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| **Weekly Update**Tuesday 4th October |

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| **All Pharmacies - Mandatory requirement to complete HEE annual community pharmacy workforce survey**From the 1st October 2022, completion of the HEE annual community pharmacy workforce survey becomes a mandatory requirement for pharmacy contractors, under their terms of service. The 2022 survey is expected to**launch next week**and once that happens, the details will be shared with you.You will find some background information on the survey on the following page on the PSNC website: [https://psnc.org.uk/quality-and-regulations/annual-workforce-survey/](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=a3fa5f6a74&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Antibiotics Prescribing / Infections in Children Meds-Op Training:**Running from 01.00PM – 02.00PM on **Tuesday 4th October**, and to be delivered by **Stefania Vergnano**(Consultant Paediatrics Disease and Immunology, Bristol Children’s Hospital), this session will deep dive into:* Tonsilitis
* Otitis media
* UTIs
* Lower respiratory tract infections
* …with plenty of opportunity for questions

**To register your interest in this session, please go to:**[https://forms.office.com/r/WuhFCkeJqY](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=a09bfb6a91&e=3e5221b889) It will be recorded and will be on the training hub if you can’t make the live event [Medicines Optimisation Training – BNSSG Training Hub](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=4b0f3a692f&e=3e5221b889) |

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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=f7a943f2d7&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=89a787c399&e=3e5221b889) and they will be in touch to provide more detailed information and arrange a convenient time:  |

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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=4fb6e387dc&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=1b873bbc10&e=3e5221b889) |

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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=293e55b7bc&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=348331db72&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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| **Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework** |

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| **Making a start on the new Pharmacy Quality Scheme 2022/23**Initial details of the new Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) for this year have now been released as part of the [arrangements for the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF) in 2022/23 and 2023/24](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=fc56fbf7ba&e=3e5221b889).PSNC, the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and NHS England have agreed the arrangements for the 2022/23 PQS, as well as those for the 2023/24 PQS, with a focus on supporting recovery from COVID-19 and wider national health priorities. The 2022/23 scheme will officially begin on **10th October 2022** and contractors will be able to claim an Aspiration payment if they wish to, later this year.In our negotiations on the scheme, PSNC has managed to reduce the scope of this year’s PQS so that the estimated contractor costs and time required to complete the criteria will be below those associated with the original NHS proposals for the scheme. A further reduction in scope has also been agreed due to the delayed start of the 2022/23 PQS. Where capacity allows contractors to get going with the PQS, we suggest they tackle the New Medicine Service gateway criterion and the training requirements first.[Find out more about the 2022/23 PQS](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=e65c6835bd&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Local Services & Information** |

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| South West Fellowship Conference |

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|  **HEE South West Fellowship Showcase Event: invitation to join them.**The third annual Showcase Event is taking place on: 6 October 2022, 09.00-12.30Colleagues, trainers, mentors and supervisors: all are welcome to come along to celebrate the breadth of activity and achievement of HEE SW Fellows; to form new links, and gather ideas that stimulate adoption, spread and further innovation. Fellows share their work and reflections, covering a wide range of specialisms and themes, from across the South West region.This is a virtual conference and there will be plenary and break-out sessions, with opportunities to view posters. You will be able to ask questions and interact with speakers and attendees..[Fill in this short form to book a place.](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=e962756a8d&e=3e5221b889) |

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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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| BNSSG Pharmacy Sexual Health Services |

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| **Please save the date of Thursday 3rd November 2022 for the BNSSG Pharmacy Sexual Health Services - Annual Updating Event.**This free evening event 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 pharmacist currently providing, or seeking to provide, the emergency hormonal contraception and chlamydia treatment services across Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire. More details of the event will shortly follow with an Eventbrite link for booking.  |

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| Sexual Health Training Programme |

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| **BANES Pharmacies ONLY - Sexual Health Training Programme dates available to book**All courses are free to anyone working with young people and/or parents and carers in the Bath and North East Somerset area.  To book a place on any of the courses on the programme, please find the links on the attached flyer below.  |

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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=edb8747175&e=3e5221b889). |

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