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| **Weekly Update**Tuesday 24th January |

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| **National Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Recruitment 2024-25 via Oriel** Applications are now open via the Oriel IT platform for the National Trainee Pharmacist (formerly known as Pre-registration pharmacist) Recruitment scheme for the **2024-25 training year**. The information attached includes the cross-foundation trainee pharmacist training programme (split between different pharmacy sectors) and the community pharmacy single sector foundation trainee pharmacist training programme. There are links to videos, more information and application forms on the attachment. If you require further information please contact Anne Cole, Independent Prescribing Project Manager. Email: anne.avonlpc@gmail.comMobile: 07921 789751 |

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| Training - North Somerset Only |

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| **NORTH SOMERSET PHARMACIES ONLY - TRAINING EVENING ON SUBSTANCE MISUSE, NEEDLE EXCHANGE AND SEXUAL HEALTH**North Somerset Council are holding a virtual training evening on Tuesday 31st January at 7pm for pharmacists and their teams. The evening will include an update on substance misuse as well as information on using PharmOutcomes for recording and a presentation on the sexual health service. For more information and to register for the training please view the attachments. |

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| **NHS Profile Manager updated for PQS PEoLC criterion**Community pharmacy contractors are now able to update NHS Profile Manager if they routinely hold the 16 palliative and end of life care (PEoLC) medicines listed in the Drug Tariff and can support local access to parenteral haloperidol.If contractors meet the relevant Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) requirement, they are encouraged to update NHS Profile Manager as soon as possible and before 31st March 2023 to meet the PQS criterion.[Find out more](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=d6d5065cc5&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **DHSC to remove Transitional Payments from next month**The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has decided to reduce the Transitional Payment to zero from February 2023. PSNC’s Negotiating Team refused to accept this on the grounds that any reductions in payments at this point will be impossible for community pharmacy contractors to manage financially.Commenting on the Department’s decision,**Janet Morrison, PSNC Chief Executive**, said that this “could not come at a worse time for community pharmacy businesses who by the Government’s own admission have been subjected to years of funding cuts. Pharmacies are on the brink of collapse and removing these payments now may be the final straw for some: we have made that absolutely clear.”**Chair of PSNC’s Funding and Contract Subcommittee and Negotiating Team Member, Peter Cattee, agreed, adding that “**we must continue to take whatever action is within our power to change Government minds and that decision before we see chaos in the network.”[Find out more](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=7642414fa4&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **New Medicine Supply Notice**DHSC has issued a medicine supply notification for Senokot® syrup and Senokot® 12 Years Plus syrup (both containing 7.5mg/5ml sennosides). A copy of this medicine supply notification, including further information for pharmacy teams, has been sent to all pharmacy NHS email addresses. [Click here for more information.](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=8ef17d5008&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **PQS Declaration questions published**The NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) has published the questions which will be included in the 2022/23 Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) declaration so community pharmacy contractors can view these ahead of making their declaration.The questions are available on the [NHSBSA PQS hub page](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=d8ab2fde7a&e=3e5221b889); you should scroll down to the ‘Declaration questions’ section where they can access the questions in a Word document.[Find out more about making a PQS Declaration](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=30df48992a&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Pharmacy Vision: PSNC to hold engagement events**Work to develop a new vision and strategic options for community pharmacy is now well underway, being led by Nuffield Trust and The King’s Fund. Following the closure of the Pharmacy Vision consultation last month, PSNC has announced two online engagement events to give community pharmacy contractors who didn’t manage to fill in the consultation survey a chance to share their views. They will involve group discussions with members of the PSNC team and fellow contractors, focused on the questions asked in the online consultation.[Register for one of the upcoming Pharmacy Vision events](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=a0d5b66f39&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework** |

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| **Free PPE for pharmacy teams extended until March 2024**The Government’s scheme providing free personal protective equipment (PPE) to health and care providers, including community pharmacies in England, has been [extended for another year](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=88fb6c7d71&e=3e5221b889). |

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| **EPS Tokens factsheet**PSNC has published a factsheet for community pharmacy teams explaining how to order tokens for the Electronic Prescription Service (EPS) and escalate issues, if necessary. Please note, Primary Care Support England (PCSE) is responsible for distributing tokens and administer the ordering portal.[Read the factsheet](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=ab722934c0&e=3e5221b889) |

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| Five SSPs & Lenzetto SSPs |

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| **Five SSPs further extended and expiry of Lenzetto SSPs**The following Serious Shortage Protocols (SSPs) have been further extended until **Friday 27th January 2023**.* [SSP029 Sandrena® 0.5mg and 1mg gel sachets – restriction](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=c42c49d485&e=3e5221b889)
* [SSP030 Sandrena® 0.5mg and 1mg gel sachets –  substitution](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=38a1410461&e=3e5221b889)
* [SSP031 Sandrena® 0.5mg and 1mg gel sachets –  substitution and restriction](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=d13cec1839&e=3e5221b889)
* [SSP036 Estraderm MX*®* 100mcg patches](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=25ed08f9b2&e=3e5221b889)
* [SSP038 Estraderm MX® 75mcg patches](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=422a8657f4&e=3e5221b889)

Please note that the SSPs below expired at **23.59 on Friday 13th January*** [SSP026 Lenzetto®1.53mg/dose transdermal spray –  restriction](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=67328be24a&e=3e5221b889)
* [SSP027 Lenzetto®1.53mg/dose transdermal spray –  substitution](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=afca0122f6&e=3e5221b889)
* [SSP028 Lenzetto®1.53mg/dose transdermal spray – substitution and restriction](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=c6aaa5adff&e=3e5221b889)

Following the expiry of the above SSPs, any prescriptions for Lenzetto® 1.53mg/dose transdermal spray must be dispensed in accordance with the prescription.  |

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| Data Security & Protection Toolkit |

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| **Data Security and Protection Toolkit guidance**PSNC has published new guidance to help community pharmacy contractors to complete the 2022/23 Data Security and Protection Toolkit. The Toolkit is used to make a pharmacy’s information governance (IG) declaration and the deadline for completion is **Friday 30th June 2023**.PSNC collaborated with NHS Digital to keep the workload associated with Toolkit completion manageable and published our guidance materials as soon as was practicable. Contractors are advised to read the guidance and consider the Toolkit in their workload planning. [Read our new Toolkit guidance](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=62fc6454cf&e=3e5221b889) |

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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=b24ec27b76&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=8fcdd32f62&e=3e5221b889) |

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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=94d5686dc3&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Local Services & Information** |

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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=f43639fa0a&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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| **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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| **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=894521aaf4&e=3e5221b889) |

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