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| **Weekly Update**Tuesday 9th February 2021 |

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| DMS Training - Book now! |

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| 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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| ALL PHARMACIESCommunity pharmacy contractors have ONE week left to claim reimbursement for their expenditure on personal protective equipment (PPE) during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. Claims must be submitted using the Manage Your Service (MYS) portal by **12th February 2021.** |

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

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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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| **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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| **NATIONAL ADVICE AUDIT THIS WEEK-PLEASE PARTICIPATETO ENSURE EVERYBODY HAS A CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE THE DEADLINE FOR DATA ENTRY HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO FRIDAY 12TH FEBRUARY**PSNC is increasingly concerned about the pressures that pharmacy teams are under during the COVID-19 pandemic and therefore pharmacy teams are being encouraged to take part in an audit that will capture information about the reasons why people choose to visit community pharmacies.It will also provide vital data to support funding discussions with HM Government and the NHS.PSNC has had an exceptional response to our Pharmacy Advice Audit 2021: thank you to the pharmacies who have taken part this week. We have decided to extend the participation deadline into this week to make sure no pharmacy misses out on the chance to submit their data. |

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| NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT) is leading the national programme, to collect COVID-19 convalescent plasma to supply the RECOVERY and REMAP-CAP clinical trials The team are looking of more people  especially men who have had COVID-19 to donate plasma.For more information click below or contact Email: Emily.Jones2@nhsbt.nhs.uk Mobile: 07385 387624  |

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| Scheme to help Domestic Abuse Victims |

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| **New scheme launched to support domestic abuse victims**The Home Office is implementing a new scheme to help victims of domestic abuse access support safely, and is encouraging community pharmacy teams to get involved.Anyone can be a victim of domestic abuse, regardless of gender, age, ethnicity, ability, socio-economic status, sexuality or background. This is why the Home Office considers pharmacies, used by people from all walks of life, as a suitable setting for the Ask for ANI scheme. |

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| Victim support offer immediate and ongoing emotional support, practical items such as personal alarms, safety planning, information & signposting and can refer into specialist agencies.Local office  0300 303 1972. Open Mon/Wed/Fri from 9:30am - 5:30pm & Tue/Thu 11am – 7pm. Outside of these hours you can call our National 24 hour helpline which is open every day of the year on 0808 16 89 111Live chat and other information available herehttps://www.victimsupport.org.uk |

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| TRAINING EVENINGA training event is being held on Tuesday 9th Feb at 7pm-9pm via Zoom and is titled **‘A New Era in the Management of Heart Failure’**and will be presented by Sotiris Antoniou, Consultant Cardiovascular Pharmacist, St. Barts Hospital, London supported by local pharmacists including Vicky Ruszala, Diabetes Specialist Pharmacist, Southmead Hospital, Patrick Durant, Practice Pharmacist & Partner, Bridgeview Medical Group and Ade Williams, Superintendent Pharmacist, Bedminster Pharmacy, Bristol. |

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| **ALL PHARMACIES**HEE are looking for General Practice or General Practice/Community Pharmacy partnerships to**host undergraduate pharmacy students (**after 3rd year) for**5-week placements from 28th June 2021 to 30th July 2021**. The students would be paid for the placement (funding has been secured via HEE). For split GP/Community placements, we would propose a minimum of 50% of time is spent in the GP setting ***The closing date for expressions of interest is Monday 15*th*February 2021 which should be emailed to Xenia Bray****Xenia.Bray@hee.nhs.uk* |

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| **Local Services** |

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| Banes - HIV Testing |

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| **BANES Pharmacies** National HIV Testing Week (BANES)National HIV Testing Week kicks off on Monday 1 February, and there’s no better time to get tested! BANES residents can order a FREE HIV postal test kit before the end of February. It’s important for everyone to stay home and stay safe. However, this doesn’t mean you can’t get tested for HIV this #HIVTestWeek. To find out about all things HIV testing, visit [https://www.startswithme.org.uk](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=5a63695175&e=3e5221b889) |

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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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| **Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework** |

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| **Summary of new payments including Deadlines**A number of new service payments for community pharmacy contractors have been announced in recent months. PSNC has produced a table to help contractors. |

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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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