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| **Weekly Update**Tuesday 9th November |

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| **NEW this week** |

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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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| 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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| Updated Flu PGD |

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| **UPDATED FLU PGD AVAILABLE VERY SHORTLY**An updated PGD for community pharmacy service providers has been provided to NHSEI for publication and should be available shortly via the link below. |

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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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| 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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| 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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| 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=6dcedafc79&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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