

## Sharing news (and other things) from partners

Surrey, East Sussex, West Sussex  
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We all work with a diverse range of organisations across Surrey and Sussex and the wider South East, from STPs and ICSs, county councils to parish councils, other professions contracted to the NHS to pharmaceutical companies who supply the NHS and many, many more.

One thing they all have in common is that they want us to share their news with you, which makes our regular newsletters very long and sometimes unwieldy. So, in response to your feedback, this new regular round-up is a collection of links to partners regular newsletters, press releases and assets, making it easier for you to access information relevant to your work. Welcome to issue 2.

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### Across Surrey and Sussex

- **Local Outbreak Control Plans**

These plans detail how organisations will work together as a system to prevent the spread of coronavirus and respond to any outbreaks across Sussex and Surrey.

As part of the response communications campaigns will be put into action.

Key public messages will be shared across social media, local press as well as digital and outdoor advertising. In the event of a specific outbreak extra control measures will be activated. A rapid response team will issue real time messages to residents and businesses across social media and notify them of any additional action they need to take.

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- **PSNC announces PQS for first part of 2020/21**

A new **Pharmacy Quality Scheme** (PQS) for the first part of 2020/21 was announced yesterday (Monday 13 July 2020). The focus of the scheme is ensuring community pharmacy contractors and their teams have put in place all reasonable measures to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, protecting both themselves and the people using their services. [Read more](#)

- **Pharma**

These three **pharmacist-focussed virtual meetings** have been arranged by Astra Zeneca There is a link on each invite for participants to register. To enter each meeting you will have to pre-register in advance using the link on each invite, and be approved to attend. Attendees not approved will not be able to attend.

- [Clinical Considerations when Prescribing SGLT2i](#) 22nd July 2020. Register and be approved by 21 July
- [The Tools for Good Respiratory Care](#). Register and be approved before 29th July 2020
- [Optimise CV 2ndary Prevention Medicine](#). Register and be approved before 4th August 2020.

- **Modern slavery training**

There is significant concern that the pandemic will have exacerbated the threat from modern slavery and human trafficking, with existing victims less visible due to the ongoing closure of some businesses and others at greater risk of becoming victims as their economic circumstances become more precarious as a result of the impact of COVID-19. To help community pharmacy and other organisations which are legally responsible for identifying and referring victims, the Home Office has developed a new training module for first responders. The [45-minute programme](#) can be accessed online and can be used alongside existing programmes for training staff about this important work.

## Surrey

- **Healthwatch**

Healthwatch Surrey's [Annual Report 2019/2020](#).

- **Bereavement support**

A range of [free and confidential bereavement support](#) is available to those living in Surrey, to help navigate through a very personal and painful time. To find out more about the services and other support available, visit the [Healthy Surrey website](#).



- **East Surrey Medicines Management Matters newsletter**

Here is [July 2020's edition](#), with attachments referred to in the piece about NRLS (National Reporting and Learning System): [medicines safety check list](#); [NRLS support for GP practices](#)

- **Will you help Nikki. Please read her letter about medicines safety?**

My name is Nikki Smith. I am the Patient Safety Lead for Medicines for Surrey Heartlands and a pharmacist by background. I lead the Surrey Heartlands Medicines Safety Programme. Its broad aim is to make medicines use safer for the people of Surrey.

As part of my work I am keen to understand [Community Pharmacy sector views on medicines safety](#). This survey asks about your experience of medicines safety culture and your feedback will be grouped under Community Pharmacy. I appreciate that there are many demands on your time but I would be very grateful if you could spare the maximum 10 minutes it should take to complete. The closing date for the survey is Wednesday 22 July. Access the Surrey Heartlands Medicines Safety Culture Survey [here](#)

## East Sussex

- **Learnings about hospital discharge amid the pandemic.**

[In this blog](#), part of a series of comment pieces from NHS Confederation members and partners, David Liley shares Healthwatch Brighton and Hove's [hospital discharge lessons learnt](#) from their rapid response to COVID-19.

- **Healthwatch**

[Healthwatch East Sussex annual review](#)  
[Healthwatch Brighton and Hove annual review](#)

- **Public health**

Here is the latest [Public Health Bulletin. July 2020](#)

## West Sussex

- **Healthwatch**

Read [Heads up](#) the newsletter from Healthwatch West Sussex and also their [annual report for 2019-20](#)

- **CGL newsletter contains important new contact details for WSx**  
[CGL issue 1 July 2020](#)

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- **Issue 3 of *Sharing news (and other things)* from partners is due in two weeks in the week beginning 27 July.**

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