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| **Weekly Update**Tuesday 9th August |

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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=3a1031419f&e=3e5221b889)**for further information about to order stock** |

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| Sexual Health Survey - BNSSG Only |

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| **BNSSG-LOCAL SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICES - there has now been an extension to the survey deadline.*** Please take the opportunity to have your say if you haven’t already completed the survey.

 **HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT LOCAL SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICES** The [Sexual Health Needs Assessment Survey](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=514ad68251&e=3e5221b889) is entirely confidential and takes 10-15 minutes to complete. The survey is open to people of all ages, both the public and professionals, people who have used sexual health services and those who have never used them.   The survey is now live until **Sunday 14th August** (midnight) and can be completed online [HERE](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=b936e10685&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=fde3f4e576&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=ddd2e67c86&e=3e5221b889)[website](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=24b318b3a0&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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| **C/Flu Face to Face Training**Further date released - Sunday 11th September 20229.30am - 11.30amThe session will be held at the LPC Office, C/O Avon LMC, Staple Hill, Bristol, BS16 5HP.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 and contact details.For further information please contact judith@avonhealthcareservices.co.uk*Please note this is the last date they will be running and there are only 5 spaces left.* |

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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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| **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=37dd68086a&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=903bb72a7c&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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| **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=4156bd062a&e=3e5221b889) |

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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=2d8d9ea042&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=73fe7334d3&e=3e5221b889) |

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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=d21eae3df9&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=cdfb4a7035&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Local Services & Information** |

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| PRIME project |

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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=431ae5792c&e=3e5221b889) For more information go to [**http://primeproject.uk/**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=1d092644dc&e=3e5221b889) or contact the study lead,Professor Nikki Cotterill: **nikki.cotterill@uwe.ac.uk**. |

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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=7816a4c56d&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=f44988b216&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=4d501d2b4b&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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| 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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