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| **Weekly Update**Tuesday 16th November |

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| **NEW this week** |

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| Staff Covid Vaccinations |

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| **GPhC statement on compulsory C-19 vaccination for NHS staff**The Government recently announced that frontline NHS staff will be required to be vaccinated against COVID-19. This will apply across the CQC regulated health and care sector, and is expected to come into force from April 2022. This **does not** apply to people working in community pharmacies regulated by the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC). |

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| Pharmacy Opening Hours |

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| **Changing pharmacy opening hours in response to workforce pressures during the ongoing pandemic**Self-isolation requirements and a lack of available pharmacists (amongst other things) mean that short-notice closures/late opening/early closing incidents are continuing to happen, unavoidably, within the community pharmacy sector.Contractors unable to find a pharmacist to staff a pharmacy may still **seek** to use emergency provisions introduced at the start of the pandemic to reduce temporarily the number of hours or days that they are open. But NHSE&I must agree any contractor application to use the emergency provisions, even if this is done retrospectively. |

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| Flu Vaccinations |

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| **Flu vac: updated PGD and national protocol published**NHSE&I have now approved the PGD and national protocol for use by community pharmacy contractors, meaning vaccination of these staff as part of the service can now commence.Contractors must keep a manual record of the number of primary care staff they vaccinate in the service and report this data each month on the Manage Your Service (MYS) portal in a new module, which will be linked to from the main MYS flu vaccination module. PSNC has published a tally chart for contractors to use to keep count of the number of staff from each primary care setting that they have vaccinated. |

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| BNSSG Pharmacies |

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| **BNSSG PHARMACIES - CHANGE FROM GENERIC TO BRANDED PRODUCTS**Local surgeries will be moving to use more of the following branded products in place of generic:                Besavar XL 10mg tabs (alfuzosin)                Galzemic XL 8mg, 16mg and 24mg caps and 4mg/ml oral solution (galantamine)                Epesri 250mg caps (ethosuximide)                Evacal D3 chewable tabs The LPC doesn’t support the use of Branded Generics, however we appreciate that the CCG has taken the time to inform us so that we can share the information with all contractors so they have time to adjust their stock holding. |

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| **Looking After Your Career – coaching**Following the success of the Looking After You Too and the Looking After Your Team national primary care coaching services, we are pleased to announce a new offer:**Looking after your Career.** Looking After Your Career provides an easy to access, individually tailored career coaching service for the frontline primary care workforce. It focuses on proactively supporting people with their career choices by providing opportunities to process experiences, develop career plans and develop strategies for self-management. The service is also intended to support the primary care workforce in increasing awareness and connection to the wider suite of resources and support offers available to them. |

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| November Online Training Event - Opioid Misuse |

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| **November Training Event - via Zoom**The session will be run by **Dr Radu Iosub from the Bristol Priory Hospital**and will include the following:* Current challenges - Dame Carol Black recommendations
* Harms, Dependence Syndrome & principles of treatment
* Substitution treatment & detoxification
* Opioids and chronic pain including prescribed and OTC opioid use

Please click below for more information and  to book a place. |

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| Prescription Sorting Requirements |

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| **Changes to prescription sorting requirements**You are reminded of changes to the end of month prescription sorting requirements, effective from October 2021, which **remove the need for pharmacy staff to sort paper FP10 forms by form type (FP10SS PN/SP/HP and FP10D) or by prescriber surname**. Before the prescription bundle is dispatched to the NHSBSA, all paper prescriptions must continue to be sorted into their relevant patient charge/exempt groups and any FP10MDA instalment dispensing forms must continue to be sorted separately. |

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| GP CPCS |

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|  **GP CPCS**Please can all pharmacies ensure that all team members including locums are looking out for referrals from GP CPCS. These referrals may come through **PharmOutcomes OR NHS mail** depending on the GP practice’s method of referral. GP practices are being encouraged to make better use of the service and hence you may see more referrals and it is important that patients get the level of service they are expecting. Pharmacists need to contact the patient within 4 hours of receiving the referral. If for any reason your pharmacy can’t accept referrals on a particular day you **MUST** contact your local practices to inform them of this as per the service specification.Any questions please contact Judith on (judith.avonlpc@gmail.com) |

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| **Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework** |

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| CPAF Questionnaire |

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| **Arrangements for full CPAF Questionnaire**The full version of the Community Pharmacy Assurance Framework (CPAF) questionnaire is now open for completion. Pharmacies may be invited to complete the full CPAF questionnaire if, for example, they did not complete the screening survey earlier this year or if there are concerns about the pharmacy relating to patient safety.The selected pharmacies will have until 28th November 2021 to complete the full CPAF questionnaire on the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) website. |

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| Accessing Advance Payments |

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| **Accessing earlier advance payments following changes to submission requirements**From November 2021, you can access their monthly advance payments around **20 days earlier** by submitting your FP34Cs using the MYS portal no later than the **5th of the month** following that in which supply was made. For the October 2021 dispensing month, contractors will receive earlier advance payments on 11th November 2021 (instead of 1st December 2021), as long as FP34C submissions are made through MYS by 5th November. |

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| Flu Vaccines |

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| **ADDITIONAL SUPPLY OF FLU VACCINATIONS**The DHSC published guidance in October on how you will be able to access supplies of flu vaccines procured centrally by the Government to help achieve even higher vaccine uptake rates compared to last year. These vaccines will be available to top up local supplies once they run low and will be deployed to areas where it is most needed to maximise uptake.DHSC has ordered additional stocks of QIVc, QIVe and QIVr, with the stock arriving in **November**. DHSC will sell some of their centrally procured stock to the pharmacy wholesalers, for onward sale to pharmacy contractors.Unlike the situation during part of the last flu vaccination season, **no restrictions will be placed** by DHSC on the use of the stock, e.g. on private use of the vaccine.You should contact your regular wholesaler to access additional stock and follow the wholesaler’s process for ordering stock. If you have any issues please let us know. |

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| Winter Immunity Campaign |

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| **Second Mandated Health Campaign for ALL pharmacies**The campaign materials, which include a briefing sheet and FAQs to support  pharmacy teams to have conversations with patients on this topic, will start to be delivered to pharmacies from 8th November 2021. Social media and digital resources for this campaign are also available click below.If contractors have not received the campaign materials by 1st December 2021, please email Marketing@dhsc.gov.uk stating your pharmacy’s name, address and the name of the campaign that you are missing campaign materials for. |

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| [**Click here for digital campaign resources**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=b03133fbab&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Local Services & Information** |

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| **Training - VirtualOutcomes** |

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| Avon is very lucky to have access to VirtualOutcomes online training, please have a look and make use of this valuable resource.  |

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| Inflammatory Bowel Disease Training |

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| VirtualOutcomes have now launched three modules to support pharmacies in understanding more about Inflammatory Bowel Disease.  Two of the modules (~20 mins) are to support registered professionals with their revalidation submission as they provide a stepwise journey through IBD and provide a number of key learning points. The third module looks to support pharmacy teams in understanding the condition and supporting patients who may wish to purchase over the counter medicines. All modules are supportive of CPCS and DMS as both of these routes see patients presenting with GI conditions. |

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| **Training** |

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| Hypertension Case-Finding Service |

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| **Hypertension Case-Finding Service**There is now 2 FREE online modules available to support you and your team to deliver this important new service. Module 1 is for the whole team including pharmacists and looks at the whole service  whilst Module 2 is for pharmacists delivering the service. |

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