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| **Weekly Update**Tuesday 17th 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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| CPCS Provider Pays Model |

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| **CPCS Provider Pays Model - information from PharmOutcomes Team**Following the directions given by NHS England, the Community Pharmacy Consultation Service (CPCS) has now moved to a provider pays model. This means pharmacies **MUST** select an **IT partner** to manage their CPCS service moving forward if they wish to continue with this service. All IT partners will charge for using their services and your pharmacy is free to select which partner to use.PharmOutcomes - the change requires pharmacies to pay for using PharmOutcomes to deliver the CPCS service. We've kept costs to the pharmacy at a minimum with a simple pay as you go model. For more information on costs, click the link below. The PharmOutcomes team have worked hard to make this transition as seamless as possible for pharmacy teams using PharmOutcomes, developing the new PharmOutcomes Direct portal and supporting customers moving to the new payment model. Since the change, they have maintained links to NHS111 for all pharmacies that previously sat in one of the six areas we supported under the historical NHS contract. Most pharmacies using our system have now signed up to PharmOutcomes Direct to set up payment details, but some have not. If you are currently receiving NHS 111 CPCS referrals into PharmOutcomes at your pharmacy and you have not yet signed up to use PharmOutcomes to support your CPCS service, **you must** sign up via PharmOutcomes Direct as soon as possible. You can access this portal [here](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=5ab7116499&e=3e5221b889). You can reduce the cost of your service management by joining an Affinity Group, this is accessible from the home page of PharmOutcomes Direct. Click the link below for more information on joining an Affinity Group. To give the accounts team a chance to set up all direct accounts, customers will not receive their first CPCS provider pays invoice until after the 23rd May 2022.After that, monthly billing will apply as detailed in the EULA appendix. Pharmacies using PharmOutcomes that have not yet signed up via PharmOutcomes Direct or those who have not yet joined an Affinity Group will be invoiced directly for their activity recorded on the system as detailed in the EULA.If you need any further information, please drop the PST team and an email on pst@emishealth.com  |

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| **Reported rise in prescription returns due to incomplete endorsements**The NHSBSA has reported seeing a rise in items that are being referred back to contractors due to incomplete endorsements. The NHSBSA notes that this issue is most commonly seen with handwritten prescriptions. Where a prescription does not specify the presentation of a drug that is available in multiple presentations (formulations), the prescription should be endorsed correctly with details of the presentation dispensed to avoid any delays in payment. |

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| Data Security & Protection Toolkit |

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| **Data Security & Protection Toolkit: new PSNC guidance available and upcoming webinar**PSNC has published [new guidance](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=8a21908110&e=3e5221b889) to help community pharmacy contractors to complete the 2021/22 Data Security and Protection Toolkit. The Toolkit is used to make a pharmacy’s information governance (IG) declaration and must be completed by **30th June 2022**. However, contractors are recommended to complete the Toolkit as soon as possible.  PSNC and NHS Digital have worked together to make the process manageable, and will be holding a[joint webinar](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=22674bf694&e=3e5221b889)to support contractors in completing the Toolkit. |

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| Virtual Visits Tool |

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| **Take part in research on the Virtual Visits tool**NHS Digital and PSNC are inviting community pharmacy contractors to take part in research trialing the new NHSmail Virtual Visits appointment booking and remote consultation platform. This tool works in conjunction with NHSmail Microsoft Teams and the Microsoft Booking platform.Pharmacy teams participating in the pilot will be given the chance to use the Virtual Visits tool to experiment with booking and carrying out face-to-face and/or virtual patient consultations. |

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| Hints & Tips |

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| **NHS Prescription Services ‘Hints & Tips’ Issue 47**NHS Prescription Services has now published a new edition (47) of its quarterly "Hints & Tips for dispensing contractors” newsletter. This edition contains useful information on the new NHS Profile Manager, submitting FP34Cs, and more. |

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| Pharmacy Review Steering Group Proposals |

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| **Two weeks left to contractor vote on proposals to improve PSNC and LPCs: date confirmed for further national event**Community pharmacy contractors now have just two weeks left to read the Pharmacy Review Steering Group (RSG) proposals on the future of PSNC and LPCs before they will be invited to vote to either accept or reject them in their entirety. [**Read the RSG’s proposals document**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=08fa5fb803&e=3e5221b889)The ballot question has now been published and is as follows: **Do you accept the proposals setting the direction for pharmacy representation?**The voting period on the proposals opens on **Friday 27th May 2022** and will last for three weeks. Instructions about how to prepare for voting online were sent to contractors in April via post and electronically to pharmacy premises' NHSmail email addresses. Upcoming national briefing event**:**To help contractors to understand the proposals, the RSG is holding an additional national briefing event on Tuesday 7th June at 7pm. Contractors can register for this event on the [**RSG website**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=27fc25ba40&e=3e5221b889). **FAQs on the proposals:** The RSG has now published the answers to the first round of contractor questions on the [**proposals page**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=a4f5aff199&e=3e5221b889) of the RSG website. These will continue to be published at the end of each week. Please submit your questions directly to the RSG via this [**form**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=0d85c99010&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 year’s 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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| 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=58aac2e4ad&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Local Services & Information** |

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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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| 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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