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| **Weekly Update**Tuesday 11th January |

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| **Congratulations to Ade Williams on being awarded an MBE**Ade, who is Bedminster Pharmacy Superintendent Pharmacist, was awarded the MBE for his services to the NHS and to the community in South Bristol, particularly during COVID-19. The effort of Ade and his team in helping deliver 50,000 COVID-19 jabs since the start of the vaccination rollout,  as well as running a non-stop 13-hour clinic where 1,617 vaccinations were given at the end of last year, was part of the reason he received the award.Commenting on his award, Ade said: “I feel very undeserving, what I do is what everybody who works in the NHS does.What the honour represents is the story of our unique community in South Bristol. How its enormous generosity to reach out and support each other has made sure that no one is left behind. There have been so many examples of the generosity of spirit, such as people who have taken breaks from homeschooling and their own lives to stand in the cold for hours to welcome people for their vaccination or deliver prescriptions.“It is very humbling and empowering to see that when we all work together, good things can happen for everyone. It truly represents the community and the NHS at its very best. What a privilege and honour to contribute to both.” |

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| Flu Vaccinations |

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| **Flu Vaccinations - please continue to vaccinate**The ask from the national team is to please continue to ask people about whether they have had their flu vaccinations and whether they would want one. If your pharmacy can’t supply a vaccination please signpost to another pharmacy who has stock or to their GP. |

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| Reporting Covid-19 Outbreaks |

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| **Reporting COVID outbreaks, service status and capacity**NHSE&I have reminded primary care staff, including community pharmacy contractors, of the requirement and importance of reporting COVID-19 outbreaks and ensuring that the Directory of Services (DoS) profile is updated to make sure patients are appropriately signposted to available services.Contractors must inform their local commissioner when the delivery of services is compromised or reduced by staff absences, whether or not attributed to a COVID-19 outbreak, in line with local reporting and escalation processes in order to support service continuity and resilience plans. Community pharmacies have direct access to their DoS profiles using the DoS Profile Updater. There is also a DoS Capacity Status Tool which allows pharmacies to mark themselves as red, amber, or green in terms of capacity. |

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| **Pharmacy Collect: SureScreen and MYS claiming**Community pharmacy contractors ordering Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test kits will soon start to receive a different brand of test kits (SureScreen) from Alliance Healthcare.These test kits are for shallow nasal swab only,contain sachets to decant, and contain swabs that, when processing the sample, need to be broken to leave the swab head in the tube. These tests also return a faster result.Given these changes, contractors should continue to advise patients to follow the instructions on how to use the tests kits contained within the box. **MYS Claiming**When entering lot numbers for SureScreen LFD test kits onto the MYS portal  you are advised to omit the ‘COVN’ and ‘OM’ characters where these appear and simply input the numbers as the lot number to submit their data. |

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| **Pharmacy Collect: UKHSA update on LFD stock**As the unprecedented public demand for Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test kits via the Pharmacy Collect service continues, PSNC has been in regular contact with the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) about the supply issues and we have the following update for pharmacy teams.By the end of last week, the UKHSA will have distributed over 8 million tests to Alliance Healthcare (representing c.1,142,800 individual packs of 7 tests and just over 19,000 cartons). The UKHSA has indicated that Alliance Healthcare are delivering 86% of their orders within 24 hours of the pharmacy order, with almost half of that on the same day.For the remainder of January the UKHSA is planning to distribute 10.5 million tests per week, replenishing Alliance Healthcare depots as test kits are distributed to pharmacies. A plan to switch on a Parcel Force delivery contingency is also being finalised to help support the supply of a further 3.5 million test kits. |

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| **Weight management campaign starts soon - Mandatory campaign**The weight management health campaign, which was originally due to start on 4th January 2022, will now begin next week when pharmacies receive the campaign materials. This is the third mandated campaign agreed for 2021/2022 and runs for**five weeks** from the date on which the pharmacy receives the campaign materials. These are due to be delivered to pharmacies between the **11th-14th January 2022**. |

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| **Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework** |

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| PQS Deadline Extension and Further Measures |

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| **PQS Deadline Extension**Following the announcement the requirements of the 2021/22 Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS), the relevant amendments to the Drug Tariff have now been published. You now have from 1st April 2021 **until 5th April 2022** to claim payments for the completion of a minimum of 20 completed New Medicine Service (NMS) provisions, until **31st March 2022** to complete most of the domains for the other requirements of the scheme, and until **30th June 2022** to gather the evidence to demonstrate compliance. Please note that the extension is **not** being applied to the PCN domain or to advice on return of unwanted or unused inhalers, and the declaration period has**not** been changed. |

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| **Pharmacy Collect: December claims submission extended**As high demand for Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test kits continues, pharmacy contractors now have until the end of January 2022 to submit their December 2021 claims for the Pharmacy Collect Service.This is in recognition of the current level of demand for LFDs (and the consequent number of individual transactions which need to be recorded on the NHS Business Services Authority's (NHSBSA) Manage Your Service (MYS) portal) and the increased levels of activity for pharmacy teams at this time of year.Contractors must submit claims for the provision of the Pharmacy Collect service during the month of December 2021 before **11.59pm on 31st January 2022**. |

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| Covid Testing for Pharmacy Staff |

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| **Access to COVID testing for pharmacy staff**Amidst growing calls for key workers (including NHS staff) to be prioritised to receive COVID tests, NHSE&I has advised primary care teams of how to escalate requests for testing needed for their staff.NHSE&I's Primary Care Bulletin, advised primary care workers to get in touch with their regional NHSE&I team who can put them in contact with the regional testing lead. Please  e mail england.pharmacysouthwest@nhs.net if you are having issues. |

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| **BANES PHARMACIES - GREAT NEWS**The service has now been commissioned and your pharmacy should have received an e mail from Roger Herbert on Tuesday 14th December with the actions you are required to complete in order to “go live”. If you have any queries please contact Roger Herbert,LPC Pharmacy Support07710 713305roger.avonlpc@gmail.com |

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| **Training - VirtualOutcomes** |

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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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