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

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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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| **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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| **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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| 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.** |

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| **BNSSG Pharmacy teams ONLY**On Thursday 11th March at 6.25pm there is a training session on a new diabetes product Rybelsus that’s just gone into the formulary hosted by Victoria Ruszala,Diabetes Specialist Pharmacist. Please find details below.**Interested in attending this meeting? RSVP to**:Mo IsmailDiabetes Account Specialist YMOI@novonordisk.com0788 0374 240Please respond by Wednesday 10th March 2021 |

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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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| **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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| **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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| **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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| **Training** |

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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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| **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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| **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=308b7a3a2b&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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| **Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework** |

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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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| 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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| Please share any good news stories about team members of patients with us by e mailing avonlpc@gmail.com |

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