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| **Weekly Update**Tuesday 31st January |

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| **NEW this week** |

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| End of Month Checklist  |

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| Avon LPC have created a one sheet checklist for pharmacy teams to use to help ensure that the end of the month activities have been completed thus helping to ensure that all renumeration due to you has been claimed. If your head office has different protocols please ensure you follow these.If you have any questions please contact us. |

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| Pharm Course - New Sites |

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| **HOST SITES FOR NEW Pharm Course from Oct 23**The MPharm placement team at the University of Bath is looking for new sites to host undergraduate clinical placements in the new MPharm from Oct 2023.  The new MPharm will have significantly more placements in the course. In order to start this work we are keen to engage new placement providers this semester as we have an MPharm2 placement w/c 13th March. Do contact the placements team if you are willing and able to be a placement host and / or would like to find out more at PA-placements@bath.ac.uk |

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| Data Security & Protection Toolkit Workshop |

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| **Register for our 2023 Data Security and Protection Toolkit Workshop**PSNC will be holding a webinar on Thursday 23rd February at 7pm to help community pharmacy contractors to complete the Data Security and Protection Toolkit for 2022/23.During the webinar, representatives from PSNC and NHS Digital will discuss the Toolkit questions, talk delegates through the available guidance materials and answer questions about making the declaration.[Register for the webinar](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=5b648bdfe1&e=3e5221b889) |

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| New SSPs |

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| **Two new SSPs issued**The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has issued two new Serious Shortage Protocols (SSPs) for Estradot® 50mcg and 100mcg patches. Both SSPs are currently set to expire on 17th February 2023.[Learn more about the two new SSPs](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=e73eef6f4f&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **NHS Pharmacy Ambassador programme**Health Education England (HEE), in partnership with [Inspiring the Future](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=a6cd44baa8&e=3e5221b889), is seeking to grow its NHS Ambassador capacity by linking more pharmacy professionals with schools and colleges in their local community. Those interested in becoming an NHS Pharmacy Ambassador are being invited to attend an information session on Monday 6th February to find out more.* [Register for the information session 6th February from 1-2pm](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=9f8aece7a4&e=3e5221b889)
* [Register for the information session on 6th February from 7-8pm](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=1ab1378eb0&e=3e5221b889)
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| **MHRA Drug Safety Update**A new Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) Drug Safety Update has been published. This includes articles on Xaqua (metolazone) 5mg tablets, Topical testosterone (Testogel), Electronic Prescribing and more.[Read the  January 2023 MHRA Drug Safety Update](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=12694f0094&e=3e5221b889). |

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| Online Survey - South Glos only |

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| **SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE PHARMACIES ONLY - Have your say:  Proposed model for delivery - South Gloucestershire Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services (adults).** An anonymous online survey is being conducted to find out what local people think about South Gloucestershire Council’s proposed model for delivering adult drug and alcohol services.  **Survey closes 17 March 2023.** We are especially keen to hear the voices of people who may experience barriers to accessing our services, including people with disabilities, so we would be grateful if you could circulate this widely among your colleagues and service user forums.  A paper version of the survey is available, pdf attached, please contact us if this is not accessible, or you would like translated versions or multiple paper copies: consultation@southglos.gov.uk  * **Information about what is proposed, and why, is on our consultation page**:

[Drug and alcohol treatment services commissioning - South Gloucestershire Online Consultations (southglos.gov.uk)](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=03d339bd63&e=3e5221b889)* **Please  click here  to complete our short survey.**[https://southglos.researchfeedback.net/s/j277p3](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=a0137bcb8d&e=3e5221b889)
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| **Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework** |

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| PQS PEoLC Criterion |

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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=f071f62e00&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=283c44c12c&e=3e5221b889) |

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| Medicine Supply Notice |

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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=56958ea2f1&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=f510a34de6&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=fe3aad0510&e=3e5221b889) |

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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=1f69410397&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=8a1c0d9b93&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=2885047fe3&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=b8caa8036b&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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| **Training** |

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| Foundation Trainee Pharmacist |

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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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