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| **Weekly Update**Tuesday 7th June |

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| **NEW this week** |

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| **Just 10 days left to vote on proposals for the future of PSNC and the LPCs**Community pharmacy contractors please remember that the deadline to vote on the RSG’s proposals to strengthen PSNC and the LPCs is **23.59 on 17th June 2022**. Contractors have now been sent full voting instructions, including another electronic voting notice containing the unique voting link for their pharmacy from takepart@cesvotes.com. This notice has been sent to the shared NHSmail email inbox of each pharmacy premises except for those contractors with multiple pharmacy premises that have requested bulk voting functionality. Bulk voters have been sent one link, weighted for all their pharmacies, to the nominated head office/owner email address.[Read the proposals](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=0e80d70696&e=3e5221b889) **Contractors who have not received the pre-notice or their unique vote link may need to update their contact information.** Please complete the [**webform**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=ae0a5e7a86&e=3e5221b889) to confirm your contact details and provide an alternative email address. |

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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=88578b8231&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=b91a69772f&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=6a27f08c5a&e=3e5221b889) |

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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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| 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 - 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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| 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=343ea3edbb&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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| **BNSSG Switch of Apixaban/Rivaroxaban to Edoxaban**Please be aware that BNSSG is going to implement the above change. Please ensure you have adequate stocks of Edoxaban.For more information see attached which includes useful leaflets for patients being switched. |

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| [**Click here for more information**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=440e84158f&e=3e5221b889) |

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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-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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