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| **Weekly Update**Tuesday 1st November |

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| **Two weeks left to claim PQS Aspiration payment**Remember you have 4 days left to claim an Aspiration payment for the Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) 2022/23. The deadline for claiming this payment is **11.59pm on 4th November 2022 (this Friday).**Contractors wishing to claim for an Aspiration payment should review the requirements of the PQS 2022/23, decide which domains they want to work towards meeting by the end of 31st March 2023 and declare this on the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA)[**Manage Your Service (MYS) portal**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=313a87a9cb&e=3e5221b889).Please note, the Aspiration payment is optional; if contractors do not want to claim it, it will not impact on the contractor’s ability to claim a PQS payment during the declaration period. There is also no requirement to have claimed for a previous PQS to claim an Aspiration payment for PQS 2022/23.[Find out more](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=057de0bb74&e=3e5221b889) |

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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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| Avon LPC Monthly Training Event |

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| **November Training Event - Wednesday 30th November 2022.****Maximising Income from your current services – and learn about new services.****This event will be held at Engineers House, Clifton and also will be live streamed.*** Do you know how much money for services is left unclaimed in Avon each month?
* Do you use your team effectively to help support services in your pharmacy?
* Oral contraception will be new advances services in 2022.
* Will your pharmacy be ready?
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| **Transitional Payment adjustments and new Flat Payment in 2022/23 and 2023/24**PSNC have issued an update to provide community pharmacy contractors with additional information regarding the expected trajectory for Transitional Payments during the remaining months of 2022/23, and heading into 2023/24.In November 2022, Transitional Payment levels will reduce to approximately 75% of the value they were between April and September 2022, and the total amount of funding available to distribute will reduce further from December 2022 onwards. The reduction is for two main reasons:* New services have been introduced and their uptake has accelerated, using up the unallocated CPCF funding; and
* A new flat payment will be introduced in 2023/24, funded from the unallocated CPCF funding.

Contractors should also note that, from December 2022, the split of funding in the Transitional Payments will be rebalanced towards the service portion of the payment and away from the dispensing portion.[Full details about the Transitional Payment adjustment](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=1ad91e7185&e=3e5221b889) |

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| IP Survey - Please complete! |

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| **AVON LPC Independent Prescriber Survey - Please take a couple of minutes to complete**Whether or not you are interested in becoming an independent prescriber (IP), are already an IP, are training to be an IP or are unsure, we would like you to complete an[**Independent Prescribing scoping survey**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=449f0e7ee0&e=3e5221b889)as soon as possible. The survey will take you no more than 30 seconds to complete, with an optional further 30 seconds to support us even further in our planning.**The letter with all the details is attached below and Ann would appreciate you completing it asap so that she can start planning how to support you.**Please feel free to contact Anne if you are planning to become an Independent Prescriber or if you have any questions about becoming one.Anne's contact details are:Email: Anne.avonlpc@gmail.comMobile: 07921 789751 |

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| Flu & Covid Vaccinations |

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| **FLU and COVID-19 Boosters in Community Pharmacy**The ICB have asked us to remind all pharmacy teams when giving vaccinations the patient is clear about which vaccination(s) they have had as there has been examples where patients have no idea what they have been given. |

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| Wrong Vaccines Given... |

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| **Wrong Flu Vaccines given to Over 65’s**NHSE have been made aware of a national incident where patients aged 65 years or over are being vaccinated with Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccine, egg grown (QIVe). Reviewing the Community Pharmacy data for the South West it has been identified that a total of 1,362 patients have been identified and NHSE need to make urgent contact with those pharmacies this week to clarify the status of these patients.  This is **not a recommended vaccine for this age group.**For clarification, **Adjuvanted Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccine (aTIV) and Cell- based Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccine (QIVc) are the only recommended** AND reimbursable vaccines for this age group. ATIV is the vaccine of choice, with QIVc as the suitable alternative if aTIV is not available. Whilst QIVe does offer a level of protection, it does not promote as strong an immune response as aTIV or QIVc for this age group. Those aged 65 years and over who are vaccinated with QIVe are at higher risk of contracting flu, and of having complications from flu.**For further information please see the email sent to all pharmacy contractors on Friday 28th October.** |

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| **Unplanned Closures**Please ensure that your team are aware of the process that they **MUST** follow if  your pharmacy has to close for any reason.As of the 1 November 2022 the new Unplanned Closure Policy for the South West will take effect. A copy is attached below. Please be assured we have worked with the Local Pharmaceutical Committees in the South West to up-date this policy accordingly. Please ensure you read this policy and share with relevant colleagues within your Community Pharmacy.Also attached **is the form you are required to complete** and return to the Community Pharmacy generic inbox: england.pharmacysouthwest@nhs.net should you need to temporarily suspend services. In the event of an unplanned closure, all contractors should immediately complete and submit the unplanned closure form. **Please note that notifications are not made via PharmOutcomes.**Please also find attached a resilience guide for contractors, this provides a checklist to support with actions required should you need to undertake an unplanned closure.  |

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| **Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework** |

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| Valproate |

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| **Supplying valproate safely to women and girls – what you must do**Please ensure that you have read the Valproate Update which was sent to all pharmacists and pharmacy technicians by the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPHC) last week for your information    You have a professional responsibility to make sure women and girls are informed about the risks of taking valproate in pregnancy and are aware of the [Pregnancy Prevention Programme (PPP)](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=a6a78d7174&e=3e5221b889) so they can make informed choices.[Watch this video created by Central & North West London NHS Trust, in which a pharmacist talks to a patient about the risks of valproate](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=df443627d7&e=3e5221b889) and explains the Pregnancy Prevention Programme    More [information and the letter](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=6e2a828e85&e=3e5221b889) |

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| Trainee Pharmacist Survey |

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| **What are the challenges to a truly inclusive \*pre-registration’ pharmacy training programme?’**  We want to explore the lived experiences of non-white pre-registration trainees/PTPTs; positive and negative experiences, including: Inclusion, Representation, Discrimination or racism, microaggressions and raising concerns if witnessed or experienced in the workplace. *Understanding lived experience to achieve a truly inclusive training programme for our trainees is important to us all both colleagues and patients alike.* **Who can participate?**To participate in the study, you must:  ·       Identify your ethnicity as Black or minority ethnic (Asian, Other ethnicity e.g. Arab, mixed raced)  ·       Work as a Foundation trainee pharmacist (2021 or 2022 cohorts) or pre-registration trainee pharmacy technician (PTPT) (2020 onwards), all pharmacy sectors included ·       Work in Thames Valley (Berkshire, Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire), Wessex (Hampshire, Isle of Wight) or South West(Bristol, Cornwall, Dorset, Devon, Gloucestershire, Somerset, Wiltshire)   **If you are a trainee pharmacist or PTPT working within the South West, Thames Valley or Wessex regions, please consider completing the following survey, which should take no longer than 10-15 minutes:** [https://healtheducationyh.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/edi-trainee-experience-survey-october-2022](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=a61f1c4b75&e=3e5221b889)  We would appreciate your response to the survey by **Wednesday 30th** **November 2022.**  |

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| FreeStyle Libre Sensor Discontinued |

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| **FreeStyle Libre Sensor to be deleted from Part IX of the January 2023 Drug Tariff**Abbott have confirmed that the original FreeStyle Libre sensor will be discontinued in the UK by **31st December 2022**. This product was flagged with a three-month notice of deletion in the October Drug Tariff and is due to be deleted from Part IX of the January 2023 Drug Tariff.Please note that as this line will be deleted from the January Drug Tariff, any prescriptions submitted for payment after submission of your December bundle (submitted by 5th January) will not be passed for payment but will be returned as disallowed.[Find out more](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=0417b07d81&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Local Services & Information** |

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| Asthma Clinics |

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| **BNSSG CYP Community Asthma Clinic**As part of the CYP asthma transformation programme, BSNNS ICB are piloting community clinics across BNSSG from various children’s centres. The clinic aims to explore whether community asthma clinics/hubs are of value to primary care and improve community asthma management closer to home. GPs/ school nurses and Pharmacists can refer CYP for review through the clinics from September – March (2 days a week) which will be led by a Consultant Nurse in Allergy and Asthma with support from a practice nurse. |

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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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| **Training - VirtualOutcomes** |

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| **Training** |

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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=a898d14f66&e=3e5221b889) This year’s programme will include content on: condoms and prevention of STIs, emergency contraception and case-based learning, and responding to domestic violence with an update on Next Link services. Information on where to find guidance on spotting the signs of child sexual exploitation (relevant to consultations with under 18s) will also be shared. Pharmacists will have access to clinical experts, with opportunities to ask questions and receive clarification.  Presenters include:·        **Dr Lucinda Farmer** - Associate Specialist and Education and Training Lead for Unity Sexual Health·        **Karl Liva-Pye** - Manager, Unity Sexual Health Chlamydia Screening Programme·        **Michelle Jones** - Principle Medicines Optimisation Pharmacist, NHS BNSSG ICB |

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| AstraZeneca are holding a webinar on opportunities for pharmacists in the new NHS. Ade Williams form Bedminster pharmacy is a panellist. Click below for more information. |

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