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| **Weekly Update**Tuesday 18th January |

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| **Chief Sustainability Officer’s Clinical Fellow Scheme 2022/23** These fellowships offer pharmacists and pharmacy technicians alongside other clinicians the opportunity to work on national projects within their field that will help accelerate progress towards a net zero NHS, gain exposure to national health and climate change policy as well as senior leaders, and develop leadership and management skills. There is an information session for all potential applicants on the 26 January 2022. Applications close on 23rd February 2022.  |

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| First Aid Training Day |

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| **Certified First Aid Training Day - February 17th February**We are running a certified first aid training day at the LPC Office in Bristol on**Thursday 17th February** for the trainee pharmacists and have a couple of places spare. The course will cover all aspects of first aid and life support.Costs which includes a booklet and a certificate as well as tea and coffee are;AHS Members - £65Non AHS Members - £72.50If you are interested in booking a place please e mail Debbie on office@avonhealthcareservices.co.uk with you name, pharmacy name and contact details by Friday 4th February. |

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| **BANES PHARMACIES ONLY - Surveys for young people aged 13-24** B&NES Council are aiming to improve the C-card (free condom scheme) and SAFE (sexual health for everyone) scheme in Bath and North East Somerset. They would really like to hear from young people aged 13-24 years old to get their feedback on how the services could be improved.  Below are two short online surveys for each of the schemes. Please could you share these survey links widely within your networks to reach as many young people as possible including on social media platforms.  |

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| C-Card Survey |

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| **BANES PHARMACIES - Survey for C-card providers** If you currently provide the C-card scheme, or if you would like to provide the scheme in the future - BANES council would appreciate your views on how the scheme could be improved. Please fill out the short survey below. If you have any questions about any of the surveys, please contact billie\_turner@bathnes.gov.uk.  |

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| Vaccinations During Pregnancy |

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| **BNSSG PHARMACIES ONLY-ALLOCATION OF LEAFLETS BEING SENT TO YOUR PHARMACY**During pregnancy the immune system becomes weakened. As the pregnancies progress there is higher risk of more serious infection and consequent risk to the baby.  Vaccinations such as COVID, Flu and Whopping Cough are safe in pregnancy and can protect both the pregnant person and the baby. The NHS in Bristol North Somerset South Gloucestershire have produced a leaflet that outlines the recommended vaccines in pregnancy which can be made available for pregnant people in store or given out with purchases such as folic acid.Please ensure your team are aware of the leaflet and that they give them out when there is an appropriate opportunity. |

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| **HYPERTENSION CASE-FINDING SERVICE**This service went live as a national advanced service in October 2021 and required your pharmacy to sign up via MYS if you wished to participate. Please remember the service is currently pharmacist led and both clinic blood pressure monitoring and 24 hour ambulatory blood pressure monitoring must be available in order to meet the requirements of the service.There is a huge amount of interest in GP practices,PCN’s etc about the service and how community pharmacy can work with them to complete blood pressure monitoring. In the coming weeks Avon LPC is going to start working with you and practices to highlight the service.If you have any questions please email me at  Judith. avonlpc@gmail.com |

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| **Changes to CPCS: More referrals from NHS 111 and the need to choose an IT system****More CPCS referrals expected from NHS 111**Pharmacies can expect to receive more referrals from NHS 111 for the Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS) following a review of the NHS Pathway algorithms.The changes introduce three new condition types (scratches and grazes, teething, sinusitis) and incorporate general health information requests. Based on NHS 111 call volumes data, these changes could generate 275,000 additional referral opportunities annually. |

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| CPCS IT Deadline |

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| **URGENT CPCS IT deadline approaching**The national procurement of IT support for the CPCS is due to finish at the end of March 2022. Contractors that want to continue providing the service must, therefore, confirm their choice of CPCS IT system by no later than **February 2022**. Those contractors who choose to stay with their current IT provider still need to confirm this. |

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| **Free PPE for pharmacy teams extended for another year**The Government's offer of free personal protective equipment (PPE) to frontline health and social care staff in England, including community pharmacy teams, has been extended for another year until **31st March 2023**.The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) is also developing an improved platform for the procurement of PPE that will be quicker and easier to use. This is due to be rolled out from April 2022. |

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| Weight Management Campaign |

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| **Mandatory Weight Management Campaign for ALL pharmacies**Campaign materials should have arrived last week. If you have not received them please e mail **partnerships@phe.gov.uk** with ‘Weight Management Pharmacy Packs’ in the subject line and include your pharmacy name and address in the email.A 10 minute training module is now also available for you and your team to view which includes information about the campaign, how to approach customers and how you can refer patients into the NHS Digital Weight Loss Programme. |

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| **Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework** |

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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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| **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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| **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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| **Good News** |

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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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