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| **Weekly Update**Tuesday 10th May |

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| **NEW this week** |

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| Avon LPC Training Event - Face to Face or Online! |

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| **Avon LPC May Training Event - Dermatology -Weds 18th May 2022****Dr Amrit Darvay - Consultant Dermatologist**We are very excited to be back face to face for this event, this will be held at Engineers House, Clifton.We are also live streaming the event.**Aims for the Training*** Acute Skin Conditions - What can be treated in the pharmacy.
* Chronic Conditions - Eczema, Skin Pigmentation
* Red Flags - what to look for.

Please click below to book a place, select either Engineers House for Face to Face or Online - if you select online the zoom link will be sent shortly.Engineers House, Clifton - food will be served 6.30-7.30, event will start at 7.30pm. |

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| World Hypertension Day - Tues 17th May 2022 |

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| **TUESDAY MAY 17th - WORLD HYPERTENSION DAY**If your pharmacy has signed up to the NHS Hypertension Case Finding Service why don’t you and your team do something to support World Hypertension Day on Tuesday May 17th.Could you ask every person that comes to your pharmacy on Tuesday (if they meet the criteria) if they would like a BP test? (Maybe give a prize to the person who asks the most people).Could you ask colleagues where you work or in the local shops in your local community if they would like their BP checked?In Avon, you and your colleagues have already identified people with undiagnosed Hypertension - could you potentially save more lives on Tuesday?We would love to hear any of your good news stories please send them to avonlpc@gmail.com. |

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| Mental Health Awareness Week |

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| **Mental Health Awareness Week - BNSSG pharmacies support**Just a reminder to your and your teams that this week is Mental Health Awareness week and there is free support available. |

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| Pregablin - Safety Alert |

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| **ALL Pharmacists - Pregabalin Safety Alert**A drug safety update has been issued with regard to Pregabalin. Please ensure that all your colleagues are aware of it. There is a patient information leaflet embedded in advice for healthcare professionals section in the link below.[Safety alert](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=de00073439&e=3e5221b889) |

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| Pharmacy Review Steering Group Proposals |

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| **RSG proposals now published and upcoming briefing events - IMPORTANT INFORMATION**The Pharmacy Review Steering Group (RSG) proposals on the future of the representation and support provided by PSNC and LPCs have now been published on the RSG website. The RSG has been working to solve the issues identified by David Wright’s Independent Review into community pharmacy contractor representation and support and publication of the proposals follows a year of extensive listening, exploratory work, analysis, and discussion within the sector.Contractors now have **four weeks** to read the proposals, after which you will be asked to vote to either accept or reject them in full. A **three-week** voting period will begin in the **w/c 23rd May,**during which contractors can cast their vote using a secure and trusted online voting system.To help contractors to understand the proposals the RSG plans to hold several national and regional briefing events during the pre-vote period in May. Information about these events is available on the [**RSG website**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=5b4b8d38e3&e=3e5221b889).We strongly encourage all contractors within **AVON**to attend one of the events listed below to learn more about the proposals and to ask any questions you may have.**National briefing events**[**National Contractor Briefing Event: Tuesday 3rd May, 7-8pm**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=56e102e896&e=3e5221b889)[**National Contractor Briefing Event: Wednesday 4th May, 12-1pm**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=b02da6db04&e=3e5221b889) **Regional briefing events**[South West Regional Contractor Briefing Event: Monday 9th May, 8-9pm](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=ba55cd1017&e=3e5221b889) |

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| Avon LPC Annual Conference |

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| **AVON LPC ANNUAL CONFERENCE - WEDNESDAY 13th JULY 2022**We are excited to be back **face to face**for this years Conference.We are also live streaming this event. Walk in the shoes of a current Independent Prescriber. Hear from a trainee IP about their learning journey. Find out at the conference how this will enhance the community pharmacist role.The conference will also include an update from the Chair and Chief officer of Avon LPC.Along with the Avon LPC Awards - more info to follow on how to nominate!Please click below to book a place, select either Engineers House for Face to Face or Online - if you select online the zoom link will be sent shortly. |

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| **Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework** |

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| HRT Medicines Shortage |

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| **Three new SSPs introduced for HRT medicines** In response to a significant ongoing disruption affecting three Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT) medicines, the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) have issued three new Serious Shortage Protocols (SSPs).These SSPs, introduced with immediate effect, enable community pharmacists in the UK to supply patients with no more than three months’ worth of these medicines.  The protocols allow for a reduced quantity of the specified medicines to be supplied to help manage the ongoing supply disruption affecting these HRT products.The products involved are Oestrogen pump-pack 0.06% gel, Ovestin 1mg cream and Premique Low dose 0.3mg/1.5mg modified release tablets. |

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| **Local Services & Information** |

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| Emergency Supply Service - BNSSG Only |

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| **BNSSG EMERGENCY SUPPLY SERVICE**Following a review of the Emergency Supply Service BNSSG CCG have raised some concerns and asked us to remind all pharmacists of the following (please can you pass this onto all pharmacists working in your pharmacy)1. **Controlled drugs in schedules 1 to 3 may not be provided under the scheme, with the exception of phenobarbital for epilepsy****2.**While schedules 4 & 5 may be provided, pharmacists are reminded to exercise caution when agreeing to such supplies and to highlight any concerns to the GP practice. We have seen supplies of dihydrocodeine and also diazepam on days when practices are open.3. **Usually only POMs may be supplied under this scheme. Other items such as appliances, borderline substances, and medicines classified as GSL or P should usually be supplied privately and bought over the counter by the patient (although pharmacist discretion applies in order to avoid unnecessary onwards referrals to GP practices, NHS111 or OOH services for OTC/P medicines on prescription)****4.**A reminder that appropriate quantities should be supplied until a prescription can be arranged. Pharmacists should exercise caution when dispensing emergency supplies of high risk medicines such as Lithium, DMARDS and Anticoagulants and take steps to assure themselves that the necessary monitoring has been undertaken and that a supply is safe and appropriate. With high risk medicines,**the minimum** supply quantity should be provided until the patient can obtain a prescription.5. **Take care to supply items that are current prescriptions and not old treatments that are now being requested by the patient. Please check SCR records with patients consent.****6.** If you are supplying under the ES LES then you are reimbursed for stock so do not need a prescription to cover the supply (although appreciate the patient may need an ongoing prescription to be arranged). |

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| **BNSSG GP CPCS REFERRALS**The CCG has kindly agreed to cover the cost of the Pharm Refer App for 12 months. The App allows GP practices to send referrals for GP CPCS quickly and easily and it has the advantage that the referrals go directly into PharmOutcomes making it easier for pharmacies to identify them.Nothing else changes apart from the method they arrive at your pharmacy ie through PharmOutcomes instead of NHS mail. The GP practices who have taken up the offer will be going live over the next couple of weeks. Please find the full list below. Almondsbury, Gloucester Rd, Pioneer, Wellspring, Armada,                   Horfield, Pembroke Rd, Westbury on Trym, Air Balloon, Monks Park, Portishead Medical Group, WhiteladiesBedminster Family Practice, Mendip Vale, Streamside,Coniston, Orchard, Stockwood. |

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| **IMPORTANT - LOCAL PHARMACIES ARE BEING HIT WITH POTENTIAL £1000**The LPC has received information regarding a scam that is happening currently in local community pharmacies in our area.The “customer” contacts the pharmacy by phone and asks to order a large amount of goods for example baby milk saying that it is either going to be a charity donation or they are taking it abroad. They then pay by card. Someone else then collects the goods and then the card payment is cancelled or in another instance the credit card was stolen.Please ensure you make all your team aware of this and note the following information;1. Card holder NOT present (CNP) transactions should be declined unless additional information eg security code, postcode numerics, house numerics all match. 2. CNP transactions should ONLY be done when the goods are going to be delivered to the address the card is registered at. If customer pays over the phone and then collects them you will not be able to claim anything back. |

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| PNA - Have your say |

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| **2022- 2025 North Somerset Pharmacy Needs Assessment (PNA)**The 2022 - 2025 PNA for North Somerset is due to be published in October this year and North Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board are asking for organisations and individuals to comment on the draft document to see if it accurately reflects the pharmaceutical provision and if they agree with the conclusions.You have until 13th June 2022 to share your views. |

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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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| Flu Vaccination Training |

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| **22/23 Local Face to Face Vaccination Training**AHS is delighted to be able to offer Flu vaccination face to face training for the 5th year running. The training will be delivered by experienced paramedics and the feedback from previous years has been excellent. Places will be limited to a maximum of 12 people per session and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. There are 3 sessions initially -Wednesday 13th July 2022 - 7pm-9pmWednesday 20th July 2022 - 7pm-9pmSunday 14th August 2022 - 9.30am-11.30amAll sessions will be held at the LPC Office, Staple Hill, Bristol.Cost  £75 for AHS members and £105 for non members.Please e mail if you would like to book a place office@avonhealthcareservices.co.uk with your name, contact detail and the date you would like to book.For further information please contact judith@avonhealthcareservices.co.uk |

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| Independent Prescribing Opportunities |

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| **Independent Prescribing opportunities available in Autumn**We have been made aware that there will be more funded Independent prescribing training places available in the Autumn and we will have access to a number of these. Pharmacists wishing to apply for these will need to meet the eligibility criteria which are listed below.  As a minimum, pharmacists will to have:1. The support of an identified designated medical practitioner (DMP) or designated prescribing practitioner (DPP). You need to start building relationships with your colleagues in practices now. 2. An appropriate placement in a prescribing setting, arranged for practice based learning.3. Evidence you meet the Higher Education Institute (HEI) eligibility criteria (applicants will be subject to their chosen HEI’s enrolment procedure).4. Commitment to use the skill for the delivery of NHS services as they emerge. |

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