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| **Weekly Update**Tuesday 14th June |

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| **NEW this week** |

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| **Hypertension Case-Finding Service highlighted in RCGP C-19 recovery guidance**As part of recovery plans following COVID-19, the Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP) has produced guidance for clinicians working in general practice, which sets out suggested actions for consideration to support long-term condition management over the next six months.Among the suggestions is for clinicians to consider signposting patients with cardiovascular disease to the Hypertension Case-Finding Service, as part of the wider system to support blood pressure checks.[Find out more](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=e821c96ad3&e=3e5221b889) |

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| Clinical Skills Training Survey |

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| **Clinical Skills Training Survey – deadline: Friday 17 June 2022**  Health Education England (HEE) are working closely with colleagues at NHS England and NHS Improvement to provide training opportunities to pharmacists delivering NHS community pharmacy services across England.   During 2019-2022 CPPE and RPS delivered Pharmacy Integration Programme-funded training to support the delivery of the community pharmacist consultation service. An evaluation of this training highlighted many positive aspects and taking this further, we are commissioning the next phase of training for post-registration pharmacists delivering NHS community pharmacy services.   To collate as much frontline knowledge in the development of the training modules, we are seeking opinions from learning and education leads, frontline pharmacists, and employers.  We would appreciate the dissemination and completion of this[survey](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=6d7ba4ab1a&e=3e5221b889) **by Friday 17 June 2022**, to gather feedback on the commentary we have received from the employer groups and gain an understanding of frontline pharmacists’ skills and potential gaps in training.  If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the team via pharmacyteam@hee.nhs.uk stating – Clinical Skills Training.    |

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| Funding for Pre-Reg Pharmacy Technician |

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| **FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR PRE-REGISTRATION PHARMACY TECHNICIAN**Health Education England (HEE) are pleased to announce that they have secured funding to further support growth of the pharmacy technician workforce in 22/23 through expansion of pre-registration trainee pharmacy technician (PTPT) training capacity in community pharmacy **or** as part of a cross sector integrated apprenticeship programme.They would like to invite you to join a webinar on **Monday 27 June 2022** where information regarding training programme requirements and the funding application process will be shared. Please follow the link below to complete the registration form to attend. [**Link to registration form for MORNING 10am webinar**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=7d6b404acd&e=3e5221b889)[Link to registration form for EVENING 7pm webinar](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=ef63b8605a&e=3e5221b889)  |

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| **You have 4 days left to vote on proposals for the future of the PSNC and LPC's**Community pharmacy contractors have just **one week left to vote** on the RSG proposals to improve PSNC and the LPCs. The deadline for contractors to cast their vote is next **Friday, 17th June at 23.59**The RSG understands that some contractors may recently have been misinformed about the constitution of PSNC and the proportion of the CCA within that, and also about the likely consequences of a 'no' vote. The inaccuracies were included in a briefing which has now, regrettably, been widely circulated and cited. Please see below a reminder of accurate information from the RSG on these two points, as previously published via the RSG's regular FAQs.**Information re what happens in the event of a no vote**The RSG has spent 15 months talking to contractors from all parts of the sector, analysing data and information, and exploring options for the future. The RSG Proposals represent the best consensus that was possible across the sector, with broad agreement from all parts of the sector on all of the proposals. The RSG recognises that for some the proposals will not go far enough, but where ideas were not taken forward this was due to the different parts of the sector being unable to agree on them.A no vote on the proposals would mean that contractors do not want to take forward the suggested improvements to PSNC and the LPCs. As such, **PSNC and the LPCs will not be required to make any changes** although they may choose to do so individually. **However, it is highly likely that both PSNC and the LPCs will continue to operate as they do currently and, therefore, that both will continue to struggle to get better funding and service outcomes for contractors.** |

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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 - click below 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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| SCR Additional Information |

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| **SCR AI changes to continue beyond C-19 legislation**In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the passage of related legislation, temporary changes were made to Summary Care Records (SCRs) so that SCRs, by default, could contain additional patient information, except where patients had indicated to the NHS that they did not want their data to be shared.NHS Digital has advised that these changes are to continue going forward, meaning SCR Additional Information (AI) users will continue to be able to provide and use SCR AI under the UK General Data Protection Regulation and the Common Law Duty of Confidentiality. PSNC and the Community Pharmacy IT Group had campaigned for pharmacy teams’ access to SCR AI to be extended beyond the pandemic by sharing case study information |

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| **Is your Smartcard due for renewal soon?**Community pharmacy team members are encouraged to check the expiry date of their NHS Smartcards and if the expiry date is approaching, ensure they renew it in advance of the expiry date. A large number of Smartcards are due to pass their **expiry date in June 2022**, and if a Smartcard passes its expiry date without renewal, additional steps will be needed to get the Smartcard working again.[Read more](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=1ae2241982&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **New SSPs issued and update to SSPs for Oestrogel**The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has issued two new Serious Shortage Protocols (SSPs) for Lipitor 10mg chewable tablets (SSP032) and Paracetamol 120mg suppositories (SSP033). Pharmacists are required to read and comply with the requirements outlined within these SSPs.[Learn more about SSP032 and SSP033](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=4e038f2430&e=3e5221b889)DHSC has also updated Annex A of SSP022 and SSP023 for Oestrogel Pump-Pack 0.06% gel to include a dose conversion to a specific alternative Estradiol patch for patients who use 1 pump of Oestrogel daily.[Read more](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=a62a081249&e=3e5221b889) |

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| Data Security & Protection Toolkit |

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| **Data Security & Protection Toolkit**PSNC has published [new guidance](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=f813973986&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. |

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| **Local Services & Information** |

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| Bath and North East Somerset Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2022 to 2025 BANES are writing to invite your comments on a refreshed version of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) for Bath and North East Somerset which will cover the period 2022 - 2025. A draft refreshed PNA is now available and we are keen to hear from a wide range of people to ensure that the information included within it is accurate. A consultation period is open from 6th June until 6th August 2022 in order to capture these views and if you would like to respond, please complete the consultation survey at the link below. |

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| **Training - VirtualOutcomes** |

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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 2 sessions initially -Wednesday 20th July 2022 - 7pm-9pmWednesday 10th August 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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