

News and updates from your LPCs and partners

Surrey, East Sussex, West Sussex
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Our fortnightly* compilation of stories, items, topics and reviews from the past 14 days is specially prepared for community pharmacy contractors in Surrey and Sussex to help keep you up to date with news and headlines relevant to your work.

It's a scan-and-skim read with content laid out by category, **not** most important first so be sure to go all the way to the end so you don't miss anything.

* *News and Headlines will be back on 12 September after a short break. Why not subscribe to [PSNCs newsletter](#) to help you keep up-to-date with industry news as it happens.*

Our news

- We have almost completed our work to map our primary care networks (PCNs). James Wood, CEO, said: "It has taken time to identify all our PCNs and, clinical directors, as each is based on GP registered lists, typically serving natural communities of around 30,000 to 50,000". When complete and circulated this information will start to help you influence the development of PCNs in your area.
 - Hear more about this from us in the coming weeks, and at your annual meeting of contractors
- The countdown has begun for your **annual meeting of contractors**. This is your LPCs flagship event taking place in September in Surrey, West Sussex and East Sussex and bringing together NHS community pharmacy contractors from each LPC area to learn and share knowledge and experience to help us plan for the #futureofpharmacy in your area. This year's meetings will focus on helping contractors understand the implications of the CPCF announcement and primary care networks (PCNs). There will also be time for a discussion about revalidation.
 - [Book East Sussex meeting](#). [Book West Sussex meeting](#). [Book Surrey meeting](#)
- Here is an interim [briefing for contractors](#) to help you prepare for the [total phase-out of fax machines before April 2020](#).
- [Shilpa Shah](#) has just been announced as the new CEO at Kent LPC. We look forward to working with her, and sharing learning and experiences of projects such as [TCAM](#), which is being rolled out across Kent, Surrey and Sussex and project managed by [KSS AHSN](#)

PSNC news

- In July 2019, a new Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) was announced for the 2019/20 financial year; this scheme was formerly known as the Quality Payments Scheme (QPS). The new scheme has a review point in February 2020 and several revisions from previous scheme criteria. [This PSNC Briefing provides a summary of key information on the PQS for 2019/20](#). See also [registering for the Manage Your Service \(MYS\) application?](#)
- [This briefing sets out the main elements of the five-year community pharmacy funding settlement for 2019/20 to 2023/24](#) and gives background information on what the announcement means and how community pharmacy funding works.

- To accompany the announcement of a five-year settlement for community pharmacy, [PSNC has set out responses to a number of questions to help to answer queries that community pharmacy contractors may have.](#)

NHS England, Department of Health & Social Care and Public Health England news

This week's round-up of contractor communications from NHS England

- [Contact NHS England](#) if you do not receive their messages:
- Tuesday 13 Aug: an email from with posters attached. The posters show details of pharmacies that will be open on **Bank Holiday Monday** (26 August), and should be printed and displayed in a prominent position where they are clearly visible to the public when your pharmacy is closed.
- Friday 9 August at 09:26: a message to all contractors about a supply issue with **Methadone (Physeptone) 5mg tablet – supply issue.**
- Thursday 8 August 2019 at 09:44: a reminder that if you wish to amend your hours of **opening over the Christmas and New Year** period you need to submit your application/notification to NHS England AT LEAST 90 days prior to the date of change.
- We are aware that a number of contractors missed these letters from previous weeks:
 - [supply of flu vaccines for the forthcoming 2019-20 season](#)
 - [Supply of Salbutamol 2mg/5ml syrup](#)
 - [supply of Nardil \(phenelzine sulfate\) 15mg tablets \(MAOI\).](#) NB: Sussex Partnership & Surrey & Borders Partnership Trust are working with pharmacies and CCGs to help manage stock issues.
- [NUMSAS](#) and DMIRs pilots are being replaced by the **new CPCS service from 1 October.** [Read more](#) and come along to your **annual meeting of contractors** in September to discuss with pharmacy colleagues and LPC members. [Book East Sussex meeting.](#) [Book West Sussex meeting.](#) [Book Surrey meeting](#)
- Issue 36 of [NHS Prescription Services Hints & Tips for dispensing contractors](#) users is now available to read on their website. This edition of Hints & Tips features: Universal Credit toolkit reminder; NHSBSA wins paperless award; How to avoid late payments; And much more.
- Kent Surrey and Sussex Academic Health Science Network (KSS AHSN) have published their annual review for 18-19, Here it is, with references to [TCAM](#) in East Sussex and the start of the roll-out across the rest of our patch. [Read more](#)

Public health, CCG and other partners news

Surrey

- NHS Guildford and Waverley CCG is **reviewing the urgent care services that serve people living in Guildford**, Waverley and the immediate surrounding areas with local health and care partners. [Find out more by watching this short film](#), which features community pharmacy colleague Smita in Guildford.
- The medicines management team at East Surrey CCG has just published a [team update](#) and [OTC supplement](#).

East Sussex

- Here is the [Public Health Bulletin](#) for August and September 2019. Over 10 public health funded (**FREE**) training courses are listed alongside public health and health improvement news.
- ESCC Adult Social Care in partnership with the East Sussex CCGs, has produced an [information pack for patients suffering with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease \(COPD\)](#). Order hardcopies from [Sarah Crouch](#) providing the following information: Pharmacy name | Address (with postcode) | number of packs required

West Sussex

- Alcohol identification and brief advice service (IBA) has been extended following successful pilot which started in January. Contractors wishing to express an interest to deliver this service should [contact us](#).
- Please read this [updated prescribing advice for melatonin](#) from Coastal West Sussex CCG

In the news

- PSNC discusses drug shortages on the BBC. [Read more](#)

Training & events

- Have you booked on a **CPCF Roadshow event yet?** At these events the PSNCs national negotiating team will explain the context of the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF) agreement and what it means for our industry. Read more and book
 - Your LPCs **annual meeting of contractors** (mentioned above) will complement PSNCs roadshow, with more local information and local context. PCNs (primary care networks) and revalidation are also on the local event agenda.

Did you know?

- Materials for your next two public health campaigns (anti-microbial resistance, and Stoptober) were expected to start arriving in pharmacies yesterday (14 August). These campaigns have been agreed between PSNC and NHS England and NHS Improvement, as part of the [Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework](#); therefore, all contractors **must** participate in both of these campaigns, including evaluation.
 - Here is the [evaluation report](#) from last winters [Help Us Help You \(HUHY\)](#) campaign. One slide shows our region at the bottom of the league table for submitting evaluation forms.

And finally ...

Researchers at Bradford University would like to speak to community pharmacists who have had patients discharged from Southend hospital. Please see <https://www.bradford.ac.uk/iscomat/> if you think you might be able to help