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| **Weekly Update**Tuesday 20th April |

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| **NEW this week** |

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| **PPE**PSNC would like to remind contractors that the provision of supplies of free C-19 personal protective equipment (PPE) to health and care providers, including community pharmacies, has been extended to the end of March 2022.The Government's PPE Portal can continue to be used by community pharmacies to obtain all the COVID-19 PPE they need, free of charge, until the end of March 2022. |

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| Lateral Flow Distribution |

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| **C-19 test distribution service: important clarification of data submission requirements** Pharmacies participating in the NHS community pharmacy C-19 lateral flow device distribution service are required to make records related to the stock received from wholesalers and the supply of test kits to members of the public. These records also have to be entered into the MYS portal by the close of business on the pharmacy’s last trading day of the week. Following some initial misunderstandings surrounding the data needing to be entered into MYS, contractors have today been advised to: * [ensure they enter the number of cartons (outers) received](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=f0399584fd&e=3e5221b889), not the number of individual boxes of test kits within those cartons; and
* [record and report only one reason for tests being requested](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=8233030cae&e=3e5221b889)to make an accurate payment claim.
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| Prescribing Changes |

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| **BNSSG Pharmacies ONLY**Changes to prescribingPlease note there will be an increase in prescribing certain products in the coming weeks. Please see list below.  |

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| Pre-Reg Training/Trainee Pharmacist Training |

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| **AHS TRAINEE PHARMACIST TRAINING**AHS are delighted to announce that they will be running a Trainee Pharmacist Training Programme. The GPhC have introduced **a foundation training year, which will replace the current pre-registration training year.**From now on, pre-registration trainees will be known as **trainee pharmacists**and tutors will be known as **designated supervisors. Learning outcomes**replace the **performance standards**."This will be the 5th Year that this highly successful programme has run and our highly experienced tutor is already identifying any changes in the course programme in order to ensure our trainees get the best possible experience. Our Results have consistently been better than the national average."For more information please contact judith@avonhealthcareservices.co.uk |

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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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| **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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| 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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| **Training** |

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| Free CPD Sessions |

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| The Royal Pharmaceutical Society in partnership with the Royal College of General Practitioners are running free CPD sessions to support pharmacists to deliver  CPCS. The training covers how to handle referrals and includes practice on how to handle referrals in real life situations with GPs and other healthcare professionals |

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| [**Click here for more training information**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=5093b1ca99&e=3e5221b889) |

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| Please find the CPPE's spring/summer newsletter and information about online workshops below |

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| [**CPPE Workshops Apr - Sept 2021**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=67e239018c&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Local Services** |

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| **Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework** |

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| Smart Card Changes |

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| **Smartcards - National changes to Care Identity Services.(CIS)**An upgrade will take place between 18.30 on Friday 7th May and 08.00 on Monday 10th May to move the live CIS service to the cloud. Smartcards should continue to work as normal. However you will not be able to manage smart cards ie unlock/renew, change access or register new users during this time.IT Requirements to support change.Your IT provider will need to make changes to facilitate this process.If you have any questions please do not hesitate to write to scwcsu.smartcards@nhs.net  with the subject heading of **FAO:  RA Management Ref: CIS Live Service National Changes** |

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| Flu Vaccines |

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| **Updated NHSE&I letter on flu vaccines for 2021/22**Last week, NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) reportedthat 50 to 64 year olds would be included as an eligible cohort for the 2021/22 flu vaccination season.  Following this announcement, NHSE&I has now published its updated flu reimbursement letter. The updated letter provides information on the flu vaccines which will be reimbursable under the 2021/22 Community Pharmacy Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Advanced Service, for the three cohorts (65 years and over, 50-64s and at-risk adults aged 18-64). This includes the addition of another vaccine to those which will be reimbursable – QIVr (Supemtek, Sanofi Pasteur). |

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| **Good News Stories** |

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