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on behalf of East Sussex, West Sussex and Surrey
Local Pharmaceutical Committees

LPC Bulletin – with local news, views and support for community pharmacy teams

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Welcome to issue 39 of **LPC Bulletin**, a fortnightly snapshot of the key issues we're working on right now on your behalf, but do keep an eye on our website for our most up-to-date news via the homepage and don't forget to follow us on Twitter [@CPSS LPCs](#)

We also publish a fortnightly round-up of local partners' news, with links to newsletters and anything else relevant to you and your teams. It was sent yesterday and is archived on [our website](#). Please look out for it. It is important.

LPC news

Only hours to the deadline yet only 30% of contractors in Surrey and Sussex have claimed for help with cash flow

Data shared last week with the LPC by NHS BSA showed that 71% of contractors had not claimed for their aspiration payment. The payment window closes today (9 October) at 23:59. [More information at PSNC here](#)

Local letter on this year's NHS seasonal flu vaccination programme

The Local Medical Committees (LMCs) and Local Pharmaceutical Committees (LPCs) across Surrey and Sussex have written [a joint letter to all GPs and Community Pharmacists](#) setting out important elements of the 2020/21 seasonal flu campaign. The letter highlights the joint incentives available to both for working together, promotion of immunisation services, local notification arrangements and immunisation in residential and care homes

New patient info explains the wait for flu vaccinations

If you haven't seen it already, there is a new page with information concerning flu vaccine supplies on GOV.UK [Flu vaccination: why you are being asked to wait](#) which includes [this leaflet for you to use with patients](#) if it helps you with, what could be, difficult conversations.

- In the first two weeks of the flu service going live, community pharmacies in Surrey and Sussex had delivered 22,379 vaccinations – that's 25% of last year's total across Surrey and Sussex already. Well done everyone!

"The pandemic has been tough for all of us, but I am glad I qualified in time so I could spend it taking care of those in my local community."

Dan Malton, Oak Lawn Pharmacy, East Sussex



LPC negotiates £100K worth of flu services for council staff

This year we're working with Surrey County Council and Brighton & Hove City Council to vaccinate up to 7,000 of their staff under two new locally commissioned service agreements worth around £100,000 income across Surrey and Sussex. The service in Brighton and Hove started this week on 5 October with 18 community pharmacies signing up to provide the service.

The LCS for Flu in Surrey Pharmacies commences today (9 October) with 25 community pharmacies providing the service.

****FREE** We have 40,000 stickers to give away **FREE****

All pharmacy staff across Sussex and Surrey are urged to have a flu jab, and wear a sticker to promote the vaccination to others. [Read more](#)

Dan in East Sussex leads the charge on our storytelling initiative

[Read Dan's story here.](#) Now we want to hear more experiences from young people in community pharmacy during this COVID-19 pandemic: whether they've found innovative ways to overcome challenges they've faced, kept a positive spirit, gone above-and-beyond to take care of patients – pharmacists, counter staff, dispensers, volunteers and more. Submit a story (300 words or less) [here](#)

Take Home Naloxone in Brighton and Hove

Last month pharmacies providing substance misuse services in Brighton and Hove were invited to express an interest to provide a newly commissioned Take Home Naloxone Service from 1 of November 2020.

An expression of interest (EOI) message was sent by Lloydspharmacy/CGL to all eligible pharmacies on 29 September 2020 at 16:39. The letter can be found [here](#). All enquiries and EOI forms should be sent to al4p@lloydspharmacy.co.uk, we recommend this is done by Friday 23 October 2020 latest.

Views

Methotrexate once-weekly for autoimmune diseases: new measures to reduce risk of fatal overdose due to inadvertent daily instead of weekly dosing

Has anyone had any thoughts about [this recent alert](#) and the suggested patient alert card. There is a view locally that the responsibility for this would likely rest with the dispensing pharmacy. Rheumatology have a huge number of patients on MTX as do the dermatology and gastro teams. Wouldn't it be great if we could come up with a cohesive solution? Email thoughts to LPC@communitypharmacys.co.uk

Potential changes to wound care supplies at NHS Surrey CCG

NHS Surrey CCG has started a review of the existing off-prescription arrangements, which could see the supply of dressings via ONPOS shifted away from community pharmacy. We have secured protections for the supplies already via FP10 prescription to be retained via this route.

The LPC has encouraged the CCG to consult with the 80 local pharmacies involved in the service. Participating pharmacies received a letter by email direct from the CCG to pharmacy premises email address on Friday 11 September 2020 around 2.50pm. We would urge you to respond to

the CCG and copy your response to us at lpc@communitypharmacyss.co.uk. We are currently developing our response and will publish [here](#) early next week when finalised.

Support

Blister packs / Dossette boxes / MCA

We're hearing from colleagues in CCG medicines management teams about a recent significant increase in queries from GP Practices about blister packs and 7-day scripts. Guidance previously issued by your LPCs and the [LMC](#) remains, with mention of 7-day scripts at point 11 on page 4. [Read the joint briefing note](#), which can also be found at B for Blister packs / MDS / Dossette boxes in the [A-Z pages](#) on our website.

Local Elements of PQS Part 2

Part 2 of the 2020/21 PQS scheme, formally commenced last week on the 1st October 2020. Full [details and support](#) have been published by PSNC. In part 2 there are two key domains that focus on local work at a Primary Care Network (PCN) level, including Prevention and Business Continuity. This involves collaborative working between participating pharmacies and the [PCN Pharmacy Lead](#). We will be assisting with parts of the facilitation on this and have already sent communications to PCN leads in your area (21st September). Watch out for a special PCN communication to all pharmacies in the coming weeks. For questions in the meantime email pcn@communitypharmacyss.co.uk

New (or updated) on our website

- **C in our A-Z** - Covid-19 testing for community pharmacy staff and their families

AND finally ...

Tomorrow (Saturday 10 October), people will be marking **World Mental Health Day**. It's a global event designed to raise more awareness about mental health conditions. This year's focus is on the effects of the coronavirus pandemic on people's mental wellbeing.

- Here's [some information](#) and for those of you with children [BBC newsround](#) have some great information targeted towards them, including an insightful video featuring Henry and Emily from Sussex – it's just over two minutes long.

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- **Next week look out for our:**
 - **Flu Special** rounding-up local information relevant to contractors in Surrey and Sussex and local information ALL contractors will need for PQS.
- **Issue 40 is due in two weeks in the week beginning 19 October.** What would you like to see in your next newsletter? Tell us at
- **Issue 7 of our regular round-up with links to partners regular newsletters, press releases and assets was distributed yesterday. Please look out for it as it contains important information.**
- **View [news archive](#)**



Flu Vaccination 2020/21
Local information for contractors in Surrey and Sussex

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