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| **Weekly Update**Tuesday 13th July |

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| **NEW this week** |

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| Face to Face Flu Vaccination Training |

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| 2 new dates for face to face Flu Vaccination Training:Tuesday 21st SeptemberWednesday 22nd September7pm - 9pmPlease note this will be the final dates we are running.To book a place please email: office@avonhealthcareservices.co.ukPrices are £75 for AHS members and £105 for non members and all courses will be held at the LPC Office in Staple Hill, Bristol |

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| Chloramphenicol Eye Drops Update |

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| **Use of Chloramphenicol eyedrops for children under 2**Please note that the MHRA review released last week states that the benefit of chloramphenicol eyedrops drops outweigh the risk for children under 2 years with eye infections that require antibiotic treatment. The MHRA has requested the **removal of restrictions and associated warning** about boron exposure in children aged 0 to 2 years.All restrictions have been removed on chloramphenicol drops from the PGD and PharmOutcomes has been updated to reflect this.Please note that for a while the PIL will state not to be used in under 2s and that the parent will need counselling.  |

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| Webinar - Dispensing Controlled Drugs |

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| **PSNC webinar on Dispensing Controlled Drugs**PSNC will be holding a webinar on Dispensing Controlled Drugs on **Tuesday 27 July at 7pm**. The one-hour webinar aims to provide staff working in community pharmacy settings with information on dispensing, endorsing and submission of Controlled Drug (CD) prescriptions. |

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| [**Register for the webinar here**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=542c043a8b&e=3e5221b889) |

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| Delays in Obtaining LFDs |

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| **Delays in obtaining LFDs**If you are experiencing limited delays in obtaining stock of Lateral Flow Devices (LFDs) from Alliance Healthcare’s Letchworth Service Centre please do not place additional orders if you already have an order outstanding. Instead, please contact the Alliance Healthcare Customer service team on customerservice@alliance-healthcare.co.uk |

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| Cost Claims Workshops |

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| **COVID-19 Costs Claims online contractor workshops**PSNC will be holding two COVID-19 Cost Claim Workshops for community pharmacy contractors, on **Wednesday 14th July** and **Monday 2nd August at 7.30pm**.These 60-minute online events aim to help you to claim for the extra costs you incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The upcoming workshops will enable PSNC  to share information in a more accessible format as well as provide contractors with the opportunity to have their questions answered live by the PSNC team. |

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| Have you completed your DMS Declaration? |

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| **Have you completed the DMS Declaration of Competence?**Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians must complete the Discharge Medicines Service (DMS) Declaration of Competence (DoC) **before**providing DMS, which became an Essential service earlier this year. Even pharmacies not yet receiving referrals from hospitals should be ready to provide the service, which includes ensuring staff have completed the relevant training and are competent to offer the service. |

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| Pandemic Delivery Service |

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| The Pandemic Delivery Service has been further extended to **30th September 2021** for people who have been notified of the need to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace.This means all pharmacies (excluding distance selling pharmacies) will be required to ensure those people who have been notified by NHS Test and Trace to self-isolate can receive their prescription medicines and appliances by home delivery during the ten-day self-isolation period, if they are unable to arrange for medicines to be picked up. |

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| **Covid-19 Information** |

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| Covid Testing |

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| **New distribution arrangements for staff COVID testing**NHSE&I has announced new arrangements for distributing COVID-19 Lateral Flow Devices (LFDs) to pharmacy team members. Previously, pharmacy contractors ordered LFD test kits from the Primary Care Support England portal. But from **5th July 2021**, staff will be able to order test kits for asymptomatic staff testing, click below. |

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| [**Click here to order tests**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=e7db161d92&e=3e5221b889) |

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| Covid-19 costs |

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| **COVID-19 Costs: PSNC reaches deal with HM Government*** PSNC has accepted a revised, and much improved, offer on COVID costs
* Contractors can claim for a range of costs incurred over a 13-month period
* Payments to be made in October ahead of the sector paying back £370m Advance Payments
* Terms of loan repayments will depend on the amounts claimed, and this is subject to some further negotiation
* Details on making COVID costs claims are set out in a Drug Tariff determination, and further commentary and guidance will follow from PSNC
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| **Training** |

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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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| New Levonorgestrel PGD for Banes |

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| ***New levonorgestrel PGD for community pharmacists in Bath and North East Somerset****A new levonorgestrel PGD for community pharmacists in Bath and North East Somerset comes into effect from Thursday 1st July. The new PGD is based on the on the national FSRH template, in line with good practice and making it similar to the existing PGD covering Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire.* *Can pharmacists please ensure they have read and signed a copy of the new PGD ready for its commencement on 1st July and update their enrolment details on Pharmoutcomes where necessary. A copy of the new PGD is available on the Avon LPC website.* *For more information or any queries on the PGD please contact**billie\_turner@bathnes.gov.uk**.* |

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| **Local Services & Information** |

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| CPAF Screening |

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| **CPAF screening process starts on Monday 28th June**Community pharmacy contractors are required to complete the questionnaire between **Monday 28th June 2021 and midnight on Saturday 24th July 2021** via the MYS Portal. Pharmacies will receive instructions on how to complete the screening questionnaire from the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA)**by email or from their own Head Office in the week commencing 21st June 2021.** |

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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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