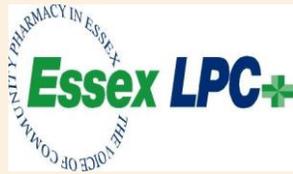


# Essex LPC



## March 2021 Newsletter



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### Another Levy Holiday for Springtime

Essex LPC has been working remotely for much of the last year, and therefore we have made savings on events and travel expenses. As a result of this we were pleased to be able to give you a levy holiday back in December 2020.

Now we are approaching the financial year end Essex LPC is really pleased to let you know that **you will not be charged the statutory levy in February or March 2021 either!**

### Covid-19 Vaccines

Health Workers who have not already done so should access their first vaccines through the national booking service <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/> or by dialing 119 and using the health and social care worker eligibility criteria.

Invitations to attend for second dose will be offered for the 11th week following the first dose, from the site where you had the first dose.

### Do I have to get vaccinated? Can I insist my staff are vaccinated?

Vaccination is not mandatory or compulsory, although it is recommended for those at high risk of acquiring infection or who are at risk of developing more serious disease. If you have staff that are vaccine-averse please make sure they are provided with clear, validated information about the vaccination and resources to challenge myths and let them know that they can still get vaccinated at a later stage if they change their mind.

### Discharge Medication Service

Karen hosted several DMS webinars recently, a recording is available on our website.



There have been some queries about EMOP/TCAM referrals coming in through PharmOutcomes, you can process these as DMS referrals, you do not have to wait for something to come through with DMS stamped all over it in big black letters. The service specification refers to a secure electronic referral to a pharmacy, so

this could be PharmOutcomes, or an email to an NHS premises mailbox for example.

It does NOT cover situations where patients or their carers bring in a copy of the discharge letter.

## GP CPCS

Mo has made great progress with training pharmacy teams across Essex, if you did not get a chance to attend a session yet, do not worry he will be sorting out a few more. If you need more information or have queries about GP CPCS please contact Mo directly at [mo@CPEsx.org.uk](mailto:mo@CPEsx.org.uk)

## Primary Care Network

Many of you will already know that details of all PCNs can be found on our website <https://essexlpc.org.uk/pharmacy-contracts-it/primary-care-network/> however, please can I urge you to contact Angela at [angela@CPEsx.org.uk](mailto:angela@CPEsx.org.uk) if you notice any changes needed, our records are only as good as we are told, and we do rely on pharmacy team letting us know if a pharmacist moves on.

## Stop Smoking Incentive

You may recall in the December Newsletter we announced a Stop Smoking Service Incentive for January, great news it has been **EXTENDED TO THE END OF MARCH 2021** and it is brilliant to see so many pharmacies are participating.



There is still time for you to take part and benefit from the enhanced payments, staff rewards and training bursaries that we are offering.

March is already off to a good start as people become more positive about the future, so we are presented with a good time to motivate people to register for the stop smoking programme and reap the rewards on offer.

114 of our pharmacies offer a remote stop smoking service with a huge increase in the success of quitters now at 50% with 93 of these pharmacies now offering Champix. Evidence of a service successfully delivered through two lockdowns and many challenges overcome!!

## Looking ahead....

No Smoking Day is March 10th an opportunity for your annual outreach day visit [ASH.org.uk](http://ASH.org.uk) for your communication toolkit.

Tar Jars - we are still offering Tar Jars to pharmacies that have signed up to provide the stop smoking service, if you would like to display one in your pharmacy, a great conversation starter! Let us know if you would like to order one.



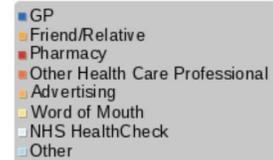
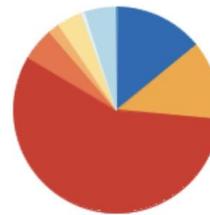
Posters and Leaflets – if your pharmacy is actively offering and promoting the stop smoking service, you will find leaflets enclosed with this newsletter. The leaflets have been purposely produced so you can insert in prescription bags to promote the service you offer.

We will be producing a series of posters in the coming months for active stop smoking pharmacy providers.

Talking about and promoting your service is key as statistics show. Your customers are worried about smoking and the effects on their health. They use your service because you are telling them what you can offer.

### Analysis of Service awareness

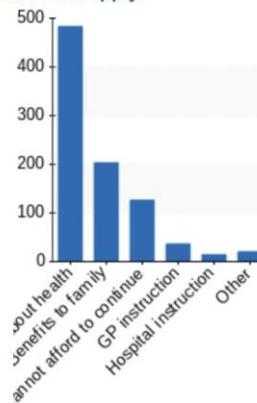
Awareness	Total
GP	73 (14.1%)
Friend/Relative	63 (12.2%)
Pharmacy	295 (56.9%)
Other Health Care Professional	26 (5%)
Advertising	9 (1.7%)
Word of Mouth	20 (3.9%)
NHS HealthCheck	3 (0.6%)
Other	29 (5.6%)



### Quit Reasons and Tobacco Use

#### Analysis of Quit reasons - Tick ALL that apply

Quit reason	Total
Worried about health	483 (93.2%)
Benefits to family	203 (39.2%)
Cannot afford to continue	126 (24.3%)
GP instruction	36 (6.9%)
Hospital instruction	14 (2.7%)
Other	20 (3.9%)



## What's App group

Be part of the Lisa Lovell group for quick responses and updates relevant to your delivery.

Look out for the remaining zoom meetings to ensure you are taking part in the New Year Quit Scheme for

- Enhanced quit payments of £90.
- One4All Gift cards worth £10 per sign up
- Training bursaries for completing NCSCT online training

## Outreach Events

As Healthy Living Pharmacy is now a new essential service, use the leaflets and posters to promote stop smoking and perhaps you could use this opportunity as an outreach event.

## The Pharmacy Excellence Awards 2021

The Pharmacy Excellence Awards are business awards for the whole UK pharmacy sector, including leading suppliers.

They are UK-centred, impartial and independent and look to reward the impact, innovation and excellence achieved by UK pharmacies – whether they are high street multiples, independents, or concessions.

Impact. Innovation. Excellence.



In these tough times for retail there are some sectors that remain essential to communities. One of these is pharmacy and the Pharmacy Excellence Awards set out to celebrate those pharmacies and groups that really are innovators and who really do espouse excellence and impact in their premises and services.

Please check out the website [www.pharmacyexcellenceawards.co.uk](http://www.pharmacyexcellenceawards.co.uk) for further information, including the different categories that we

have. The deadline for entries is 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

## PSNC Payment timetable and deadline tracker

You may have already noticed on one of the recent PSNC Daily News Updates details of a payment timetable and deadline tracker, essential to avoid missing out on claims. <https://psnc.org.uk/dispensing-supply/payment-accuracy/monthly-payments/payment-timetable-and-deadline-tracker/>

## NHS service finder

Just a reminder that you can access practice and pharmacy contact details (including bypass) and services provided through NHS Digital's Service Finder, which allows holders of NHS email accounts to see information on the DoS. [www.digital.nhs.uk/services/nhs-service-finder](http://www.digital.nhs.uk/services/nhs-service-finder)

## Essex LPC Conference and AGM

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021**, cannot confirm in what format at this stage, but please watch out for more details in the coming months, in the meantime please hold this date in your diary.

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