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

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| **NEW this week** |

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| Modern Slavery Training Event - Book now! |

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| **Wednesday 31st March at 7.30pm via Zoom**This months training is on **Modern Slavery** and is being given by Courtenay Forbes. Courtenay works with brands such as John Lewis, Marks and Spencer, Tesco, Hotel Chocolat, Cordant Group and more. She is a subject matter expert in modern slavery and human trafficking and sits on the government’s Multi Agency Assurance Panel, reviewing cases of potential modern slavery identified in the UK.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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| Antimicrobial Stewardship Training |

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| **Antimicrobial stewardship in Community Pharmacy Shared Learning**Virtual Event Tuesday 30th March 19:00 As part of supporting community pharmacy teams implement the antimicrobial stewardship action plan that was developed for 2020/21 PQS, colleagues are invited to register to attend the Antimicrobial Stewardship (AMS) in community pharmacy training event. |

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| Steroid Emergency Cards |

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| **Reminder to all Pharmacy teams**A joint National Patient Safety Alert was issued by NHS Improvement and NHS England national patient safety team, Royal College of General Practitioners, Royal College of Physicians and Society for Endocrinology, regarding the introduction of a new Steroid Emergency Card to support the early recognition and treatment of adrenal crisis in adults. |

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| Compliance Aid Survey |

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| Medicines Compliance Aids Baseline SurveyTheWest ofEngland Academic Health Science Network have asked whether pharmacy contractors can complete a quick (couple of minutes) survey (5 questions only) -  for them on medicines compliance aids to support an ongoing piece of work. I am aware that some pharmacies have already completed the survey if this is the case there is no requirement to complete it again.  |

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| **For BANES Pharmacies Only**We have been informed that Monmouth and Grosvenor Place GP Practices are due to close on March 31st with, in both instances, patients being dispersed to 9 different Practices across the City of Bath.  |

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| **Revalidation requirements from May to November 2021**The GPhC have decided to continue with the change to their revalidation requirements that they introduced in March 2020, for pharmacy professionals who have **a registration renewal deadline on or before 30 November 2021** and whose **registration expires on or before 31 January 2022.**This means you will**ONLY**need to submit a reflective account when you renew your registration this year. |

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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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| 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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| Diabetes & Heart Failure Training  |

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| **ALL Pharmacy teams****Sotiris Antoniou,**will be presenting**'Type 2 Diabetes & Heart Failure, A Risk Worth Managing'**. He will then be joined by **Dr Angus Nightingale, Consultant Cardiologist, Bristol Heart Institute & Clinical Lead for the Bristol Heart Failure Service, BRI** who will lead a discussion around Implementation in BNSSG. Following this there will be a discussion with the multi-disciplinary panel of pharmacists; **Vicky Ruszala, Patrick Durant & Ade Williams.**March 22nd @ 7pm |

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| DMS Online Training |

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| **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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| **Local Services** |

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| **South Gloucestershire Pharmacies Only**South Gloucestershire Council Public Health are organising an event to provide an opportunity to discuss what support is out there for the over 50’s to reduce isolation and increase well-being but also importantly to listen to what they think will help as we move forward to living with Covid-19 and are asking for your help in advertising the event to your customers. |

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| **ALL PHARMACIES**Commissioners from Bristol, North Somerset, South Gloucestershire and B&NES are keen to capture the views of pharmacists in relation to undertaking emergency contraception consultations where the chance of safeguarding concerns or disclosures are increased. The commissioners would be really grateful if pharmacists could take a few minutes to complete the following 3-question SnapSurvey. |

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| **Are you submitting Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) claims using tokens correctly?**NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) has said that EPS tokens used to make claims for any supplies made against Serious Shortage Protocols (SSPs) are not being submitted correctly by some contractors. |

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| **Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework** |

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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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| **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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