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| **Weekly Update**Tuesday 22nd September 2020 |

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| **TRAINING FOR BNSSG Pharmacies ONLY**On Thursday 19th November 2020 from 7pm to 9pm the local sexual health commissioners and Unity Sexual Health are delivering the annual updating session for pharmacists providing the emergency hormonal contraception and chlamydia treatment services across Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire. This event will be held remotely via the MS Teams platform.If you have any questions please contact nikki.giles@southglos.gov.uk |

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| **Two Pharmacy Health Campaigns agreed for 2020/21**Pharmacies are expected to participate in 6 public health campaigns each year. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic this year it has been agreed that pharmacies only need to complete 2 campaigns during the rest of 20/21.The first one will be the annual campaign which encourages eligible people to get vaccinated against flu and will start in early October with campaign resources being delivered to pharmacies at that time (further details on the campaign materials and delivery schedule will be published when they are available).A second campaign, which will focus on the management of winter illnesses, is expected to take place in the New Year; further details will be provided on the timings of this campaign as soon as they are confirmed. |

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| **BNSSG PHARMACIES ONLY**FOUR NEW PGD's have been issued for Doxycycline,Azithromycin, Levongesterel and Ulipristal acetate. The changes are minor. Please download the new PGDs and ensure that all pharmacists delivering them have read, understand and signed them. |

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| **Boxing Day 2020 Opening Hours**Boxing Day, this year falls on a Saturday, which is a normal day for the purposes of community pharmacy opening hours. Therefore, pharmacies must open on the 26th for any core and supplementary hours. The substitute bank holiday for Boxing Day this year is Monday 28 December, when contractors do not have to open.If contractors want to reduce any supplementary hours, for example, to close early, they must give notice to NHSE&I at least 3 months in advance, unless NHSE&I agrees otherwise. The last day to give notice for 26 December 2020, for any guaranteed reduction in supplementary hours, is on **26 September 2020**, and NHSE&I must receive the notification on or before that date. |

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| **NHSmail: Changes to shared mailbox names**NHS Digital is introducing an improved naming convention for pharmacy shared mailboxes. The new format is scheduled to roll-out to pharmacy NHSmail users in mid-September 2020 using the following convention:**Shared mailbox email address**: pharmacy.ODScode@nhs.net**Display name**: Pharmacy.ODScode (Pharmacy name, Town)After the change is made, an email notification will be sent to the shared pharmacy mailbox to advise of the new shared mailbox email address. An email alias will be created for the previous email address so pharmacy teams will still receive emails should anyone continue to email using the older and longer email address. |

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| If contractors wish, they can claim an Aspiration payment for this scheme, to assist with cash flow. The Aspiration payment must be claimed between **09:00 on 14th September 2020 and 23:59 on 9th October 2020** through [MYS portal](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=b44009bb63&e=3e5221b889).The aspiration payment is optional for pharmacy contractors and not claiming it will not impact on the pharmacy contractor’s ability to claim a payment for the PQS 2020/21 Part 2.There is no requirement to have claimed for a previous PQS to claim an aspiration payment for PQS 2020/21 Part 2. |

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| **Avon LPC Annual Conference & Awards Ceremony!**Time: Oct 7, 2020 7:30pmJoin us for our annual conference, do you know someone you could nominate for one of our awards? Click below to find out more. |

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| **Training** |

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| **FLU ONLINE TRAINING NOW AVAILABLE**All the latest information and hints and tips about how to run a successful Flu vaccination service this year. |

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| [**Click here to start your training**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=61446e25df&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework** |

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| **PPE portal**Community pharmacies can now order additional personal protective equipment (PPE) through the online portal **in an emergency**. **Community pharmacies are now being added to the system and contractors will receive an email invitation to their shared NHSmail inbox to register**. The emails will be sent in a phased approach to manage the smooth registration of pharmacies by the portal’s logistics team. **PLEASE ensure you register now so that if you did require supplies urgently you will have access.**For further information click below |

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| **Flu Vaccination: communicating with GP practices**When pharmacy teams provide the NHS Flu Vaccination Service, notifying the patient's GP practice is an important service requirement. Community pharmacy contractors must ensure that a notification of vaccination is **sent to the patient's GP practice on the same day the vaccine is administered**or on the following working day. This can be undertaken by post, hand delivery, secure email or secure electronic data interchange (but it can no longer be sent by fax) |

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| Please share any good news stories about team members of patients with us by e mailing avonlpc@gmail.com |

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| Any updates about Brexit will be found in this section of the newsletter going forward.  |

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