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

Sharing news (and other things) from partners

Surrey, East Sussex, West Sussex
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Welcome to issue 7 of our regular round-up of local partners' news, with links to newsletters and other pieces of information relevant to you and your teams.

Please scroll to the end to be sure you do not miss anything.

Our LPC fortnightly bulletin (the *Blue* one with all your local news from your LPC), will be distributed this week too.

Warmest wishes

The staff team at your LPCs

Across Surrey and Sussex

RPS Workforce Wellbeing Survey

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS) has launched its second annual survey of pharmacists' mental health and wellbeing in partnership with Pharmacist Support. The survey has been updated due to the significant impact of COVID-19 on pharmacists and their teams. It is open to all pharmacists across the profession, including students, and is not restricted to members of RPS. [Click here to complete the survey.](#)

Should healthcare workers use the NHS Covid-19 app?

The following guidance has been published following questions around how healthcare workers use the NHS COVID-19 test and trace app while at work. It may help community pharmacy teams:

- healthcare workers should use the 'pause' contact-tracing function on the app when they are in healthcare buildings including hospitals and GP surgeries
- healthcare workers are still able to use some of the app's functionality while the app contact-tracing feature is paused, should they wish: ie checking in to canteens.

Further questions on how healthcare workers can use the NHS COVID-19 app are answered [here](#) on the NHS Test and Trace website.

Collaborate

Issue 56 of Collaborate, KSSAHSNs fortnightly e-newsletter. [Here](#)

Stoptober

The primary aim of encouraging the nation's smokers to make a quit attempt for the month of October and beyond. See the campaign resource centre [here](#) for a link to a Pharmacy pack to help you promote this important annual event.

Health Check training dates

Monday 9 November or Tuesday 10 November these will be remote delivery sessions via MS Teams for new providers or those who haven't attended training for some time and feel they need to. [Book here](#)

Surrey

COVID-19 weekly surveillance update. [Here](#)

- [Statement about Spelthorne](#) which is off the government watchlist

Personalised help and support for those touched by cancer

The Macmillan Community Cancer Navigator can help patients find the right practical, financial and emotional support. This free service can signpost anyone, whose life is touched by cancer, to resources to empower them to find the personalised help they need. [Poster to download](#)

Newsletters

- The latest updates on the work of Surrey Heartlands, the partnership of health and care organisations across Surrey. [Here](#)
- Healthwatch Surrey's [August Insight Bulletin](#) and [September Insight Bulletin](#) summarise some of the themes they've heard during the past two months.
- September 2020 issue of "[Medicines Management Matters!](#)" for across Surrey. Page 6 is news for North West Surrey ICP only and highlights local projects.

Across Sussex

Prescribing news is now a joint newsletter across Sussex

The [September 2020 edition is available on the Sussex NHS Commissioners' website](#). There are a larger number of articles this month due to it being the first joint edition. You will have to register with the website to gain access, if not already.

East Sussex

COVID-19

- weekly surveillance update (East Sussex) [here](#)

- **weekly surveillance update (Brighton and Hove)** [here](#)
 - The Covid alert level for Brighton and Hove has moved up to amber after the number of official cases tripled in a week

NHS responders

Did you know that both Eastbourne and Hastings appear in the top ten of tasks undertaken league table? A recruitment drive is underway for more volunteers

Public health

- Public Health Bulletin for October 2020. [Here](#)

West Sussex

COVID-19 weekly surveillance update [here](#)

Change of NEX packs to ONE Hit Packs

Community Pharmacies should have received a communication directly from the NEX consumables supplier about a change of ordering system from last week (1 October 2020). Here is a summary of the message:

- *Pack Product Changes:* The current 1ml & 2ml packs (not the steroid packs) will be replaced from 1st October 2020 with a one hit kit. The one hit kit provides everything required for a single injection. Each one hit kit contains; fixed needle head syringe, spoon with filter, acidifier and alcohol swab. One hit kit does not contain a sharps container for disposal. The reason for the change is to reduce the amount of waste as some packs are taken from pharmacies, enough equipment for one or two injections taken out of pack and the remainder of pack discarded. Please order the 1ml red one hit kit, 2ml orange one hit kit and 2ml blue one hit kit.
- If you have any problems accessing the site, you should contact the customer care team NXSales@Frontier-group.co.uk in the first instance or call 01495 235 800 >> Option: 1

You are invited

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➤ **NVAF and stroke prevention**

Wednesday 7 October 2020, 7.30pm.

Arranged by the BMS/Pfizer Alliance. [Here](#) for more details

➤ **Maintaining vitamin D status in at-risk patients during the COVID-19 pandemic**

Wednesday 28 2020 October, 6.30pm. Email stephenjupp@thorntonross.com to reserve a place and for the link to the meeting. [Read more](#)

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➤ **Issue 8 of Sharing news (and other things) from partners is due in two weeks in the week beginning 19 October.**

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