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| **Weekly Update**Tuesday 21st June |

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| **NEW this week** |

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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=e0c594f629&e=3e5221b889) |

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| Daily Claiming - Hypertension Case-Finding Service |

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| **Daily claiming now available for the Hypertension Case-Finding Service**The NHS Business Services Authority has advised contractors that claims for the Hypertension Case-Finding Service can now be entered each day onto MYS.The change means that contractors can submit service activity daily throughout the month. However, contractors still need to review and submit their data by the 5th of the following month.    More information [read here](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=7dffe77fb5&e=3e5221b889) |

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| Independent Prescribing Webinar |

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| **Join the Health Education England (HEE) Independent Prescribing for Pharmacists webinar** **Event Location: via MS Teams**  **Choice of options to attend**   **Tuesday 5th July - 18:00-20:00 or**    **Thursday 7th July - 10:00-12:00**The focus of this webinar will be an update on the Independent Prescribing (IP) for Pharmacists training offer currently being developed by HEE for Autumn 2022. This session aims to inform, inspire and engage pharmacy colleagues who are interested in this training offer. The session will cover:·       How to access HEE funded IP training across all regions in England·       Designated medical practitioner (DMP) and designated prescribing practitioner (DPP) information and guidance·       Progress and next steps for the Initial Education and Training Standards of Pharmacists reform (IETP) and MPharm curriculum, which will enable pharmacists to be independent prescribers at the point of registration by 2026 ·       Support available from HEE regional and national teams.To register please complete this [**short survey.**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=7f33f16bc7&e=3e5221b889) |

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| Safeguarding Webinar |

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| **NHSE&I Level 3 safeguarding webinar**NHSE&I Community Pharmacy and Safeguarding Teams, supported by PSNC, are hosting a webinar on Level 3 Safeguarding on **Thursday 30th June, from 7-8pm**.The webinar will discuss what Level 3 safeguarding involves including spotting the signs of abuse, signposting and making referrals. A panel of pharmacists will also reflect on real life safeguarding examples.[Register for the safeguarding webinar](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=0fdc6bc6fe&e=3e5221b889) |

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| CPCS IT Solutions |

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| **New suppliers assured to provide CPCS IT solutions**Cegedim and Positive Solutions have both now been assured by NHS Digital to provide IT solutions for the Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS). These new integrated solutions allow clinical services to be streamlined with dispensing activities.There are now four assured CPCS IT suppliers in total to choose from. Contractors that have yet to enter an agreement should register with their chosen IT supplier (via the appropriate weblink above) to avoid service interruption.[Learn more](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=ab7cf0b334&e=3e5221b889) |

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| Pharmacy Integration Programme |

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| Recently, NHSE&I announced the second phase of the Pharmacy Integration Programme to enhance registered pharmacy professionals’ skills through a range of training and development opportunities. A proportion of the funding from the programme will be available for pharmacists contributing to primary care, including community pharmacy clinical services, to undertake independent prescribing training, from early 2022. HEE are working nationally with accredited training providers, employers, and pharmacists to establish course capacity and interest in this opportunity.    In preparation for this, it would be helpful for HEE locally to understand the following1.How many community pharmacists in the region are already independent prescribers and if / how they are using their qualification in the community pharmacy setting.  2.What demand there is for independent prescribing training courses within the community pharmacy workforce in the region. **To help address these questions please complete the following survey, which should take no longer than 5 minutes:**by Friday 29th July |

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| BNSSG Flu Outcomes |

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| **BNSSG FLU OUTCOMES 2122  CCG UPDATE**Please find attached a summary of the outcomes for the flu vaccination programme 21/22 for BNSSG**.** |

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| Medicines Optimisation Programme |

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| **AHSN Medicines Optimisation programme:** Do you want to help ensure medicines are as safe as possible?Have you found it tricky to prioritise/identify patients at highest risk of inappropriate polypharmacy or opioid misuse?Do you want to share and learn more about how to have more effective conversations with patients to help them get the maximum benefit from their medication?Do you sometimes miss the guidance or support tools to explain to your patients why a dossette box may not the best solution to their medication-taking problems? If you answered yes to any of the above, please join the bitesize webinar on 20 July 2022. There is a packed agenda as we know your time is precious. For booking details and more information please [click here](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=039d0a1991&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 - 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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| Hypertension Case-Finding Service |

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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=be4ca0fa82&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=4590a0e7f0&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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| 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 2 sessions initially -Wednesday 20th July 2022 - 7pm-9pm Only 2 spaces leftWednesday 10th August 2022 - 7pm-9pmSunday 14th August 2022 - 9.30am-11.30am only 2 spaces leftAll 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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| 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=d210557070&e=3e5221b889)[Link to registration form for EVENING 7pm webinar](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=6ba80717a1&e=3e5221b889)  |

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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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