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| **Weekly Update**Tuesday 13th September |

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| Following the sad death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, her state funeral is on Monday 19th September. To help the nation pay its respects, the day has been [declared a Bank Holiday](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=f63ae8bae2&e=3e5221b889).The basic Terms of Service provision is that contractors are not required to open community pharmacies on Bank Holidays and, therefore, may choose to close for the 19th of September, or for the time of the state funeral. NHS England has discussed with PSNC how this will impact community pharmacy and will be sending a letter to all contractors, setting out the above and requesting that they work with their local NHS England team and LPC to help plan arrangements for pharmaceutical provision in the area on the 19th of September. The letter can also be found on the [NHS England website](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=0f8eada5e4&e=3e5221b889).In considering arrangements for the 19th, contractors are encouraged consider the following as listed on the [PSNC website](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=47b48d0c20&e=3e5221b889). |

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| Workforce Survey |

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| **Mandatory completion of workforce survey**DHSC, NHS England and PSNC have agreed that it will be a Terms of Service requirement for contractors to complete the annual Health Education England (HEE) community pharmacy workforce survey, which will then provide a full picture of the community pharmacy workforce, including identifying the number of vacancies and regions where these are particularly hard to fill.Regulations have been laid in Parliament which will make this a requirement of the Terms of Service from 1st October 2022.**Removal of the requirement to undertake a Patient Satisfaction Survey**PSNC is acutely aware of the challenges that contractors and their teams are currently facing, so in recognition of the workload associated with completing the annual workforce survey, they have negotiated with DHSC and NHS England that the requirement to undertake an annual patient satisfaction survey will be removed from the Terms of Service from 1st October 2022.[Full details on the changes](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=cfe12346d1&e=3e5221b889) |

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| Flu Information |

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| **Are pharmacy team members an eligible group for flu vaccination within the Advanced Service?**No. Employers may wish to offer pharmacy staff flu vaccinations as part of their occupational health arrangements, but this cannot be undertaken as part of the Advanced Service. If a pharmacy team member is eligible for an NHS flu vaccination and falls into one of the eligible patient groups for the Advanced Service, they would be able to use the service at the pharmacy. |

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| BP Optimisation |

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| **Training - Blood pressure optimisation: guidance for primary care clinicians**The West of England AHSN is running two webinars on the clinical management of blood pressure, on 6th and 20th October. These are open to anyone working in healthcare who is interested in blood pressure optimisation, but are aimed at clinicians working in primary care. [Book now](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=3d3187845a&e=3e5221b889). |

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| Wellspring Councelling |

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| Wellspring Counselling are starting a course for people in North Somerset who struggle with weight and their relationship with food and their body. It starts on 11th October in Nailsea. It is being run by an experienced therapist who has run a similar course in the NHS for many years previously. Please see attached flyer.   Please contact Wendy Griffin, Director if you would like to know more information.Tel: 01275 810879Mob: 07903523457 |

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| [**Flyer**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=4bb75eb6ea&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=9a724795a5&e=3e5221b889)  |

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| **Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework** |

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| Reimbursements Reclassifications |

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| **PSNC secures reimbursement reclassifications**Following applications made by PSNC, DHSC has re-determined the reimbursement status of a number of products effective from 1st September 2022. Three products have been recategorised as special containers and 15 have entered the list of 'Drugs for which Discount is Not Deducted' (DND).This follows work by PSNC's Dispensing and Supply Team to review thousands of products and successfully secure changes for hundreds of items over the past two years.[View the products added to DND list](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=3ec6886089&e=3e5221b889)[View the products reclassified as special containers](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=add34e0119&e=3e5221b889) |

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| Update NHS Website and DoS Profile |

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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=52d7a8ee6d&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Local Services & Information** |

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| C-19 Booster |

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| **Pharmacy staff: Booking your autumn C-19 booster**NHS England has announced that from Wednesday 7th September 2022, around 7 million people (including those aged 75 and over, people who are immunosuppressed, and health and care workers) will be able to book an appointment for their COVID-19 booster vaccinations online or by calling 119.From Wednesday, health and care workers, including pharmacy staff, can book their COVID-19 booster vaccinations through the National Booking Service. Eligible staff are encouraged to book an appointment for a booster dose as soon as possible, provided it has been at least three months since their last dose of the vaccine.[Find out more](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=83945a48d4&e=3e5221b889) |

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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=0d4ea9d710&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=5cf23c86df&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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| **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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| [**Click here for VirtualOutcomes**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=af8065f62e&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Training** |

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| Dental Factsheets |

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| **Dental factsheets for pharmacy teams**The Health Education England (HEE) teams across London and the South East have collaborated to produce a series of dental factsheets specifically for community pharmacy teams. The recently updated factsheets are intended to be used by patient-facing team members to help them deal with common dental and oral symptoms/conditions and signpost patients where appropriate.[Download the resources](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=88061f54a0&e=3e5221b889) |

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