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| **Weekly Update**Tuesday 26th July |

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| **NEW this week** |

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| **Medicine supply: Contractor Update from PSNC**PSNC is becoming increasingly concerned about the sustained pressures on medicines supply and the very serious impact that this is having on community pharmacy teams and their patients.As such, we are asking contractors and their teams to continue using our regular [reporting tools](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=ba8be58458&e=3e5221b889) to help us to demonstrate the scale of the problems to the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and to support escalations as needed.The sustained increases in price concessions that we have seen so far in 2022 – with more than 100 concessions being granted in some months – show no signs of abating, and we know that many pharmacies now find themselves in a critical situation trying to source medicines in a timely manner and facing significant financial risk due to greater uncertainty around expected reimbursement prices for a large number of medicines.[Read about PSNC's work in this area and our practical tips for contractors](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=9c21157a2e&e=3e5221b889) |

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| Referred Back & Disallowed Items |

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| Referred back and disallowed items going fully digital from July 2022. From July 2022, all new prescription returns/referred back and disallowed items will be received through the MYS portal, and from this month, MYS will be the only route available to view and submit the information required for these items. To support contractors through this change, PSNC's Dispensing and Supply Team has published a new briefing about prescription returns and the rules concerning disallowed items.[Find out more and read the briefing](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=295ae651d8&e=3e5221b889) |

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| The Department of Health and Social Care and NHSE  have published further information regarding the addition of 50-64 year olds to the 2022/23 flu vaccination programme which includes the following;* further information on the availability of extra vaccine and how pharmacy contractors can order this;
* updated guidance on the choice of vaccine for use in the three eligibility groups, with**QIVe** vaccine being the first choice for 50-64 year olds NOT in a clinical risk group; and
* contractors will be able to start administering vaccines to 50-64 year olds NOT in a clinical risk group **from 15th October 2022.** The delayed start is to ensure the clinical prioritisation of those most at risk from flu.

More information is available [here](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=c78933d345&e=3e5221b889) |

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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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| **Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework** |

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| Paper Prescription Bundle |

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| **Charges for late submission of paper prescription bundle**You are reminded that an administrative deduction of £25 may apply if a paper prescription bundle is submitted late to the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA). A charge for processing of a late bundle would only apply if a contractor cannot provide evidence, where requested by the NHSBSA, that their bundle was submitted using secure track and trace delivery no later than the 5th day of the following month in which supply was made.[Learn more about the late submission charge](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=266605f412&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **New pharmacy opening hours briefing published**PSNC's Regulation and Support Team has published a briefing for community pharmacy contractors on the Terms of Service opening hours requirements around bank holidays for the remainder of 2022 and 2023.[Read the briefing](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=87d3be5d8b&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=8952c1df93&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Local Services & Information** |

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| Enoxaparin - BNSSG Only |

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| **BNSSG Pharmacies**We have received from feedback from the CCG that pharmacies seem to still only have Clexane rather than Inhixa in stock. As you will be aware, Enoxaparin is not a generic but a biological medicine and should be prescribed by brand name. This is in line with NICE and regulatory authority guidance that all biological medicines, including biosimilars, should be prescribed by brand. It is important for patients to receive the brand of Enoxaparin that they were trained on in the hospital setting, to ensure continuity of care & patient safety. The technique to self-administer the syringe varies by brand and colour coding of strengths is not consistent across brands and this may lead to significant confusion for both patients and their caregivers, subsequently resulting in dosage errors.**Community pharmacists need to be aware that most patients will now be discharged on Inhixa® from all local Trusts, so it would be beneficial that, at the point of dispensing, pharmacists confirm that the patient has received the product they expected.** |

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| Bristol PNA 2022 - 2025 |

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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=06beea8277&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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| [**Click here for more information**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=7ff56e793d&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **BNSSG Sexual Health Survey** BNSSG are encouraging people across the area to take part in a Sexual Health Needs Assessment survey to help gain insights into how people use and view sexual health services in the area. The survey is completely anonymous and only takes 10 to 15 minutes to complete. It is also open to people who have never used sexual health services before and is aimed at both the public and professionals.The Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and councils in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire are responsible for making sure that sexual health services are high quality, and the aim of this survey is to learn where and how improvements can be made.Please complete the [survey](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=3a9c8c1b8b&e=3e5221b889) by July 31st |

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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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| 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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