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| **Weekly Update**Tuesday 16th February 2021 |

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| **NEW this week** |

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| DMS Training - Last chance to attend- Tomorrow night! |

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| **Please arrive 10/15 minutes early to allow entrance to be granted - this is a very big group.**Aims for the Training:* To understand what needs to be in place before the service goes live in your pharmacy.
* To ensure pharmacy teams understand the new service and how to deliver it.
* To share hints and tips about how to make the service successful in your pharmacy.
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| Award Winners! |

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| I**NDEPENDENT PHARMACY AWARDS 2020**Avon LPC is delighted to announce that it has been awarded Best Supporting LPC in the Independent Pharmacy Awards.  This award recognised the support offered to all pharmacy contractors across Avon and the way in which we have led the way on the roll out of National and Locally commissioned services.It is a huge honour to receive this award and reflects the vision of the committee to invest in an operations team to support the pharmacies across Avon.We would also like to congratulate Shasha from Kellaway Pharmacy for winning the award for Key Staff Member. |

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| You will need to record any referrals done ie Stage 1, 2 and 3 temporarily on paper. This is because NHSE&I did not release the information about the data set required until late last week and the service that PharmOutcomes had already written did not therefore meet the criteria. Pinnacle have said that they will endeavour to have the form working by the end of the week or early next week but meanwhile you will need to **collect the data required on a paper audit trail. I have attached the link to the data specification template below.**PSNC have also produced a template you may want to use.If you have any questions please contact Judith  (judith.avonlpc@gmail.com) or Roger (Roger.avonlpc@gmail.com) |

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| [**Please note one per patient!**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=acc050ce60&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **ONLINE TRAINING FOR YOUR WHOLE TEAM**Use the online training to bring team members and locums up to speed with the new mandatory essential service. The training module includes links to all the resources you will need and a certificate for each team member that successfully completes the CPD questions at the end of the module. |

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| PSNC - Wellbeing Workshops |

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| PSNC to host Pharmacist Support Wellbeing WorkshopsPSNC has arranged to host two Wellbeing Workshops from Pharmacist Support, the profession's independent charity, to help support those working in the community pharmacy sector. |

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| **BNSSG PHARMACIES ONLY - BRAND SWITCH**GP surgeries in BNSSG are now starting to prescribe estradiol pessaries as Vagirux brand [https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/product/11752](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=5dfe18fd31&e=3e5221b889) rather than Vagifem. There has been some feedback that local pharmacies haven’t been able to get this even though it’s been confirmed as available from Alliance, AAH, Phoenix and other wholesalers.  |

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| **BNSSG PHARMACIES ONLY**Freestyle 2 sensors are now available to be prescribed on EMIS and so we will start to see prescriptions for these around BNSSG.  The packaging of these is quite similar so please ensure you check that you are providing the correct product.   The sensors require different readers and although a FSL1 reader will read a FSL2 sensor, a FSL2 reader won’t read a FSL1 sensor so it is important that patients don’t get the wrong sensors. |

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| PDA Web Portal - Locums Covid Vaccine |

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| **PDA web portal to support locums getting vaccinated**The Pharmacists' Defence Association (PDA) has developed a web portal to assist locum pharmacists with accessing a COVID-19 vaccination. |

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| Covid Vaccinations |

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| **All Pharmacies**Information about how you, your team and your locums will be vaccinated will be shared by local NHSE&I teams. Please look out for emails from them advising you on the next steps and ensure all relevant people including Locums are informed. This information will also be shared as a message on PharmOutcomes. **PLEASE ALSO VIEW MESSAGE ON PHARMOUTCOMES REGARDING APPOINTMENT AVAILABILITY IN SUPERDRUG IN BROADMEAD, BRISTOL FOR HEALTHCARE TEAM MEMBERS AND LOCUMS.** |

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| **Local Services** |

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| Banes - Chlamydia Kits |

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| **BANES Pharmacies** - **Chlamydia kits** **‘Please note there is a new email address for ordering chlamydia screening tests:** Chlamydia kits can be ordered from the Avon Chlamydia Screening Office at 0117 342 9299 or by emailing csp.avon@uhbw.nhs.uk . Please allow 10 working days for orders to be processed. |

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| **South Gloucestershire Pharmacies ONLY**South Gloucestershire Council are currently undertaking an important survey of people from BAME backgrounds who live, work or study in our area. The survey covers a range of topic areas including the Covid-19 vaccine. We are extremely keen that as many people complete the survey as possible. |

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| [**Click here (click useful Info, then BAME report) THIS**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=6d0b6b0451&e=3e5221b889) |

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| Flu Vaccinations |

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| **ALL PHARMACIES**Information has been released about next years flu vaccination.  |

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| All PharmaciesPlease be aware that there have been some issues  with the data transfer of completed GP CPPS from PharmOutcomes to MYS from November when the service changed from being a pilot to the national service and therefore your pharmacy may not have been paid correctly. Pinnacle who run PharmOutcomes are aware of this and are in the process of resolving it.  |

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| **Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework** |

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| PQS part 2 |

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| **Pharmacy Quality Scheme declarations**The NHS Business Services Authority has informed pharmacy contractors that there will be a delay in opening the Manage Your Service (MYS) portal for PQS declarations. Instead of opening on Monday 1st February 2021, the declaration window will now open **by Thursday 4th February 2021**.To ensure contractors have as much time as possible to submit their claims, it has been agreed that the PQS declaration window will be extended and will now close on **Monday 1st March 2021 at 23:59** |

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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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