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| **Weekly Update**Tuesday 15th March |

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| **NEW this week** |

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| NHSE&I Letter on Flu Vaccines |

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| **NHSE&I letter on flu vaccines for 2022/23**NHSE&I have published their flu vaccination reimbursement letter for the 2022/23 season. The letter provides information on the flu vaccines which will be reimbursable under the 2022/23 Community Pharmacy Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Advanced Service, for the two cohorts (65 years and over and at-risk adults aged 18-64).**The letter also highlights that in 2022/23, the NHS flu vaccination programme will only be offered to patient groups eligible in line with pre-pandemic recommendations.** |

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| QI Training Sessions |

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| The West of England Academic Health Science Network are running a free series of QI training sessions tailored to Pharmacists and Pharmacy technicians. The feedback from the first sessions was overwhelmingly positive. |

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| Digital Technology Event |

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| **NHSE&I event on designing a Pharmacy Learning Network for digital services.**NHSE&I are inviting pharmacy teams to discuss what an effective learning network to support digital services should look like for the sector.Community pharmacy team members with an interest in the use of digital technology are encouraged to attend this virtual event, which will be held on **Thursday** **17th March 2022, from 10.00-11.30am**. |

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| BNSSG Return of Signed CCG Contract |

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| **BNSSG PHARMACIES ONLY - Return of signed CCG Contract ASAP** BNSSG CCG issued the new contract for services such as PGDs and Emergency supply recently to Head Offices and individual contractors as appropriate. If you are responsible for signing the new contract and have not done so please could you return the completed and signed document asap to bnssg.pc.contracts@nhs.net |

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| **National Cyber Security Centre resilience request**The National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) has urged organisations to bolster their cyber security resilience in response to the malicious cyber incidents in and around Ukraine and recently issued guidance that encourages organisations to consider steps that reduce the risk of falling victim to a cyber attack.Community pharmacy contractors are also reminded of the following PSNC briefings, which contain important information on how to improve data and cyber security for pharmacies: |

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| [**Click here for 10 steps to improve cyber security**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=b4a66e1495&e=3e5221b889) |

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| ENT - March Online Training Event |

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| Common Disorders of the Ear, Nose and Throat and a review of the role of an independent prescriber.Wednesday 30th March 2022, 7.30pm start - Avon LPC March Online Training Event.Aims for the Training:* Look at some of the common disorders of the ears, nose & throat and what advice you should give patients.
* Share top tips to enable patients to self care
* Support pharmacists with the most common referrals made via CPCS
* Look at the red flags symptoms
* Explore the role of an independent prescriber

Click below for more information and to register for the event. |

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| **Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework** |

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| Quit Smoking Campaign |

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| **All Pharmacies**The 4th Mandatory public health campaign should commence in your pharmacy from Monday 28th February . If you have not received your campaign pack by Tuesday 1st March then please e mail  partnerships@phe.gov.uk with ‘Quit Smoking Pharmacy Packs’ in the subject line and your pharmacy name and full address in the email.There is a very short online training pack available (Once you have signed in you will find it under Public Health Campaigns.) |

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| Smoking Cessation Service |

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| **2nd NEW ADVANCED SERVICE - Smoking Cessation Service start date announced**The new Smoking Cessation Service (SCS) will officially commence on **10th March 2022**and contractors will be able to register to provide the service on the Manage Your Service (MYS) portal from 1st March 2022.The service is the**second** of the two new Advanced services to be introduced this financial year (the first being the Hypertension case-finding service) as one of the agreed outcomes from negotiations for Year 3 of the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework. A draft version of the SCS service specification is now available and PSNC has published a range of resources to support contractors. |

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| **Pharmacy Collect Update**Following the governments recent announcements the Pharmacy Collect service will cease on 31st March 22You may have witnessed an increase in requests for test kits over the last few days, resulting in temporary out of stocks in some distribution centres. However, the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has confirmed today that they continue to have good stock levels and is planning future deliveries across all test distribution channels.PSNC, the UKHSA and NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) are working together on the final plans for the end of the service, which will be announced as soon as possible. |

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| Living with Covid-19 |

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| **Living with COVID-19 – update for contractors** NHSE&I issued initial guidance to NHS service providers, including community pharmacy contractors.The key points for community pharmacy are summarised below:**Staff who test positive** – Healthcare staff who have tested positive for COVID-19 should not attend work until they have had two negative LFD test results taken 24 hours apart. The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) will be updating its guidance tomorrow.**Testing for patients and staff** – NHSE&I will provide more information in the coming weeks, but current testing protocols should continue until further guidance is received.**Infection, Prevention and Control (IPC)** – there are no immediate changes around the requirement to wear a mask/face covering in healthcare settings. |

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| Hypertension Case Finding Service now live  |

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| **HYPERTENSION CASE FINDING SERVICE LIVE NOW ON PHARMOUTCOMES**PiharmOutcomes have produced three templates for your pharmacists to use when completing blood pressure tests for patients who you have proactively approached or for patients whom the GP Practice has sent to you as part of the Hypertension Case Finding Service.The templates also have associated with them a number of GP notifications and patients information sheets that you can share with GP practices and patients respectively and include a loan form for ABPM meters and an appointment reminder for ABPM fitting as well as patient information about blood pressure and what their result means.**Payment for the service** - **this needs to be completed manually by the pharmacy as there is NO link between the service and MYS. Please ensure you make all your team aware of this and have a clear procedure in place to keep track of the tests you have completed.** |

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| CPCS IT Deadline |

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| **ACTION REQUIRED NOW -****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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| **Local Services & Information** |

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| BNSSG - Updated PGDs |

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| **BNSSG PHARMACIES ONLY****New PGDs launched for Sexual Health services across Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Councils.**From the 1st March, the sexual health PGDs are being updated and a new service will be available on PharmOutcomes for you to complete (EHC from 1st March 2022).  The PGDs can be found on your respective page of the Avon LPC website:* [Bristol](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=6b2d91221e&e=3e5221b889)
* [North Somerset](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=7792aa11fb&e=3e5221b889)
* [South Gloucestershire](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=29e61f2d0e&e=3e5221b889)

As always, when you change the PharmOutcomes templates, there will be **a new declaration of competence** for you to complete. This along with the service is now available for you to view in your PharmOutcomes services menu, however you will not be able to register any provisions for the service until 1st March.The Chlamydia Treatment service PGDs have also been updated, however the PharmOutcomes template will remain the same, you will just need to declare that you have read and signed the new PGDs. Any problems, please get in touch with the LPC. |

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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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| [**Click here for VirtualOutcomes**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=7af674c41e&e=3e5221b889) |

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