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| **Weekly Update**Tuesday 10th January |

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| **MHRA Drug Safety Update December 2022**A new Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA). Drug Safety Update has been published including articles on Valproate, COVID-19 vaccines and medicines and more.[Read the December MHRA Drug Safety Update](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=53bc4aa013&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Drug Tariff Watch - January 2023**As well as the Category M prices referenced above, contractors and their teams should also take note of these other Drug Tariff changes that will be introduced from 1st January 2023. PSNC's Dispensing and Supply Team has created a summary of these changes in their latest Drug Tariff Watch article. This includes details of additions and deletions, as well as category and price changes.[Read January's Drug Tariff Watch](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=3f93f400bc&e=3e5221b889)Changes of note include:The **original FreeStyle Libre Sensors**will be deleted from Part IXA of the Drug Tariff from January 2023. Any EPS or paper prescriptions for these sensors must be submitted to NHSBSA by 5th January 2023, otherwise they will not be passed for payment. [Read more about the removal of FreeStyle Libre Sensors](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=3d467b6404&e=3e5221b889)**Madopar® preparations** were re-classified as special containers [Learn more about the re-classification of Madopar® preparations](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=544645ae45&e=3e5221b889)**Zero discount changes**eleven products will enter the list of 'Drugs for which Discount is Not Deducted' (DND) in January.[View DND status changes page](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=ac6f58c081&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Top tips to claim for and reconcile SSP payments**PSNC has been working with NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) to understand if claims for Serious Shortage Protocols (SSPs) are being submitted correctly. PSNC understands that a **large number SSP claims continue to be deemed invalid by the NHSBSA due to incorrect endorsements applied by PMR systems and/or pharmacy staff**.We have therefore created a guidance article to explain the common reasons for these incorrect/invalid SSP claims and provide top tips on how to endorse and declare SSP claims correctly.[View our SSP claim top tips](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=ccfa365bd5&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Dexcom One Real-time Continuous Glucose Monitoring (RT-CGM)**Please find more information attached about this product which means patients don’t need to do finger prick tests or scanning as information is sent directly from it to a smartphone or receiver. It is now included in the Drug Tariff so you may start getting patient enquiries.  |

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| [**Ordering Information**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=9a29143147&e=3e5221b889) |

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| BNSSG - Aims of Integrated Care System |

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| **BNSSG Pharmacies ONLY - Strategic Aims of BNSSG Integrated Care System**Please click this link:   [https://remedy.bnssg.icb.nhs.uk/media/5572/nhs\_medopstrategy\_a3poster\_aw.pdf](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=f9c5b23ce7&e=3e5221b889) to download the poster detailing the key strategic aims of the BNSSG Integrated Care System (ICS). It would be useful for you and your pharmacy team to be aware of the direction of travel locally. |

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| **Mary Seacole and Rosalind Franklin programmes for Pharmacy Technicians** Health Education England and the NHS Leadership Academy are pleased to announce that the deadline to apply for the Mary Seacole and Rosalind Franklin programmes is extended to midnight on **Tuesday 17th January 2023.** Programmes start from February 2023. **Successful applicants will be notified the week commencing 23rd January 2023.****Find out more and register:*** [Mary Seacole Pharmacy Technician flyer](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=7697f16039&e=3e5221b889) - includes link to the application form
* [Rosalind Franklin Pharmacy Technician flyer](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=2146a99dca&e=3e5221b889) - includes link to the application form

For any further enquiries about this opportunity, please contact clinicalleadership@leadershipacademy.nhs.uk. |

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| **COMMUNITY PHARMACY RESEARCH SURVEY**We would like to invite you all to participate in a study being conducted by Imperial College London Department of Primary Care & Public Health. The study aims to understand the knowledge, attitude and perceptions of pharmacists and the general public regarding **HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) treatment** and gaining insight into existing barriers and facilitators towards the **routine provision of PrEP in the Community Pharmacy setting** in the UK.Please consider taking the short (5-10 min) survey, which can be accessed via PC or mobile. All responses will be pseudonymised and confidential  [https://imperial.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\_d0QlCkEYVXeljbE](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=151b590331&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Mandatory National Health Campaign - Weight Management****Campaign Timing:*** Campaign Starts on **Tuesday 3rd January** **2023**
* Campaign Ends **Sunday 29th January 2023**.

**Campaign Resources:*** Contractors **can order** pharmacy specific posters, wallet cards (‘info’ cards with a QR code signposting people to the Better Health website and free tips and tools to lose weight) and a dispenser for these cards on the [Campaign Resource Centre](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=5ad3ecc0d2&e=3e5221b889)website.
* Alternatively, pharmacy teams can choose to use **digital resources** as part of the campaign, which are available to download on the Campaign Resource Centre website also. These include digital screens for pharmacies, web banners and email signatures.

**Recording of Conversations:*** As part of the Healthy living support domain of the 2022/23 Pharmacy Quality Scheme, pharmacy teams are required to proactively discuss weight management with**a minimum of 25 patients and refer at least four patients (who meets the criteria for referral) to either a Local Authority funded tier 2 weight management service or the NHS Digital Weight Management Programme**. Pharmacy teams could use the campaign materials as conversation starters to assist them with meeting these requirements.
* There **is a requirement for all pharmacies to upload their data for this Health Campaign onto PharmOutcomes,** we have therefore attached a manual tally sheet for you to record these conversations for your convenience.
* We will then require you to complete the evaluation survey on PharmOutcomes from Monday **13 February to 24 February 2023** to report your figures; even if it is a nil return (further details about this will be provided in following emails)

Find a [guidance leaflet](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=c01ec26f7a&e=3e5221b889) to support community pharmacy teams’ conversations with patients. |

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| [**Tally Chart**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=1cb0f999cf&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework** |

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| **Serious shortage protocols (SSP’s)**SSPs are a potential way to help pharmacies to manage any serious shortages of medicines that may occur, without needing to refer patients back to prescribers.Please ensure all your team are aware of the current SSP’s in force currently. More information is available [here](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=87469db939&e=3e5221b889) |

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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=945c38bdb1&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Local Services & Information** |

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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.VirtualOutcomes have just launched their latest training course to support pharmacies in completing the mandatory NHSE Clinical Audit on valproate.  Please and attached a flyer regarding this.  |

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| **HEE Clinical examination skills training for community pharmacists.**New clinical examination skills training will increase the confidence of community pharmacists to manage the types of clinical cases that are increasingly presenting in the community pharmacy setting.This new training will consist of a series of modules, with pharmacists able to choose their preferred option based on personal or professional interests. Preferred modules can be accessed following completion of a pre-requisite gateway module on history taking and identification of serious conditions. Content will be delivered in a flexible way designed to meet the needs of community pharmacists.To find out more and register to receive more updates regarding the launch of this training please click [here](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=c0dd9240c1&e=3e5221b889) |

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