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| **Weekly Update**Tuesday 16th August |

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| **NEW this week** |

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| Real Time Exemption Checking |

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| **RTEC FAQs published**Following the rollout of the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) functionality for Real Time Exemption Checking (RTEC) to more community pharmacies, PSNC has published a series of FAQs that answer some of the common queries on this topic.[Read the RTEC FAQs](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=b3aee8165c&e=3e5221b889) |

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| Temporary Closures |

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| **Managing a temporary pharmacy closure**PSNC has updated its guidance for contractors on the planning which can be undertaken, as part of business continuity planning, in advance of an emergency pharmacy closure and the actions that should be considered in the event of a closure. A poster has also been made available for contractors to use to inform patients when a pharmacy has to close temporarily.[Read the briefing and download the closures poster](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=9387ad03e6&e=3e5221b889) |

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| Looking After You Too Coaching Service |

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| **NHS England coaching service for minority ethnic staff**As part of its work to support the health and​ wellbeing of healthcare staff, NHS England provides a tailored coaching service for NHS staff from ethnic minority backgrounds. The Looking After You Too coaching service, which is open to community pharmacy teams, is a free, one-to-one wellbeing support offer provided by trained coaches from ethnically diverse backgrounds.Each session provides a confidential, judgement-free, safe space where coaches can help participants develop practical strategies for issues such as work-life balance, stress management, and managing difficult conversations.[Learn more about the Looking After You Too coaching service](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=e8b1742e56&e=3e5221b889) |

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| Independent Prescribing |

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| **Independent Prescribing Provision 2022 – 2023 - Important information about funded places** Health Education England (HEE) have announced the outcome of the procurement for national Independent Prescriber training provision, for courses starting from Autumn 2022. Almost 3,000 Independent prescribing courses will be available to pharmacists who meet the required eligibility criteria which include **Community pharmacists** (including locum pharmacists);   Courses will be available from **September 2022 to March 2023**, with several universities offering multiple dates for cohort intakes. Cohort start dates will depend on the university provider. **University providers are now taking applications. Don’t miss out – check your eligibility and apply now.** Eligible pharmacists will also need to demonstrate (as a minimum):·       The support of an identified designated prescribing practitioner (DPP).·       An appropriate practice-based learning environment in a prescribing setting that can offer appropriate clinical support.·       Evidence that you meet the course provider eligibility criteria (applicants will be subject to their chosen university’s enrolment processes).·       Commitment to use the skill within your area of competence and expertise, for the delivery of NHS clinical services as they emerge.If you would like to know more about the General Pharmaceutical Council’s eligibility criteria, please [visit the GPhC website](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=552dea21ff&e=3e5221b889).Eligible pharmacists may apply only to those universities as listed on the [HEE](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=6202f53e00&e=3e5221b889)[website](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=dc032c40eb&e=3e5221b889). Universities are listed by sector. Please note the available universities differ depending on the sector you work in. As part of the application process, all learners will need to assure their chosen university meets the course requirements.Course length and the number of face-to-face days required vary between universities. Please check the individual university webpages for further information on course format. **Funding** Independent Prescribing (IP) training is available to pharmacists who meet the eligibility criteria. **Tuition fees are fully funded by Health Education England (HEE).** **For further information or for any queries, please contact****pharmacyteam@hee.nhs.uk** |

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| **AVON LPC SEPTEMBER PGD TRAINING INCLUDING IMPORTANT UPDATES - TUESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER.**We are delighted that Alison Mundell and Helen Wilkinson from the CCG will be joining us to present and answer any questions and take feedback on both the current PGD’s and what you would like in the future. We will also be looking at important updates, how you can improve the number of PGD referrals you are getting and hints and tips on how to make your service more effective as well as feedback from GP practices. To ensure that all pharmacists and their teams are given every opportunity to attend this important session we have decided to do it virtually. [Click here to register!](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=c33130a7da&e=3e5221b889) |

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| Avon LPC AGM |

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| **Avon LPC AGM - Wednesday 21st September 2022**The Annual General Meeting of Avon LPC will be held at 14:00 on Wednesday 21st September 2022, it will be held at the Avon LPC office, 14a High Street, Staple Hill, Bristol, BS16 5HP. There will also be the option to attend online, if you would like to join online please email avonlpc@gmail.com and the link will be sent to you.Please note voting forms have been sent to all pharmacies this week. (CCA pharmacies this has been sent to a central contact.)If you haven't received a voting form please email avonlpc@gmail.com.Please note all votes need to be received by 19th September 2021.[Click here for more information.](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=ced039ed9e&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework** |

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| Hypertension Case Finding Template |

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| **ALL PHARMACIES - IMPORTANT CHANGES TO HYPERTENSION CASE FINDING TEMPLATE ON PHARMOUTCOMES - PLEASE MOVE TO THE NATIONAL SERVICE FROM MID JULY**AVON LPC have been using a hypertension case finding service that was created some months ago by Pinnacle. Please note that the hypertension case finding service will be moving to a **national commissioning footprint in July** and made available to all pharmacies signed up via MYS to deliver the service. **Only**the national service will be linked with the NHSBSA via their API to direct service claims into MYS. Work on claim management has started and we hope to have this completed in the near future.The local Hypertension Case Finding service templates that have been made available to date regionally will have an **end date set of 31st July**and will be removed from commissioner footprints from the second week of August 2022. **From mid- July, pharmacy teams will see two sets of Hypertension Case Finding templates in their “Services” page, the national service will be tagged as an “Advanced Service”**. **Pharmacy teams should be advised to register all new patients into the new advanced service template from mid-July.** Current interventions should be completed in the old template.  |

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| **HAVE YOU ORDERED YOUR STOCK?**Following the announcement that from 15th Oct 2022 all 50-64 year olds will be eligible for a **FREE** NHS flu vaccination please ensure that your pharmacy has ordered stock.The recommended vaccine as per NHSE&I's guidance issued on the 21st July is that first choice for this population is QIVe vaccinations and that QIVc and QIVr should ONLY be given if it does not divert stock from at risk adults and the over 65’s.**Please**[read here](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=58c91f18b7&e=3e5221b889)**for further information about to order stock** |

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| CPAF Screening Process |

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| **CPAF screening process to start later this month**The 2022/23 Community Pharmacy Assurance Framework (CPAF) screening questionnaire will be available for completion from approximately 1am on Monday 18th July 2022 until midnight on Wednesday 31st August 2022.Completion of CPAF is now a requirement of contractors' Terms of Service. Therefore, contractors must complete the screening questionnaire and, if required, the full CPAF questionnaire. PSNC has published a Briefing to provide guidance on the screening process.[Learn more about the CPAF screening process](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=434eff73b1&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Local Services & Information** |

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| CPCS Referrals & PGDs |

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| **CPCS Referrals and PGDs - URGENT**Please can we remind **ALL**pharmacies that they need to follow the correct procedures especially during the summer when you may have pharmacists who are not accredited to deliver the local PGDs. 1, If you pharmacist can’t deliver the local PGD service for UTI’s etc **please inform your practice** so that patients are not inappropriately referred to you. 2. If the patient is referred to you for a PGD that is not appropriate or because your pharmacist can’t do it as they have not completed their training please ensure that the patient is looked after appropriately ie the pharmacist MUST contact the practice by phone (use professional line) and agree the next steps for that patient. If you have any questions please contact Roger (Roger.avonlpc@gmail.com) or Judith (judith.avonlpc@gmail.com) |

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| C-Card Scheme - Bristol only |

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| **Bristol Pharmacies ONLY - Bristol C-Card Scheme**C-Card is **a free and confidential condom distribution scheme for young people aged 13 to 25 living in Bristol**. For more information [click here](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=9d4bfa9358&e=3e5221b889). Bristol pharmacies **offer** **condom pick-ups** for those young people who already have a C-Card. There is also the opportunity to be able to **register young people** onto the scheme. This does require you to spend a little more time talking to the young person in a private and confidential space and collecting some basic information, doing a condom demonstration and recording the data. **Payment**Per registration onto C-Card Scheme = £5.50 Distributing 6 pack of condoms to young person with C-Card = £1.00The next training session is [Thursday 22nd September](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=211f695d2f&e=3e5221b889). Refresher training can also be offered in the pharmacy if you have 4+ people who would attend. If you would like to distribute condoms only and not register young people, then they can offer a shorter training session.For more information please contact craig.williams@bristol.gov.uk |

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| BRISTOL Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) 2022 to 2025The Bristol Health and Wellbeing Board must publish a [PNA](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=e5e7d7bd51&e=3e5221b889) which details an assessment of the need for pharmaceutical services which is revised every 3 years. The assessment includes a review of the population health needs as well as the existing pharmacy provision. The document sets out what services are currently offered, and assesses whether these meet current and future needs of Bristol residents.The 2022 draft Bristol Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment consultation is now live and closes on **Monday 29th August 2022**.To review the draft needs assessment and to comment, please click below. |

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| **Training - VirtualOutcomes** |

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