

Community Pharmacy Leicestershire and Rutland Newsletter June 2023



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REGIONAL UPDATE

LLR LPC now known as Community Pharmacy Leicestershire and Rutland

We are delighted to announce we are now known as Community Pharmacy Leicestershire and Rutland. This was announced back at the February SGM.

Alongside the name change we will be implementing new branding which will also be aligned with Community Pharmacy England.

Look out for changes to our website and communications later next month.

ELECTIONS 2023 NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

We are delighted to announce following on from the 2023 elections 5 new committee members have been appointed :

Satyan Kotecha – Saraj Chemist (currently Vice Chair)
Kishan Kotecha -Medicare Pharmacy
Nadya Jethwa – Bosworth Pharmacy
Nayen Chauhan- Medicine Chest
Shoaib Haji- Countesthorpe Chemist

I am also delighted to announce the AIMp representative will be
Rahul Patel from BMP Healthcare.

The new committee members will commence their role from 1st July 2023.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to those committee members that sadly leave us.
We sincerely thank you for your commitment and support.

Deadline Trackers 2023

The Community Pharmacy Tracker reminds you of what needs to be done and by when.

Please find below your latest Deadline Tracker:

- May 2023
- April 2023
- March 2023
- February 2023
- January 2023

This useful resource highlights activities, tasks and workloads that need to be completed, whilst also providing a reminder of imminent deadlines coming up.



June 2023 DEADLINE TRACKER

Please see the link for this month's deadline tracker [HERE](#)

Community Pharmacy Consultation Service (CPCS) Support Pack



CPCS Toolkit Webinar "Using the toolkit for best effect"

Last month all community pharmacies across the region should have received their LPC CPCS Toolkit.

In previous emails, I have shared with you a summary of all its content.

To further support you and your pharmacy teams we hosted a short, 30 minutes 'How to use the toolkit for best effect' webinar.

We looked at:

- How the CPCS toolkit should be used
- How to get the best from the toolkit
- Support local working and coordination to target GP practices

To access resources and support on CPCS please click [here](#)

EMIS CPCS Referrals via Pharm Outcomes – EMIS Local Services Now Live

The below message has been shared with every GP Practice within LLR. Please familiarise yourself with its content.

[We would like to remind all LLR pharmacies that whilst we are still transitioning to the new system they will still need to check nhs.net periodically throughout the day.](#)

Of course, we hope that this requirement will reduce as more and more practices get their licence activation sorted and start using the system

Thank you for your patience whilst we have been preparing to launch the new referral system for the Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS).

I can now confirm that EMIS Local Services is now live and ready for use in your clinical system. There is a link below to a training video that has been created by EMIS Health for dissemination to practice staff; but the system is really straightforward to use. I would recommend that admin and reception staff use the triage function as this will help to take away some of the decision making and should reduce the number of bounce-backs for inappropriate referrals. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NJqgT3YWAZU> I know that a couple of practices had reported that the system didn't appear to be activated, I have flagged all of these cases to EMIS Health but if you still do not think the system is activated, please let me know.

If you experience any issues when using the system, please do flag to either myself or Paul Gilbert so that we can have the issues rectified asap.

Any questions or if you need any further information, please don't hesitate to contact me or Paul.

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Meeting with Taiwo Owatemi MP on behalf of LLR Community Pharmacies

On 22nd May 2023 we met with Taiwo Owatemi MP and parliamentary Chair of the All-Party Pharmacy Group (APPG).

We were keen to speak with Taiwo MP to highlight following the Government's Delivery Plan announcement and share with her the amazing work happening within the region.

We insisted the sector will not know the extent when and how the investment will help pharmacies through the pressures they are facing. But we do know that getting this money into pharmacies quickly will be critical at a time when many pharmacies are battling for survival.

We also raised the following points, which we hope she takes back to Westminster.

- Additional funding should go a long way to solving the challenges in the sector, but we also need a long-term workforce strategy from the NHS and help to release capacity in our pharmacies
- 96% of pharmacy owners said that they are facing significantly higher costs than last year; up from 80% who felt this way in the 2022 pressures survey. These cost increases came from unreimbursed medicines costs, wage increases, and rising utility bills.
- The community pharmacy sector has experienced a 30% funding decrease in real terms since 2015.
- Pharmacies are also not paid specifically for the advice and support that they give to patients on an everyday, walk-in basis.
- Pharmacies have the skills, the accessibility, and the desire to do more to help patients and primary care but they need more funding and support in order to do so.

We will continue to influence and campaign on behalf of all LLR community pharmacies.



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NATIONAL NEWS

PSNC Briefing 012/23: DHSC's changes to the Pharmaceutical Regulations

Today, on 27th April 2023, the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) introduced regulatory changes in response to increased temporary closures (temporary suspensions in the provision of pharmaceutical services) of pharmacies in England and related pressures. The changes are contained within [The National Health Service \(Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2023](#) and add to and amend the NHS (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 (PLPS regulations).

The regulatory changes take effect on 25th May 2023, except for a new requirement for a business continuity plan dealing with temporary closures (suspensions), which takes effect on 31st July 2023.

Outline of the regulatory changes

The following new Terms of Service are introduced:

- a notification procedure for introducing or changing **rest breaks**, by changing core opening hours;
- a requirement to have a **business continuity plan dealing with temporary closures** and to action it in the event of a temporary closure (suspension);
- provision for **local hours plans** to be agreed by the local Integrated Care Board (ICB) with temporarily reduced opening hours for participating pharmacies within the area of the plan;
- a 'notification' procedure for **100-hour pharmacies** to reduce their total weekly hours to no less than 72 hours, subject to various requirements; and
- other regulatory amendments, including changes to **fitness information** and the procedures for **applying to change core opening hours and notifying changes of supplementary opening hours**.

PSNC's view on the changes

The regulatory changes are divisive. While the allowance to change core hours may bring some small relief to contractors of 100-hour pharmacies, PSNC was clear that any such change needed to be matched with provisions for all other contractors who are facing the same pressures. We believe that it is unwise for the NHS to interfere with the level playing field for contractors in such a difficult economic climate.

The package of regulatory changes was opposed by PSNC on the basis that:

- Taken together, the changes do not adequately address the crippling pressures that contractors are facing.
- The 100-hour changes do not provide equivalent support to other pharmacy contract types (for example, 40-hour pharmacies) which constitute the majority (approximately 90%) of the sector, and who are facing the same workforce and cost pressures.
- On the 100-hour changes, contractors should be able to expect stable and objective economic regulation of the sector to give them the certainty to make long-term business decisions. This change is contrary to the



No mandatory clinical audits in 2023/24

Community pharmacy contractors are not required to undertake a contractor-chosen or an NHS England determined clinical audit in 2023/24.

This follows PSNC's request to remove this clinical governance requirement for contractors in 2023/24.

To read the story click [here](#)

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MHRA Opiate Leaflet

To reduce the risk of patients becoming dependent on opioids, UHL and general practice teams are being encouraged to provide patients prescribed opioids a generic [MHRA safety leaflet](#) in addition to the standard patient information leaflet.

Community pharmacy teams are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the leaflet in case patients approach them with further questions regarding their opioids.



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Community Pharmacy Leicestershire and Rutland continues to fully supports the SaveOurPharmacies campaign.

We urge all LLR pharmacies to access and utilise the free resources including template letters for patients to send to their local MPs.

For further information or to access the resources click [here](#)

[To sign the petition click here](#)



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