our local HEE team who were runners-up. [Read more](#) and see Kamson's Mark Donaghy (who is also chair of West Sussex LPC) collect the award. Congratulations.

- May Measurement Month: [Free blood pressure checks at Horton](#)

Events & training

- **Getting ready for Flu.** All contractors are required to demonstrate that all pharmacists providing the service in their pharmacy have the skills needed to do so. [This information from PSNC has FAQs, resources and details of training providers](#) to help you.
- Here is [HEE London, Kent, Surrey and Sussex Pharmacy Newsletter - June 2019](#)

Pharmacy resources

- For information: NHS England is advising that since the **next two mandatory pharmacy campaigns** will run in consecutive months (antimicrobial resistance in September, Stoptober in October), Public Health England will deliver resources for both campaigns in one delivery, which you will receive in August 2019. Further information about the campaigns will be issued in due course; at this point no action is required by contractors

Did you know?

- Our Chief executive officer, James Wood, completed his walk to raise funds for Cancer Research UK. It took him just over 24hrs to walk 100km. [Find out how much he, and his friends, raised](#) – it's an enormous amount.

Supporting | Developing | Promoting. Look out for:

- *Issue 11 of News and Headlines due 4 July*
- [View news archive](#)

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