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| **Weekly Update**Tuesday 23rd August |

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| **Flu vaccine service specification published and changes to training requirements**This year's flu vaccination service specification has been published by NHS England, with the national Patient Group Direction (PGD) and a national protocol to support provision of flu vaccinations due to be published shortly.[Read the new Flu vaccine service specification](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=92b558f3cf&e=3e5221b889) |
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| Flu Vaccine Training Requirements |

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| **Changes to Flu vaccine service training requirements**As described in the service specification, pharmacists and other vaccinators providing the Flu Vaccination Service now only need to attend face-to-face training for both injection technique and basic life support training periodically. Contractors and vaccinators will now need to consider when it would be appropriate to attend refresher training[Learn more about the new training requirements](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=92f383bbcd&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Reminder to update NHS website and DoS profile**You are reminded of the Terms of Service requirement to ensure you verify and, where necessary, update the information contained in your NHS website profile and your Directory of Services (DoS) profile at least once each quarter of the financial year. For the current financial quarter, the deadline for completing this is **30th September 2022**.[Find out more](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=e86a4e310c&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Posters on Long Covid to increase awareness**As part of the work of the Long Covid team within NHS England we are looking at Health Inequalities and what we can do to reduce these across the South West Region. One area of focus is awareness; ensuring that the population know what Long Covid is, what the symptoms are, and what they need to do should they are suffering with the condition.Attached are two posters which you may wish to display in your pharmacy to increase patients awareness·       The first “Have you got Long Covid” has been produced in conjunction with the NHS England SW Communications team.  You may will start to see some of these around your local area, in particular the Torbay; Torquay, Paignton & Brixham and West Somerset area on bus shelters. ·       The second, provides details for the HOPE Programme, a self management course, which is available to the South West population who may require support through the recovery of Long Covid.  |

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| GP CPCS Referrals |

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| **GP CPCS Referrals**We are always trying to findeasier ways for practices to send CPCS referrals to pharmacies and following some work done in Cornwall some local practices are going to pilot a new method.These practices and we have two to date - Southmead and Henbury and Hanham will be using a system called Accumail (part of Accurx) to send their referrals to you. However more practices may come on board in the coming weeks.The referral will come through NHS mail in the same way as previously (these practices were already using NHS mail to do their referrals) and should be headed GP CPCS. The referral should contain the information you require i.e .name and address of patient, their phone number, DOB, NHS number, and a short description of the issue and which practice it has come from. Nothing else changes i.e you will still contact the patient within 4 hours by phone , complete PharmOutcomes etc.If you have any questions or once you start getting referrals any comments please contact us. |

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| **B&NES Pharmacies ONLY**Please note that the enrolment requirements have been updated for the EHC service in B&NES. This means that next time you log in to the service on PharmOutcomes you will be asked to update your declaration. You have a 3 month grace period in which to complete all the questions appropriately after that if you have not completed them satisfactorily you will be locked out of the service. If you have any questions please contact the LPC. |

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| September Training - Online |

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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 ICB 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=fb67949184&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=7026fc4e1e&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework** |

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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=d55ba97bc7&e=3e5221b889) |

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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=7c6dbc465c&e=3e5221b889) |

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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=d8f8294251&e=3e5221b889) |

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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=fa0c90f88a&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Local Services & Information** |

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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=162574131c&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=3a728824a6&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=ea5de0da40&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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| **Training** |

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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=8705da9136&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=fd600bf9ee&e=3e5221b889)[website](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=3621ffb26c&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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