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| **Weekly Update**Tuesday 2nd March 2021 |

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| **NEW this week** |

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| DMS Important Information |

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| **DISCHARGE MEDICINE SERVICE - IMPORTANT INFORMATION**The PharmOutcomes service is now live. Please ensure that any discharge you have started  eg Stage one for on paper you now move onto the Pharmoutcomes form. This will ensure a) you can track the 3 Stages and b) once PharmOutcomes have sorted the link to MYS that claims from your pharmacy will be sent with the correct information.Due to our 3 trusts being at different stages with regard to using the complete PharmOutcomes service you may get DMS referrals in one of two ways;1. Directly as a message  into your service screen in a similar way to NHS111 referrals or2. Directly into your service screen eg  DMS - Dossette box patients from RUH, DMS - Dossette box receipt from Southmead . In this case you will need to use this information to manually populate the service called Discharge Medicines service on the left hand side of your service screen For further information please watch the Pharmoutcomes video  |

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| March Training Event |

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| **Wednesday 31st March at 7.30pm Training event**Avon LPC’s training this month is on Modern Slavery and is being given by Tom Randow, Training Co-ordinator for the charity Unseen. Modern slavery is happening on our doorstep - Would you know what signs to look for and if you were concerned about someone would you know who to contact? This training will answer these questions and more. |

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| Your Representation, Your Say |

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| **Review Steering Group (RSG) invites community pharmacy contractors and LPCs to engagement sessions**At the ‘Your Representation, Your Say’ event hosted by RSG members, contractors will have a reminder of the key issues identified by the independent review, learn about the work of the RSG to date and next steps, and have the chance to ask questions about the RSG. |

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| Contractors are invited to an online ‘Your Representation, Your Say’ engagement event on **Tuesday 9th March at 7.30pm.** |

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| New Prices from April |

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| **Prescription charge rises to £9.35 from 1 April**In England, the NHS prescription charge will increase to £9.35 per prescription item from 1st April 2021.The price of a three-month PPC will become £30.25 (an increase of 60 pence) and a 12-month PPC will be £108.10 (an increase of £2.20). PPCs offer savings for those needing four or more items in three months, or 12 or more items in a year. |

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| **BANES PHARMACIES**B&NES Council is opening its first rapid Covid-19 test site on Monday 1 March, to prevent the spread of the virus among people who do not have symptoms (asymptomatic).There will be 3 sites to choose from and will be available to key workers and/or volunteers, who are unable to work from home and who do not have access to Covid testing via their employer.Appointments are available in five-minute slots and can be booked up to two weeks in advance via [www.bathnes.gov.uk/rapidtest](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=eade204157&e=3e5221b889). The test process including registration on arrival takes around 15 minutes and results are sent by text or email, usually within one hour.If you have any further questions please contact rapidtest@bathnes.gov.uk |

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| Respiratory Webinar |

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| Orion Pharma (UK) Ltd are delighted to be supporting the next Pharmacy in Practice live webinar: Respiratory Pharmacy Insights delivered by Professor Anna Murphy on Tuesday 9thMarch 2021 from 19.30 – 21.00.  |

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| **Covid-19 Information** |

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| Dear pharmacy team,Over the coming weeks you and your team will need to think about getting the second COVID-19 vaccination.  To support access I have spoken to the CCGs to begin planning this.  If you received a vaccination via a PCN hub, I have been assured they are aware of the need to vaccinate you and you should be contacted in Week 11 to ask you to present for your second dose. If this does not happen, please contact the provider of your first vaccination.If you received the vaccination through any other site (pharmacy / mass vac), you can book into a pharmacy site or mass vac site via the National Booking System.  You do not need to wait until week 11 to do this as you can book many weeks in advance via the NBS.If you have any queries, please get in touch with the LPC.Kind regards,RichardRichard Brown PhD, FRPharmSChief OfficerAvon LPC |

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| Pharmacy Staff Vaccinations |

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| **Pharmacy staff C-19 vaccination**Local data suggests that there are quite a few community pharmacy team members including locums who have not yet had their vaccination. If you have team members who would like to have a Covid-19 vaccination please ensure that they are aware of how to book. Staff should try online booking first, but if this is not possible, they can phone 119 free of charge, 7am to 11pm, 7 days a week. |

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| [**Click here for staff to book online**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=7983420e6d&e=3e5221b889) |

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| NHSE and your system recognise it is important for you as employers and NHSE as commissioner of your service, to be confident that your staff in the priority cohort have been able to access a vaccination if they wish to. They have requested that your pharmacy complete a survey |

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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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| DMS Online Training |

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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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| [**Click here for the link to the training**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=ac0da29276&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Local Services** |

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| **Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework** |

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| **Good News Stories** |

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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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