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| **Weekly Update**Tuesday 11th October |

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| **NEW this week** |

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| **Mandatory HEE Workforce Survey for all Community Pharmacies - NOW OPEN**The 2022 Community Pharmacy Workforce Survey, managed by Health Education England (HEE) has opened today. Completion of the survey is a **mandatory requirement** for all pharmacy contractors.The NHS Business Service Authority (NHSBSA) sent an email to pharmacy contractors on the 6th November containing a link to the survey.In some cases, e.g. Company Chemists’ Association member companies and other larger multiple pharmacy groups, head offices will complete the survey centrally. If you are not sure whether the survey will be completed centrally, please ask your head office for guidance.The survey is open for eight weeks and must be completed by **30th November 2022**. |

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| **PQS: publication of further details on the 2022/23 scheme**Further details on the Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) 2022/23 have been published today on the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) website. The details have been published as a separate Determination; they will be included in the Drug Tariff from November 2022.Priority points to note include details of the aspiration payment window and the Respiratory Domain criteria, both of which begin on Monday 10th October.PSNC's [**PQS hub page**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=fe73a2367a&e=3e5221b889) has been updated to reflect the additional information that has now been published on the Scheme, and additional resources and FAQs to support contractors will continue to be added to this page.[Learn more about the 2022/23 PQS](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=1d88dc5eb1&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Change to a flu vaccine description on MYS**A change has been made on Manage Your Service (MYS) for flu vaccine submissions. The description for the quadrivalent vaccine by Seqirus has been replaced with 'Cell-based quadrivalent influenza vaccine (surface antigen, inactivated) suspension for injection 0.5ml pre-filled syringes, by Seqirus UK'. This reflects the generic version of the vaccine that is being administered, in line with the marketed vaccines for 2022/23.[Login to MYS to submit your flu vaccine claims](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=7c37da5759&e=3e5221b889) |

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| CPCF Webinar |

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| **CPCF Webinar now available on-demand**Contractors can now access a recording of PSNC’s recent webinar on the arrangements for the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF) in 2022/23 (Year 4) and 2023/24 (Year 5).During the webinar, viewers heard about the arrangements that have been agreed and PSNC's CEO discussed the context to agreeing the deal as well as her plans going forwards. Almost nine in ten said that they would recommend it to others and 93% of attendees said that they found it useful.[Watch the webinar](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=fc54b89298&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Business continuity plan if you have to close**Please remember that your team are aware you need to take the following actions if you have to close for any reason1. Report closure to NHSE2. Let practices and local pharmacies know3. Ensure team follow your Business Continuity Plan |

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| **Armed Robbery - take care!**Message from South West Pharmacy Team We have been made aware that on Monday morning there was an attempted armed robbery at the premises Well Pharmacy, 90 North Street, Bedminster, Bristol, Avon, BS3 1HF. The police are currently investigating with the Pharmacy to what had happened however we have been told that no one was harmed and that nothing was taken from store.We wanted to share this with you all so that you are aware and are all vigilant over the next coming months. Please make sure your building’s are secured, business continuity plans are up to date and staff know what to do in case of events like these. This type of incident is a rare occurrence in our area however based on todays experience they can happen. If anyone would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact us. Many thanks South West Pharmacy TeamPharmacy Team Email: england.pharmacysouthwest@nhs.net |

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| BNSSG Pharmacy Sexual Health Services |

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| **BNSSG Pharmacies - Book now for 3rd Nov free event, Pharmacy Sexual Health Services Updating Event** You can now book your place for this free event happening on Thursday 3rd November 2022. It will take place online via Zoom with a start time of 7pm (participants will be invited to join from 6.45pm) and the anticipated end time is 9.30pm.   The annual updating session is for any community pharmacists currently providing, or seeking to provide, the emergency hormonal contraception service across Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire and interested in updates on the chlamydia screening programme.   To book please use this Eventbrite link: [https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bnssg-pharmacy-sexual-health-services-annual-updating-event-tickets-424138759447](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=4c8042110d&e=3e5221b889) More details of the event programme will be shared shortly.  |

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| **Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework** |

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| NMS Data Reporting |

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| **Continued pause to NMS quarterly data reporting**NHS England has confirmed that community pharmacy contractors are not required to submit their completed New Medicine Service (NMS) quarterly summary data for July to September 2022 (Quarter 2): [Read more](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=ebb73bd098&e=3e5221b889) |

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| 111 Online Minor Illness Referrals |

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| **111 online minor illness CPCS referrals from Monday 3rd October**From Monday 3rd Oct, referrals from NHS 111 online to the Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS) will include those for minor illness consultations. Referrals will arrive in the normal way into the contractor's CPCS IT system and should be managed in the same way as any other CPCS referral: [Learn more](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=560eed286d&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Local Services & Information** |

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| **Stoptober 2022 resources available now**Stoptober is a great opportunity to encourage smokers to make a quit attempt and help them sustain it throughout October and beyond. Stoptober is built on evidence that if a smoker can quit for 28 days, they are five times more likely to quit for good.A range of resources are now available on the [Campaign Resource Centre](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=aafef0d82d&e=3e5221b889" \t "_blank), including various printed A3 posters as well as downloadable resources for use on social media, websites and digital screens. A campaign toolkit including key messages, statistics, social media posts and long/short copy is also available.Click here for[resources](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=47f3f3cabd&e=3e5221b889)BANES Pharmacies ONLY - For more information or to book stop smoking training for your pharmacy, either to train as a level 2 stop smoking advisor or training in Very Brief Advice in smoking cessation please contact the Wellbeing Service on 0300 247 0050 BATHNES.thehub@hcrgcaregroup.com |

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| **Research on Continence Promotion in Community Pharmacy**Dr. Nikki Cotterill, Professor of Continence Care at University of the West of England, is leading an NIHR Research for Patient Benefit funded study (NIHR202212) to gather opinions on possibilities for continence promotion in the community pharmacy setting: PRIME ([primeproject.uk](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=bc971d0239&e=3e5221b889)).The purpose of the study is to understand perspectives of patients, pharmacy personnel and other relevant individuals, about possibilities for continence promotion in community pharmacies. They are looking to conduct interviews and focus groups with staff working in various setting including  community pharmacy to understand what would be required to provide continence promotion. They will also be discussing what would encourage people to engage with these services from both the perspective of people who have these symptoms, and those who care for people with these symptoms.If you or anyone you know would like to give your views on this matter, please complete the [expression of interest form](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=2b73d8d395&e=3e5221b889) and they will be in touch to provide more detailed information and arrange a convenient time:  |

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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=123b955477&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Training** |

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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=7bcc8a5dd3&e=3e5221b889). |

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