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| **Weekly Update**Tuesday 7th February |

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| **NEW this week** |

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| Pharmacy Pressures Survey |

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| **Pharmacy Pressures Survey: Please take part**PSNC has launched a nationwide Pharmacy Pressures Survey which will give **us important data**for **use in future negotiations.** Please help us make the case to Government for more funding by completing the surveys via the links below.* [Pharmacy business owners/head office representatives survey](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=024295f317&e=3e5221b889)
* [Pharmacy teams survey](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=224e2dfe6e&e=3e5221b889)

You can also now download a copy of the survey questions here: [Learn more about the survey](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=2f6a353bb8&e=3e5221b889) |

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| PQS Declaration |

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| **PQS 22/23 DECLARATION NOW OPEN**The 2022/23 PQS scheme **declaration period is OPEN between 9am on Monday 6th February 2023 and 11.59pm on 3rd March 2023.** Contractors must have evidence to demonstrate meeting the gateway criteria and the domains that they have claimed for by the end of 31st March 2023. |

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| PQS - Data published |

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| **PQS: Antibiotic Review Data Published**The NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) has published a spreadsheet showing which community pharmacy contractors have submitted data for their antibiotic review as part of the Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) 2022/23. On the spreadsheet, contractors have been allocated either a green, orange or red colour. Contractors planning on completing the antibiotic review should note the deadline for starting the audit is **4th February 2023**, which is exactly eight weeks until 31st March 2023 which is the deadline for completing the PQS requirements.[Find out more](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=afb15cfa00&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **BNSSG and BSW Price Concessions on local PGDs**With the recent price concessions on items supplied via PGD, the LPC realised that these revised prices were not being reflected in the PharmOutcomes invoices.Following work carried out by Roger we have been able to apply price adjustments to all of your invoices in the background to ensure you all don’t lose out. We also wanted to thank both ICBs who commission the service in recognising the importance of approving these adjustments.  |

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| **SSP’s Extended**Due to continuing supply issues, the eight Serious Shortage Protocols (SSPs) currently in effect for Penicillin V products (SSPs 040-047) which are due to end on 31 January **are being extended**The end date for these SSPs will now be**28 February 2023.**In addition, SSPs 043-047 have been amended to remove the options of azithromycin and clarithromycin. |

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| **Dermatology Training - Wednesday 22nd March**Please find attached details of  an evening webinar of skin conditions.If you wish to attend please e mail Dan Brown DABRW@leo-pharma.com for details of how to sign up.[More Information](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=18aac53cfa&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Motivational Coaching Workshop**The AHSN is putting on some training to help healthcare professionals develop better relationships with their patients as well as learning how to motivate patients. If you wish to join the online webinar please click here; [https://www.weahsn.net/event/motivational-coaching-workshop-sessions/](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=3c10669d40&e=3e5221b889) |

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| Tackling Violence - South Glos only |

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| **South Gloucestershire Pharmacies ONLY - Tackling violence against women and girls survey**South Gloucestershire Council and South Gloucestershire’s Safer and Stronger Communities Strategic Partnership are working together to tackle violence against women and girls. As a first step, they have **launched 2 surveys** to find out more about women and girl’s safety in South Gloucestershire and to understand what local people and organisations think about tackling violence against women and girls in their area.[Professionals - working with women and girls](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=e7e5cc05fa&e=3e5221b889)[Residents of South Glos - in particular women and girls - but all residents welcome](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=5037bb2d33&e=3e5221b889) |

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| Training on Stress - BNSSG only |

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| **BNSSG Pharmacies ONLY - Training on Stress**The training aims to develop confidence in having a mental health conversation with colleagues. This is run via. a 90-minute online session and a limited number of further spaces have only recently become available. They currently have spaces available on each of the following dates and times for [REACT Supportive Conversations training](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=d092f49e90&e=3e5221b889):* Thursday 9th February: 11am - 12:30pm
* Thursday 9th February: 1:30pm - 3pm
* Tuesday 21 February: 11am - 12.30pm
* Tuesday 21 February: 1.30pm – 3pm
* Wednesday 22 February: 9am - 10.30am
* Wednesday 22 February: 11am - 12.30pm

 If you would like to book a place on this training, please do so through the [booking form](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=450ebd8fae&e=3e5221b889).  |

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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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| **Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework** |

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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=609e18a958&e=3e5221b889) |

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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=fe19c0683b&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=6acb597deb&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=4965b3c3ee&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=8b94cb74d6&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=310b0876f9&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=611a5367ed&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Local Services & Information** |

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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=2c9b0eecf4&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=e15aafc21f&e=3e5221b889)
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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.Most recent training launched is how our pharmacy teams can support breastfeeding mothers. It looks at the available resources to give our pharmacy teams confidence in supporting mothers to safely take their medicines whilst breastfeeding. |

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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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