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| **Weekly Update**Tuesday 1st December 2020 |

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| **GP CPCS BNSSG pilot**SW NHSE, BNSSG CCG and Avon LPC are delighted to inform you that our nomination has been chosen as the South West**Regional Winner** in The Excellence in Primary Care Award category of the NHS Parliamentary Awards 2020, and are therefore part of the shortlist for the national award and will be attending a ceremony in the Houses of Parliament next July.The email from the organisers stated that  “The quality of the nominations we received has been outstanding and our panel of regional shortlisting teams had a tough choice choosing from the more than 700 nominations submitted, so you can already be incredibly proud of making the official shortlist!" |

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| **Community Pharmacy and Covid-19 Vaccination Programme**NHSE&I have published guidance to Community Pharmacy regarding participation in the Covid-19 vaccination programme.Please be aware that the protocols that your pharmacy would need to meet  to offer this service are challenging. If however you feel that your pharmacy can meet the criteria and would like to express interest please contact the LPC.  |

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| **Training on Tuesday 8th December at 7pm**  |

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| **ALL PHARMACIES****50-64 year old flu vacs to start from Tuesday 1st December.**The PSNC also said that they knew contractors were keen to meet the continuing high demand for flu vaccination from the existing eligible cohorts and the additional 50-64 year old cohort, but the current availability of vaccine is still less than required to meet the immediate demand. Deliveries of the Department of Health and Social Care's flu vaccination stock is now starting to arrive, with the majority of the manufacturers making their first deliveries of this stock this week which will continue to be delivered over the next couple of months. |

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| **Training** |

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| **FOR ALL BNSSG PHARMACIES WHO ARE NOT LIVE WITH GP CPCS** From 1st November GP CPCS became a national service.  If your pharmacy in **NOT** live currently on GP CPCS (ie did not get trained as part of the pilot) your pharmacy should have received an e mail from Avon LPC inviting you to attend an evening training session on either the 30th November or 1st or 2nd December. To go live with this service someone from your pharmacy **MUST** attend one of the training sessions ideally this should be your regular pharmacist. Please ensure that someone from your pharmacy has signed up. If you have not received the e mail please contact 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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| **Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework** |

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| **INFORMATION FOR ALL PHARMACIES****1. PPE PORTAL -** If you have not registered for this please ensure that you 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. **PLEASE note that the wrong e mail address was given last week- many apologies . Please see the correct one below .****If you did not please email CAS at**safetyalerts@mhra.gov.uk  |

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| **ALL PHARMACIES**The NHSmail team are upgrading pharmacy NHSmail accounts in November and December 2020. The upgrade will enable pharmacy NHSmail users to utilise a range of Microsoft Office 365 apps and features, some of which they have had access to before the account upgrade. |

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| **ALL PHARMACIES**The Healthy Living Pharmacy (HLP) requirements will become part of the new Terms of Service for all pharmacies from 1st January 2021.While most pharmacies in England have previously met the Healthy Living Pharmacy Level 1 (HLP) requirements, following local initiatives with commissioners or the Pharmacy Quality Scheme, the transition to Terms of Service will require all contractors to carry out some actions. |

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| **ALL PHARMACIES** Please remember that for your patients who are on Opioid Substitution Therapy they may have underlying health conditions that mean they are entitled to a free NHS vaccination. Please ensure that you include them in your vaccination plans. |

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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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