



## Letter to all Community Pharmacies in Surrey

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Dear Community Pharmacy Contractors in Surrey,

### Locally Commissioned Services in Surrey for Quarter -4 2020-21 (January- March )

We write to update you about arrangements for community pharmacy locally commissioned public health services in Surrey during the response to Covid-19. These have been agreed between Surrey County Council and Community Pharmacy Surrey & Sussex (CPSS), on behalf of Surrey Local Pharmaceutical Committee (LPC).

**Payment:** From March to September 2020, Surrey County Council agreed to pay your pharmacy an average of the payment received for delivery of all services between April 19 – January 2020 to mitigate the financial loss that you would have experienced as a result of this. **From January this average payment will continue with regards to NHS Health Checks and Supervised consumption as it is clear that these continue to be particularly impacted in relation to activity by the ongoing situation with regards to COVID-19. For the other services being provided however (BP+, Chlamydia screening and testing, EHC and needle exchange) we will return to paying for the activity you are doing as entered PharmOutcomes.** Please continue to enter activity into PharmOutcomes for all the services you are providing however as this will be used to continue to understand the level of activity actually being delivered across the different services.

Please be assured that Surrey public health and CPSS continue to work closely as public health services are stepped up and will continue to review the situation as things develop and change.

This decision again follows discussion with the local CCGs and the LPC and continues with our original intention to reduce the negative financial impact on pharmacies from the delivery of public health services during the pandemic. As previously, if you have any concerns or queries with continuing with this approach please contact [publichealthclaims@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:publichealthclaims@surreycc.gov.uk)

### Other related PH services

#### Sexual Health

Central & Northwest London NHS Foundation Trust (CNWL) continue to see increase demand for their online contraception and Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) services. The service is also offering telephone consultations and face to face appointments. Face to face appointments are increasing but the service is discouraging walk-ins to the clinic, unless for emergency contraception or PEPSE. Please encourage service users to call the service first. However, if service users are unable to contact the service by telephone and aged 18 or under, the reception team in clinic will be able to help service users book an appointment. Service information can be accessed here: [www.sexualhealth.cnwl.nhs.uk/surrey-services/](http://www.sexualhealth.cnwl.nhs.uk/surrey-services/)

#### Stop Smoking Service

One You Surrey, the stop smoking service continues to provide support via telephone and online. Support for the Stoptober campaign within your pharmacy would be appreciated and where possible, please signpost smokers to the service during this important time to quit. <https://oneyousurrey.org.uk/stoptober>.

Once again, as stated previously we continue in our thanks to all pharmacies for their support and effort throughout this difficult time and hope that the arrangements detailed above are of some assistance.

Best Wishes,



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**Director of Public Health**  
**Surrey County Council**



**James Wood**  
**Chief Executive**  
**Community Pharmacy Surrey and Sussex**