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| **Weekly Update**Tuesday 3rd November 2020 |

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| **GUIDANCE ISSUED ON ORDERING ADDITIONAL VACCINES**Department of Health and Social Care have now issued  guidance on how to order additional flu vaccination stock. Please click below for all the details. |

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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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| **BNSSG Pharmacies ONLY**Please ensure that **ALL** pharmacists who are working under the BNSSG PGD’s have read, understood and signed them and that they follow them. If you have any incidents where the PGD has not been followed please contact the LPC. |

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| **Requirement to sign prescriptions suspended**The requirement to for patients of their representatives to sign the back of prescriptions or EPS tokens is temporarily suspended from 1st Nov 20 to 31st March 21. |

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| Community Pharmacy team encouraged to signpost patients with suspected or confirmed Covid-19 to the Principle Trial.For more details about the trial and who is eligible please click below |

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| **Mandatory Public Health Campaign - Report your results from 4th to 17th November on PharmOutcomes**The link for PharmOutcomes was sent in an email from BGSW-Pharmacy dated 14th October. Only campaign evaluations returned via PharmOutcomes will be accepted as proof of participation in the Flu Campaign.If you have any questions about this campaign please email england.bgsw-pharmacy@nhs.net  or england.pharmacysouthwest@nhs.net |

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| **NEW SERVICE GOES LIVE**From 1st November NHS GP CPCS has gone live. GP practices will be able to refer patients to community pharmacists to receive a consultation for a minor illness. Pharmacies who are already registered to deliver the existing CPCS NHS111 do not need to re register.General practices can choose whether they want to refer patients to the CPCS and before GPs can make referrals, there must be local discussions to agree how this will work. If your GP practice is interested please contact Judith so that she can support the process -Judith.avonlpc@gmail.com**Engagement and setup payment**Contractors registered to provide the CPCS will be able to claim a £300 engagement and setup payment if they undertake a range of actions to get ready for rolling out the referral pathway in their area. All pharmacies that have been live on the pilot, please refer to the pharmOutcomes message that went out on Friday 30th October. |

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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=b87da95dfb&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework** |

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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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