



NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2011



Rt Hon Andrew Lansley MP, and Secretary of State for Health Visits Bassingbourn Pharmacy

On 11 February Andrew Lansley visited Anil Sharma's newly opened community pharmacy at Bassingbourn which is in his Cambridgeshire constituency.

Bassingbourn Pharmacy opened nine months ago and offers a range of NHS and non-NHS Services.

During his visit Andrew Lansley said he was pleased to be visiting a new community pharmacy and stressed the vitally important role they have at the heart of communities and on the health service front line. He also said he would like to see pharmacies expanding their role in optimising medicines use and public health working in partnership with GPs and other healthcare professionals.

Anil Sharma, pictured below with Andrew Lansley said he was delighted that Mr Lansley visited his pharmacy and could see for himself the crucial role that pharmacies play in promoting good health and delivering vital NHS services close to where people live, work and shop.



Dairy Dates

CPPE Events:

16 March Pain—Focal Point at the Ramada Hotel, off Longthorpe Parkway, Peterborough PE3 6GA, 16.30—21.00

Dermatology Education Supporting MURs: Psoriasis, Acne and Eczema at:

23 March at the Menzies Hotel, Bar Hill, Cambridge, CB23 8UE. 18.30 - 21.30.

24 March at the Marriot Hotel, Peterborough Showground, Lynchwood Business Park, Peterborough PE2 6GB, 18.30 - 21.30.

GSK Sponsored Event:

30 March - Osteoporosis and Asthma Patient Management 18.45 - 21.15 at Bedford Lodge, Bury Road, Newmarket, Suffolk CB8 7BX.

31 March—Meeting the Needs of Patients with COPD at the Park Inn, Peterborough PE1 1BA 18.45 - 21.15

Please check the calendar on the LPC website regularly for all such events.

NHS Peterborough—Electronic Prescription Service Release 2

As EPS R2 is rolled out across Peterborough all pharmacy staff involved in dispensing will require NHS Smartcards in order to access the service.

NHS Smartcards are issued by the Peterborough PCT Registration Authority, operated by the Anglia Support Partnership.

In order to issue an NHS Smartcard to a pharmacy staff member some basic information is required:

- Title
- First, middle (if any), and family names
- National Insurance Number
- Date of Birth
- Job Title
- Pharmacy regarded as main place of work
- Any other Peterborough area pharmacies worked at
- Work 'phone number
- Work e-mail address
- NHS job role—choose from:

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Local Pharmaceutical Committee



- Pre-Reg Pharmacist
- Dispensing Technician
- Medicine Counter Assistant
- Pharmacist
- Locum Pharmacist working in several pharmacies across multiple PCT areas

This information, subject to the Data Protection Act, will be used to create an RA01 form (Application for a Smartcard). This form will be signed by the PCT Pharmacy Smartcard sponsor and counter-signed by the pharmacy staff member when the card is issued. Cards can only be issued at PCT sites where access to the necessary websites is available. It can take up to 30 minutes to issue an NHS Smartcard.

The ASP Registration team would strongly prefer each pharmacy to send their staff information as an Excel spreadsheet to the secure e-mail account, ang-sa.asp-smartcards@nhs.net.

Comprehensive information regarding the roll out and dates/venues for issuing the cards are on both the Peterborough NHS and LPC website.

Information Governance Overview 2011

As you are aware, all pharmacy contractors need to reach Level 2 against most of the Pharmacy Information Governance requirements outlined in version 8 of the Information Governance Toolkit, and submit evidence to support this by 31 March 2011.

There are a number of changes compared to last year's toolkit, and so it must be completed even if you achieved Level 2 last year.

The exception is the requirement 319 with regard to business continuity, which is still subject to negotiation between DH and PSNC.

In the light of the recent consultation document 'Liberating the NHS; An Information Revolution' it is unlikely that these requirements will be relaxed in the foreseeable future, although there may be some changes in how evidence is submitted.

If you would like to view the resources available from PSNC follow this link <http://www.psn.org.uk/pages/ig.html>.

"Specials" Peterborough

The LPC has been made aware that Mr Ron Smith, Chief Pharmacist, NHS Peterborough, has asked community pharmacists to purchase "specials" medicines from certain manufacturers. The LPC has taken legal advice and can confirm that this is not a contractual obligation.

Mr Smith has no right to examine invoices, price lists or any other commercial information.

Please contact the LPC or the PSNC for further advice and support.

Levy Payment

Regrettably the LPC has reduced its reserves beyond a safe and acceptable level. An increase in levy in the next financial year will unfortunately be necessary, although this will probably be in monetary value the equivalent to approximately one MUR per month for the average contractor.

This has been agreed by your Committee and you will be receiving a full explanation very shortly

The LPC regrets that there is no alternative to a levy increase, except that of returning to evening meetings; and the members consider it totally unreasonable to expect them to donate their very valuable leisure time to a statutory representative committee.

Further details will be sent shortly in a formal letter from the Treasurer.

2011 LPC Meeting Dates

All Contractors are welcome to attend the LPC Meetings as observers, times and venues are published on the calendar on our website. Please contact the Secretary if you would like to attend a meeting.

11 May, 13 July (AGM), 21 September, and 9 November.

Please Keep us Informed!

Please keep us up to date with any change in your contact details.

We are now sending out all information via e-mail, so please ensure we have up-to-date information. Please send any changes to the Secretary.