

Surrey Stakeholders

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Dear colleague

**Re: Expansion of Clinical Pharmacist in General Practice scheme to benefit more Surrey patients**

I am writing to let you know that patients in your area will soon be able to benefit from expert advice from a clinical pharmacist when they visit their GP surgery, thanks to the expansion of a national scheme to support a growing number of clinical pharmacists to help with patients' medication and treatment.

NHS England has announced that patients in the East Surrey, West Byfleet, Surrey Downs and Surrey Heath areas will benefit from having pharmacists working in local GP surgeries, as part of a further roll out of our national Clinical Pharmacists in General Practice scheme.

NHS England's national General Practice Forward View ([www.england.nhs.uk/gp/gpfv/](http://www.england.nhs.uk/gp/gpfv/)) committed to over £100m of investment to support an extra 1,500 clinical pharmacists to work in general practice across England by 2020/21.

Clinical pharmacists work as part of the general practice team by providing expertise on day-to-day medicine issues and consultations with patients directly. This includes providing extra help to manage patients' long-term conditions, such as helping to manage a patient's high blood pressure earlier and more effectively to prevent cardiovascular disease; advice for patients on taking multiple medications; and offering better access to health checks.

Having clinical pharmacists working in GP practices means GPs can focus their skills where they are most needed, for example on diagnosing and treating patients with complex conditions. This helps GPs manage the demands on their time and ensures that patients can see the health professional that best suits their needs and can get quicker access to clinical advice.

In April 2017, NHS England confirmed that eight GP practices in the North West Surrey area (Woking, Walton, Addlestone, Chertsey, Weybridge and Hersham) would benefit from the first wave of the roll out of the Clinical Pharmacists in General Practice Programme, as part of two schemes in the area.

The additional GP practices in Surrey that are set to benefit from the second wave of the roll out of the national Clinical Pharmacists in General Practice Programme are listed below.

### **East Surrey**

The local GP Federation, Alliance for Better Care Ltd, will oversee the use of clinical pharmacists across 13 local GP practices:

- Moat House Surgery, Merstham
- Oxted Health Centre, Oxted
- Pond Tail Surgery, Godstone
- Wall House Surgery, Reigate
- Warlingham Green Surgery, Warlingham
- Whyteleafe Surgery, Warlingham, Whyteleafe
- Birchwood Medical Practice, Horley
- Greystone House Surgery, Redhill
- Hawthorns Surgery, Redhill
- Holmhurst Surgery, Redhill
- Lingfield Surgery, Lingfield
- Caterham Valley Surgery, Caterham
- Elizabeth House Surgery, Warlingham

### **Surrey Heath**

The local federation of GP practices (Surrey Heath Community Providers Ltd) will be supporting the use of clinical pharmacists to support patient care at eight practices:

- Park House Surgery, Bagshot
- Station Road Surgery, Camberley
- Camberley Health Centre, Camberley
- Heatherside Surgery, Camberley
- Bartlett Group Practice, Frimley Green
- Lightwater Surgery, Camberley
- Park Road and Old Dean surgeries, Camberley
- Upper Gordon Road Surgery, Camberley

### **West Byfleet**

Three GP practices based in West Byfleet Health Centre will be using a clinical pharmacist to support patient care.

## **Surrey Downs area**

A federation of GP practices from the Epsom area (GP Health Partners Ltd) will be supporting the use of clinical pharmacists to support patient care in 19 local GP practices:

- Ashley Centre Surgery, Epsom
- Derby Medical Centre, Epsom
- Tadworth Medical Centre, Epsom
- Heathcote Medical Centre, Tadworth
- Nork Clinic, Banstead
- Tattenham Health Centre, Epsom
- The Molebridge Practice, Leatherhead
- Fairfield Medical Practice, Bookham
- Spring Street Surgery, Ewell
- Fountain Surgery, Ewell
- Cobham Health Centre, Cobham
- Oxshott Medical Practice, Oxshott
- Shadbolt Park Surgery, Worcester Park
- St Stephen's House Surgery, Ashted
- Ashley Medical Practice, Ashted
- The Longcroft Clinic, Banstead
- Integrated Care Practice, Epsom
- Eastwick Park Medical Practice, Leatherhead
- Stonleigh Medical Centre, Epsom

Details of the additional GP practices that it is planned will benefit from the scheme are detailed below.

Further information about NHS England's Clinical Pharmacist in General Practice programme is on our website at [www.england.nhs.uk/gp/gpfv/workforce/cp-gp](http://www.england.nhs.uk/gp/gpfv/workforce/cp-gp) .

I hope that this information is useful to you.

Best wishes



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