

News and updates from your LPCs and partners

Surrey, East Sussex, West Sussex
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Welcome to issue 24 of our regular round-up of news and updates from your LPCs to help you keep up to date with your LPCs and your wider network of professional acquaintances, colleagues and local commissioners in Surrey and Sussex.

This edition we start with news from your LPCs, a roundup of messages from NHS England and PSNC and NHS Digital about EPS 4. After that content is 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 from your LPCs

- **Surrey and Sussex contractors urged to have a say on the on the structures, processes and roles of LPCs and PSNC.** Community pharmacy contractors (owners) are being asked to give their views on how LPCs and PSNC could do things differently in the future. [Read more](#)
- **Over 555 pharmacy owners now able to claim their PCN funding to bring around £525,000 into Surrey and Sussex.** Community pharmacists working in 63 out of 64 primary care networks (PCNs) in Surrey and Sussex have nominated their lead pharmacist, enabling around 555 pharmacy owners to now claim their PCN funding under the updated pharmacy quality scheme (PQS). [Read more](#)
- When making your **PQS declaration**, if you cannot locate your PCN area on the PQS declaration screen via the drop-down menu you should try to type your information into the space available. If you have any problems or questions about this process contact NHS BSA Provider Assurance
Team nhsbsa.pharmacysupport@nhs.net or call 0300 330 1295. More information about [pharmaceutical services provider assurance](#)
- **Media attention on Brighton and Hove and Sussex** remains high and most enquiries received by us have not been about matters we can comment on. If you receive any enquiries from the media (on any subject) you, of course, have authority to comment, but be sure to consult your organisational policy first! However, you might prefer to refer them on to us, or contact us to help you decide on a course of action and/or agree a statement. Email lpc@communitypharmacyss.co.uk

NHS England round-up

Here are the most recent messages from NHS England. Please check your NHS mail accounts regularly for messages to avoid delay on any contractual or urgent information. For more information, or if you don't receive these messages, contact ENGLAND.southeastcommunitypharmacy@nhs.net:

- **For action: CCPF clinical audit 2019/20 - Antimicrobial stewardship** sent 13 February 2020 14:50
- **Reminder: January Community Pharmacy health promotion campaign 'Dry January' : evaluation deadline 17 February** sent 12 February 2020 15:16
- **For action: CPCS IT access in consultation room** sent 06 February 2020 13:54

- **Important. For Action: Novel Coronavirus: Advice for the NHS in England** sent 03 February 2020 10:40 (NOTE: Any change to public health advice will be published [here](#) first)

PSNC round-up

Here are the most recent messages and news from PSNC sent to everyone on their mailing list. For help, advice and support contact lpc@communitypharmacys.co.uk.

- **CPCF Checklist 32. National clinical audit 2019/20** sent 13 February 2020 14:16
- **Pharmacy systems survey: last chance to share your views** sent 12 February 2020 16:00
- **January 2020 Price Concessions** sent 31 January 2020 15:15
- **PSNC REMINDER: Data Security and Protection Toolkit (previously known as IG toolkit):** Providers of NHS services within England, including community pharmacies, are required to give information governance assurances to the NHS each year via the online self-assessment: the [Data Security and Protection Toolkit](#) (previously called the 'IG toolkit') by 31st March 2020. Resources from PSNC to assist community pharmacies completing the toolkit please [click here](#). **Local information to assist you completing the tool kit can be found [here](#).**

PSNC publish news as it happens, and advice as required - almost every day:

- View [CPCS news from PSNC](#)
- View [latest PSNC, and industry, news](#)

Your LPCs urge you to [sign up](#) to receive emails directly from PSNC, if not already.

REMINDER EPS phase 4 from NHS Digital

- **EPS Phase 4 rollout begins in Surrey & Sussex** NHS Digital previously announced that it will be rolling out EPS Phase 4 to additional GP practices using the TPP SystemOne GP system (from 18 November 2019), so all community pharmacy teams should be aware that they could start to receive EPS Phase 4 tokens from patients to process regardless of where they are located. Some GP practices in Surrey and Sussex (and neighbouring areas in Hampshire) using the TPP SystemOne GP system will have Phase 4 rolled out in the coming weeks. [Find out more](#)

Pharmacy teams should keep-an-eye on the [schedule webpage](#), as further dates and practices will be published there in due course

News from Public health CCGs and other partners, by LPC area

Surrey

- NHS Surrey Downs, NHS Sutton and NHS Merton Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) are consulting on proposals to invest in both Epsom and St Helier hospitals and build a new specialist emergency care hospital at Epsom, St Helier or Sutton hospital. [This leaflet sets out the CCGs' vision and ambitions for the new hospital and the principles that will guide decision making on this topic](#). They would like to hear from community pharmacists about what you think of the draft plan. Fill in the questionnaire at www.improvinghealthcaretogether.org.uk or go along to a [local listening event](#) to share your views. The closing date for the consultation is 1 April 2020.
- Here is a [flyer for the next East Surrey Pharmacy Networking Event](#), organised by East Surrey CCG. This meeting follows (and complements) your LPC hosted education session on 4 February by considering the local primary care perspective of anti-coagulation. Please register via the Eventbrite link on the flyer

- **Surrey's 26 community pharmacy PCN leads are urged to confirm** their attendance at the meeting organised by Surrey Heartlands ICS on 5 March. See email called '*Oops! Let's try that again*' sent by lpc@communitypharmacyss.co.uk on 13 February 2020 at 16:29

Sussex-wide

- Eileen Callaghan has been appointed Sussex Director for medicines optimisation, taking over from Paul Wilson, who is now working full-time as the programme director for Primary Care Networks. In a message to colleagues Eileen paid tribute to Paul for his work in setting up the MO programme in the newly merged CCGs and announced the CCGs will be appointing assistant directors for medicines management over the next few weeks.

East Sussex

- Lewes District Council's Scrutiny Committee (February 6) has recommended not to progress with a new health hub development on the Downs Leisure Centre in Seaford. [Read more](#)
- **Coronavirus (Covid-19)** 13 February: Brighton & Hove City Council has been actively communicating the latest information and advice to all stakeholders since the first case was confirmed. Be aware they've put together [dedicated public-facing webpages](#) to answer the questions about the Coronavirus. Any change to public health advice will be published here first.
- Here is the latest [Public Health Bulletin](#) (February 2020) to share information from a range of sources on areas of interest relating to public health.
- Health and Mind are offering a series of courses for individuals diagnosed with **Type 2 Diabetes** and who are consequently experiencing difficulties with anxiety and low mood. Courses are running for the whole year across both the Hastings area and the Eastbourne area. [Read more](#)
- The Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust (SCFT) is leading a project to redevelop the Brighton General Hospital site. SCFT owns the site and is proposing to create a new community health hub, new facilities for the Sussex Rehabilitation Centre, a children's nursery and Trust offices on site. [Read more](#)

West Sussex

- Public health may announce the results of their recent **tendering process** on, or around, 20 February. At the same time the tender portal will reopen for one week for community pharmacy to respond to any clearly identified gaps in service provision.
- Reminder Thursday 5 March 6:30-8:30pm PharmOutcomes Training (Field Place, Worthing). This session is for any pharmacy staff who feel some guidance through the HC, Smoking, Alcohol and Sexual Health templates on the system would be beneficial. Contact tom.howell@westsussex.gov.uk for more information
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Healthy Living Pharmacy

- The eighth issue of Public Health England's (PHE) Healthy Living Pharmacy (HLP) newsletter has been published and features a range of topics and new material to help pharmacy teams achieve HLP Level 1 status. [Read more](#)

And finally ... Thank you to all of you who have taken the time to email or talk to us about our web based [A-Z of advice, help, tips and links to help you manage your NHS contract](#). Here's some **recent additions** in response to feedback:



C: **coronavirus** with dynamic links to Government and NHS

D: **deliveries** – as **home deliveries of medication** remains topical, your LPCs have agreed a briefing note for you to download and share with your local primary care clinicians and commissioners should they ask you about deliveries.

Send your A-Z suggestions to lpc@communitypharmacyss.co.uk

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Look out for:

- **Issue 25 of News and Headlines due Tuesday 25 February**
- **View [news archive](#)**

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