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| **Weekly Update**Tuesday 17th November 2020 |

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| **November Training Event**Detect, Protect, Perfect: A Practical Approach to Anticoagulation for Primary Care.Wednesday 25th November 2020Book your place now!*This meeting has been organised by Avon LPC and the guest speaker segment is organised and funded by Bristol Myers Squibb on behalf of the BMS Pfizer Alliance.* |

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| **INFORMATION FOR ALL PHARMACIES****1. PPE PORTAL -** If you have not registered for this please ensure thatyou do so ASAP. All supplies are **FREE** of charge. **PLEASE NOTE YOU MUST USE YOUR OLD NHS E MAIL ADDRESS TO REGISTER NOT THE NEW SHORTENED VERSION.**For more information click on the link below.**2. FLU OPERATIONS E Mail** - This email can be used if you are having difficulty procuring stock etc for the NHS FLU service. Please contact England.fluops@nhs.net**3. CHANGES TO PHARMACY REGULATIONS -**please ensure you are aware of the changes to the Terms of Service and any actions that you need to take. For more information click below.**4. CENTRAL ALERTING SYSTEM (CAS)**- From Monday 9th Nov. contractors are required to register their pharmacies NHS shared e mail with MRSA. NHSE has supported this action centrally and therefore your pharmacy may not need to do anything. ACTION - Please check that you received an e mail from CAS. **If you did not please email CAS at**safetyalerts@mrsa.gov.uk |

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| **ALL PHARMACIES****Please note that additional stock  can be ordered from the additional government sources supplies for the following groups of people**Group A - Patients and frontline social care workers as set out in Appendix A of the Community Pharmacy Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Advanced Service specification, **and frontline health and social care workers through occupational health schemes.** |

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| Please note that the above hospital will be starting to send e mails rather than ringing pharmacies. Please ensure you check your NHS pharmacy shared e mail regularly. |

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| Evidence Beyond Glycaemic Control - **WEBINAR FOR ALL PHARMACISTS AND TECHNICIANS****7pm Tuesday 17th November**Key speakers will be Sotiris Antoniou, Consultant CV Pharmacist, Head of Pharmacy St Bartholomews Hospital supported by Vicky Ruszala, Patrick Durant and Ade Williams. |

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| **ALL PHARMACIES - MANDATORY PUBLIC HEALTH CAMPAIGN.****YOU MUST ENTER YOUR RESULTS TODAY (17th NOV) ON PHARMOUTCOMES.****LINK SENT IN AN E MAIL FROM BGSW- PHARMACY on 14th OCT**  |

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| **NEW SERVICE GOES LIVE**All pharmacies who have not been trained will receive an invitation from Avon LPC to attend a Virtual Training session. Please ensure you sign up otherwise your pharmacy may not be able to go live with this service.For more information please contact Judith. (07720 573468 or judith.avonlpc@gmail.com) |

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| **ONLINE TRAINING NOW AVAILABLE**To support you and your teams please find the link below to online training on PQS Part 2. Please click here. |

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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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| [**For further information & to book a place click here**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=52eb0d42b6&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework** |

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| **PANDEMIC DELIVERY SERVICE RESTARTS**The pandemic delivery service will run from 5th November to 3rd December 2020 to support people who are clinically extremely vulnerable.  |

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| **UPDATED COVID-19 SOP Issued**Please ensure your team read the updated SOP. Key points include;1.There is an amendment allowing Regional NHSE&I teams to notify pharmacies that they may work behind closed doors without the need for contractors to apply for closed door working2.There is also more information about NHS Test and Trace which indicates that advice should be sought from the local health protection team if a pharmacy team member tests positive and there is a risk to the provision of pharmaceutical services.  |

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| Questions have been asked regarding how this applies to CD prescriptions. Please see the advice from Jon Hayhurst Controlled Drugs Accountable Officer South West:* If a pharmacist is assured of the identity of the patient or the representative they are supplying, they can use their discretion to supply without a signature. They would still record the identity of the collector in the CD register for schedule 2 CDs.
* **If a patient prescribed a schedule 3 CD later says they never received their medication, how would the pharmacy explain who they had supplied it to – good practice to document this in the PMR if they are supplying to a representative?**
* If they are not assured of the identity of the patient or the representative they are supplying, they can ask to see ID and if satisfied they can then use their discretion to supply without a signature.
* If they are not assured of the identity of the patient or the representative they are supplying, despite asking to see ID, they can refuse to supply and document this in the PMR. They should of course then make reasonable steps to contact the genuine patient (e.g. via the prescriber) to explain to them how they can be supplied with their medication.
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| **BANES PHARMACIES ONLY**The B&NES Levonorgestrel PGD for B&NES community pharmacists has been extended until 30th April 2021. |

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| [**Find a copy of the extension for your records here**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=ab78dd9b7b&e=3e5221b889) |

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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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