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| **Weekly Update**Tuesday 29th November |

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| **NEW this week** |

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| Mandatory Workforce Survey - only 2 days left! |

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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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| New Doxycycline PGD - Banes |

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| **B&NES Only – New Doxycycline PGD** Please note that the B&NES Doxycycline PGD has been updated. Please ensure all pharmacists are made aware of the new PGD and that they read and sign it. The PGD should be stored safely in your pharmacy. The new PGD can be found [here](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=4c504951c9&e=3e5221b889)  and also at [www.safebanes.com/professionals](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=f9241f8922&e=3e5221b889). If you have any questions or need a password for [safebanes.com](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=b30e57dc90&e=3e5221b889) please contact paul\_sheehan@bathnes.gov.uk |

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| **Influenza season 2022/2023: Use of antiviral medicines** UKHSA surveillance data indicates that influenza is circulating in the community.Prescribers working in primary care may now prescribe, and community pharmacists may now supply antiviral medicines (oseltamivir and zanamivir) for the prophylaxis and treatment of influenza at NHS expense.Antiviral medicines may be prescribed for patients in clinical at-risk groups as well as anyone at risk of severe illness and/or complications from influenza if not treated. |

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| Supervision Capacity |

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|  **Investigating** **multi-professional supervision capacity for pharmacist independent prescriber trainees.**  Tom Wareing,Clinical fellow HEE South is conducting **two surveys** and would appreciate your support in completing them. Survey closes on **2nd Dec 2022** **Survey 1**- for Non Medical Professional LEADS / those with organisational oversight of NMPs[https://healtheducationyh.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/nmpleadsurvey2022](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=3922488d97&e=3e5221b889) This survey aims mainly to acquire numerical data on the current pool of Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP) in the area**Survey 2**- for Non Medical Professional’s (NMP) themselves:[https://healtheducationyh.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/nmpsurvey2022](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=0c2558e8d2&e=3e5221b889) This survey aims to explore the views of NMPs (including pharmacist prescribers) on taking on the DPP role. |

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| New UTI PGD Info - BNSSG |

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| **BNSSG Pharmacies ONLY - New UTI PGD - Test strips for Urine Dip**  It has come to our attention that Combur 7 test strips are unobtainable from wholesalers currently however pharmacies may use any brand of test strips as long as they identify Nitrites, Red Blood Cells and Leukocytes in urine.You will need to ensure you familiarise yourselves with whichever brand you use. BNSSG guidance states 'refer to manufacturer's instruction' and the urinalysis video uses an alternative test strip as the principles of conducting urinalysis remain the same.If you have any questions please contact Roger (Roger.avonlpc@gmail.com) or Judith (Judith.avonlpc@gmail.com) |

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| Health & Wellbeing Support - BNSSG |

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| **BNSSG Pharmacies ONLY - Health and Wellbeing support Available** New programme working across Primary Care Locally to ensure the health and wellbeing needs of all colleagues are understood and prioritised.The programme is hosted by One Care, the BNSSG Federation and is working collaboratively with partners in the BNSSG Integrated Care System as well as the national NHS Health and Wellbeing team. The overarching aim is to ensure all staff in primary care have an equal opportunity to access support.There are 3 offers:1. Join the mailing list - sign up [here](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=24af4480ab&e=3e5221b889)2. Become a Health Champion and Wellbeing Champion for your organisation - more information [here](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=c646d33389&e=3e5221b889)3. Take Part in an in-depth exploration of what health and wellbeing means for you and your colleagues and how you can improve it. - more information [here](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=02c809c03c&e=3e5221b889)If you have any questions email health.wellbeing@onecare.org.uk |

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| **NHSmail changes: keeping your account active.**To increase the security of NHSmail, the NHSmail team will shortly be making changes to the system which will impact users.From 1st December 2022, personal NHSmail accounts which are not used **for 30 days** will be marked inactive and inactive accounts which are not activated within the following 30 days will be deleted. If a personal NHSmail account is ‘deleted’; it can be **restored within 30 days by raising an NHSmail ticket**. But, if an account is not restored within that period, it will be permanently deleted, and it will not be able to be restored.[Find out more](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=f3e7788144&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **PQS assessment framework now available**Community pharmacy contractors can now access the assessment framework for the 2022/23 Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) on [PharmOutcomes](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=8950f040e3&e=3e5221b889). This is available free of charge to all contractors and allows them and their teams to track their progress with achieving the gateway and quality criteria/domains of the PQS.[Find out how to access the PQS assessment framework](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=d3c1315152&e=3e5221b889) |

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| Avon LPC 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 on Zoom and NOT at Engineers House.*** 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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| **Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework** |

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| Mandatory National Audit |

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| **Mandatory national audit announced**PSNC and NHS England have agreed that the 2022/23 national clinical audit will focus on valproate, with the aim of reducing the potential harm caused by taking valproate during pregnancy. **The audit must be completed by all community pharmacy contractors as this is part of their NHS contractual requirements.**Contractors will be required to conduct the audit over a **six-week consecutive period**, however, the workload associated with the audit is expected to be manageable for all contractors as the number of patients covered by the audit is small.[Learn more about the audit](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=fbf3652fc0&e=3e5221b889) |

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| CPCF & Terms of Service Checklist |

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| **CPCF and Terms of Service dates checklist updated**Following the announcement that the 2022/23 mandatory national clinical audit will focus on valproate, PSNC's Services Team has updated its briefing that provides a checklist of important dates relating to contractors Terms of Service requirements, the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF) and more.This Briefing is a ‘live’ document and will continue to be updated as and when more announcements and dates are confirmed.[Read the updated briefing](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=f76f1c0620&e=3e5221b889) |

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| Trainee Placements |

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| **Placements for UHBW Foundation Year Trainee Pharmacists in Community Pharmacy.**We have been asked whether any community pharmacies are able to assist the UHBW Foundation Year Trainee Pharmacist education programme director (Jenny Gray) with sourcing some support from community pharmacy for some 1–2-week placements for their current FYTs (6 at Bristol Royal Infirmary and 2 at Weston General)There may also be an opportunity for reciprocal placement arrangement to enable community pharmacy trainees to experience hospital pharmacy however this has not been confirmed.If you would like more information or think you can offer a placement for one of the trainees please contact:Jennifer.Gray@uhbw.nhs.uk or mary.carter14@nhs.net |

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| **Can you help with a research questionnaire for University of Bath final year pharmacy students?**We are a group of final year pharmacy students from the University of Bath, supervised by Dr Philip Rogers (p.j.rogers@bath.ac.uk) and are currently carrying out our final year research project to explore how different key stakeholders perceive community pharmacists. This involves investigating views on community pharmacists’ professionalism, responsibilities and whether COVID-19 had an impact on it. It is important for us to get responses from community pharmacists themselves, to see what their current perspective on the profession may be.  The questionnaire will remain open until the end of the month (30/11/22).  Link to the questionnaire here: [https://bathreg.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/community\_pharmacist](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=a18d57d058&e=3e5221b889)  |

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| **ALERT FOR ALL PHARMACIES - Naloxone** Macarthys Laboratories (trading as Martindale Pharma, an Ethypharm Group Company), has notified the MHRA that a limited number of Prenoxad kits (packs) in a batch marketed in France have **missing needles.**Please consider speaking to your high risk patients about this alert and ask them to check any naloxone packs they may have.[More information can be found here](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=4e6636fce2&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Local Services & Information** |

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| BNSSG Only - New UTI PGD |

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| **BNSSG Pharmacies Only - New UTI PGD**Please note that BNSSG UTI PGD has been updated to reflect the addition of optional urine dip testing. Please ensure all pharmacists are made aware of the new PGD and that they read and sign it. The old PGD should be stored safely in your pharmacy. All pharmacists will need to complete a NEW Declaration of Competence (DoC) for the new PGD and there will be a 6 month "Grace Period" if some of their training needs to be redone as it falls outside the validity period indicated in the DoC.The new PGDs can be found [here](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=7d6a8cd10a&e=3e5221b889) and information on urine dip tests [here](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=ff270a4ec8&e=3e5221b889)Finally, we have not told GP practices that there is now an option to dip urine therefore if your pharmacy is going to include this optional service please ensure you liaise with your local practices to let them know the changes. I also have an additional sheet you can share with them when you are ready to go live with. Please e mail me for the sheet at Judith.avonlpc@gmail.comIf you have any questions please contact me or Roger Herbert ( Roger.avonlpc@gmail.com) |

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| **Training - VirtualOutcomes** |

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