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| **Weekly Update**Tuesday 4th January |

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| **December FP34C and bundle submission due by 6th January**As the New Year's Day Bank Holiday (Monday 3rd January 2022) occurs in the FP34C submission window,  pharmacy contractors have been given an extra working day to submit their December FP34Cs and dispatch their prescription bundle to the relevant pricing division at the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA). For more information click here [https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/december-fp34c-and-bundle-submission-deadline-extended-to-the-6-january-due-to-bank-holiday/](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=843d062d7e&e=3e5221b889) |

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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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| **Supply of Lateral Flow Tests**On the 30th December, around 1.97m tests (Acon Flowflex and Orient Gene brands) have been sent to Alliance Healthcare (c. 281k individual packs of 7 tests and c. 5,000 cartons). A similar number of tests were also planned to be delivered to Alliance Healthcare on the 31st DecemberThe stock being received by Alliance Healthcare will be one of the following products, so **contractors should check availability of each product**and order whichever is in stock at the time:**Product: DHSC INNOVA COVID-19 test kits  PIP: 8943037**(54 packs of 7 tests per carton)**Product: DHSC FLOWFLEX COV test kits  PIP: 8033680** (56 packs of 7 tests per carton)**Product: DHSC ORIENT GENE test kits PIP: 8943995** (59 packs of 7 tests per carton)**There may be periods 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.** |

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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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| 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.For more information click here [https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/pqs-deadline-extension/](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=0e436b2889&e=3e5221b889) |

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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=da90066e71&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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| 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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| [**Click here for further information**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=cba0969cea&e=3e5221b889) |

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