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| **Weekly Update**Tuesday 2nd August |

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| **NEW this week** |

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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=de8aa4c124&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=23157f0018&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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| **Serious Shortage Protocols for HRT have been extended**Please can we remind all pharmacies that there is currently Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP)  for HRT products as there has been some complaints. Please ensure your pharmacy is supplying HRT in accordance with the SSP not the prescription For more information[Serious shortage protocols (SSPs) | NHSBSA](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=ee37486605&e=3e5221b889)Twelve of the thirteen Serious Shortage Protocols (SSPs) for Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT) medicines have been extended until **28th October 2022**. This is to help manage the ongoing supply disruptions affecting the availability of these products. The HRT SSPs which have been extended include SSP019, SSP020 and SSPs 022 – 031.[Find out more](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=07753a02f8&e=3e5221b889) |

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| Up to one third of the UK adult population experience bladder and bowel leakage (incontinence) and it can be very difficult to discuss, preventing access to treatments and support. The PRIME project is conducting a study to explore experiences and views of community pharmacists, where people often buy incontinence products, and explore what is feasible to develop for improved bladder and bowel continence promotion closer to home. The project is funded by the National Institute for Health and Care Research and supported by BNSSG ICB’s research team. Community pharmacy staff can complete the online PRIME survey, [click here.](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=4e0f6baba5&e=3e5221b889) For more information go to [**http://primeproject.uk/**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=885ca1684a&e=3e5221b889) or contact the study lead,Professor Nikki Cotterill: **nikki.cotterill@uwe.ac.uk**. |

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| **Reminder to reconcile your EPS submission totals**As announced previously, all FP34C submissions are now through the Manage Your Service (MYS) portal only, changing the way that EPS totals reconciliation is done. PSNC recommends that contractors compare the number of electronic prescriptions sent and declared to the number that the NHSBSA has counted and priced.[Read PSNC’s factsheet about reconciling EPS prescription totals](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=66dac10e10&e=3e5221b889) |

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| September Training - Online |

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| **September Training - PDG's**Wednesday 6th September 2022, 7.30pm.The aims of our September training;* Share hints and tips about delivering the PGD service in Avon
* Understand the feedback from GP’s and practice teams about the service
* Share CCG updates on the PGD's
* To help build your PGD and GP CPCS service in your pharmacy

[This event will run online, click here to register!](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=28445b537b&e=3e5221b889) |

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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=935950f273&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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| **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=4cf191f893&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=36d7ad10a3&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=772169e27d&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=d864ea7620&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=d89003f854&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Local Services & Information** |

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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=ff60d919c7&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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