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| **Weekly Update**Tuesday 28th December |

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| Avon LPC would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. |

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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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| Update on LFD Supply to Pharmacies |

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| **LFD Service**The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) are working to arrange further deliveries of test kits to Alliance Healthcare over the next few days, so more stock will be available to distribute to pharmacies from Monday 20th December and throughout the week, providing more than the normal weekly allocation of stock.  The UKHSA have issued a poster which pharmacies can print off and display when they are out of stock of test kits.Stock will continue to be delivered as quickly as possible, often next day, but contractors are reminded that the service level agreement Alliance Healthcare have with the UKHSA stipulates delivery within three working days.Any orders placed on the 15th and 16th December will be cancelled, with orders from the 17th onwards being fulfilled as stock becomes available. The stock to be received by Alliance Healthcare will be one of the following two products, so **contractors should check product availability of each product** and order whichever is in stock at the time:Product: DHSC **INNOVA** COVID-19 test kits  PIP: **8943037**Product: DHSC **ORIENT GENE** test kits PIP: **8943995**There may be periods next week when the products appear out of stock, before more replenishment stock is received from the UKHSA; in that circumstance contractors should check back later in the day to see if more stock has become available to order.For more information and to download the posters click here [https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/pharmacy-collect-stock-update-and-out-of-stock-poster/](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=3205605b6f&e=3e5221b889) |

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| PQS Deadline Extension and Further Measures |

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| **PQS****PQS deadline extension and further measures**PSNC has reached agreement on several measures to help ease the immediate pressures on community pharmacies. It has been agreed that:  * There will be **an extension** to the deadline for meeting the requirements of the Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) in line with last years arrangements;
* Contractors will **not be required** to complete the Community Pharmacy Patient Questionnaire (CPPQ) for 2021/2022;
* The requirement for pharmacy teams to complete a national audit (intended to be on valproate) in 2021/22 **will be waived;** and
* The requirement for pharmacy teams to complete a contractor-chosen clinical audit in 2021/22 **will be waived.**

Pharmacies are still required to make the PQS declaration during the February window, but as last year, this will be a claim for work to be undertaken and evidenced by 30th June 2022. Further details will be published in due course.  |

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| Holiday Opening - Boxing Day and New Year's Day |

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| **Holidays**PSNC has been seeking flexibility from NHSE&I about holiday openings this year. In some areas, a number of contractors are seeking to close due to pandemic and workforce pressures on two specific days, Boxing Day (Sunday 26th December 2021) and New Year’s Day (Saturday 1st January 2022). These two days are **not**Bank Holidays this year, but normal contractual days.  NHSE&I has agreed that contractors in an area may agree with NHSE&I a pharmacy opening plan for pharmacies in that area, which ensures adequate patient access to pharmaceutical services; recognising the pressures contractors are under. **This applies to Boxing Day and New Year’s Day only**. Applications for such plans will be considered by NHSE&I regional teams.  |

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| **Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework** |

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| New Electronic Repeat Dispensing Resources |

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| **eRD Materials**The West of England AHSN’s Medicines team have compiled a handy pack of electronic Repeat Dispensing (eRD) resources to help practices and community pharmacists maximise time savings and reduce unnecessary footfall through use of pre-authorised repeat prescriptions.  Free resources to help implement and maintain eRD can be found here [https://linktr.ee/eRDweahsn](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=2c51353e6c&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Local Services & Information** |

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| Respect Materials |

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| **New Primary Care Staff Respect Materials**In recognition of the increasing abuse and violence that primary care teams now regularly face, the NHS has published a suite of downloadable materials and guidance for use by primary care staff to encourage patients to treat NHS staff with respect. |

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| [**Click here for more information**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=62b108e160&e=3e5221b889) |

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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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