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| **Weekly Update**Tuesday 7th March |

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| **NEW this week** |

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| NHSE Terms of Service |

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| **ALL Pharmacies - NHSE Terms of Service End of Year Requirements**As part of the Terms of Service all community pharmacies are required to confirm they have completed the following requirements of the Terms of Service for this year 2022/23: The following annual declarations are required:-1. **Pharmacy Patient Leaflet Available -**Deadline 31 March 2023
2. **In House Clinical Audit -**Your own Company (in house) clinical audit has been carried out. **Deadline 31 March 2023.**
3. **Annual Complaints Review for period 1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023**.

To be compliant you need to have completed the PharmOutcomes Annual Complaints return or your Head Office must have submitted on your behalf. **Deadline 30th April 2023** A self-declaration form is now available on PharmOutcomes for all Community Pharmacies to complete. Please log into PharmOutcomes [here](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=c0226d0d68&e=3e5221b889) and complete the self -declaration form for your pharmacy to confirm compliance with the requirements of the Terms of Service for 2022/23. If you have any queries with the above, then please do not hesitate to contact the pharmacy team via england.pharmacysouthwest@nhs.net.  |

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| New PGDs - BNSSG only |

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| **BNSSG Pharmacies ONLY - NEW PGDS**Please ensure all pharmacists including relief and locums are aware that new PGDS were issued last week for the following; Sore throats, Chloramphenicol for severe bacterial conjunctivitis**,**Impetigo, Hydrocortisone and all the pharmacy sexual health PGDs for Bristol, South Gloucestershire and North Somerset.The new PGD’s need to be read, understood and signed and a copy kept on the pharmacy premises. Please ensure the old PGD’s are stored safely. When using PharmOutcomes for the first time since the new PGDs were issued pharmacists will be required to complete a new Declaration of Competence which includes a statement asking them to confirm that they have read and signed the new PGD dated March 23. |

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| HRT - new regulations |

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| **New regulations to accompany the introduction of HRT PPCs**The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has introduced new pharmaceutical regulations, to take effect on 1st April 2023, to accompany the introduction of the Hormone Replacement Therapy Prepayment Certificate (HRT PPC).The HRT PPC is a new, limited scope, less expensive, prepayment certificate applicable only to listed HRT items. Its limited scope may present a problem when both an HRT item and another medicine are prescribed on the same prescription. The regulations outline options for contractors/pharmacists facing this issue.[Find out more](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=eb971a1ae0&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **DHSC announces rollout of HRT prescription prepayment certificate**The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has [announced](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=7efa08363d&e=3e5221b889) that women in England will be able to access cheaper Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT) for menopause through a new Hormone Replacement Therapy prescription prepayment certificate (HRT PPC).Whilst PSNC remains supportive of the Government’s decision to make HRT medicines more accessible to women at a reduced cost, we recognise that the implementation of this new type of PPC will introduce additional workload and financial risks for community pharmacy teams. We have made repeated representations directly to the Minister for Women and the DHSC to make all HRT medicines free-of-charge items (similar to contraceptives) but the Government recognised the issues, the Minister has decided to press ahead with the policy.PSNC will publish further guidance for contractors once the Department has finalised details of the changes.[Learn more about the HRT PPC](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=a6d89f7170&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Independent Prescribing courses 2023-24 – HEE training offer extended for another year** Health Education England are pleased to announce that applications for independent prescribing courses starting in spring 2023 **are open**. Courses will be available from April 2023 to March 2024, with several universities offering multiple dates for cohort intakes. Start dates will depend on the university provider. HEE is encouraging all pharmacists from across sectors, including community pharmacy and locums, to seize this opportunity. Pharmacists who meet the eligibility criteria will be able to apply for one of the almost 3,000 places on independent prescribing courses at a variety of universities across England:  |

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| Independent Prescribing Funding |

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| **Funding** Independent Prescribing training is available to pharmacists who meet the eligibility criteria. Tuition fees are fully funded by Health Education England (HEE). Pharmacists that are successful in applying to one of the approved universities will be allocated a fully funded place directly by the university. They do not need to apply to HEE for funding separately. Eligible pharmacists can apply to universities listed on the [HEE website.](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=0d169c85c9&e=3e5221b889)**They will need to demonstrate (as a minimum):** ·       The support of an identified designated prescribing practitioner (DPP).·       An appropriate practice-based learning environment in a prescribing setting that can offer appropriate clinical support.·       Evidence that you meet the course provider eligibility criteria (applicants will be subject to their chosen university’s enrolment processes).·       Commitment to use the skill within your area of competence and expertise, for the delivery of NHS clinical services as they emerge.**For any further enquiries, please contact**pharmacyteam@hee.nhs.uk or Anne.avonlpc@gmail.com for further information. |

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| **Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework** |

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| **SSPs for Estradot® 50mcg and 100mcg patches** have been further extended to Friday 24th February 2023 and Friday 17th March 2023 respectively. [Find out more](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=cfc7646ddc&e=3e5221b889) |

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| SSP for Paracetamol |

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| **New SSP for Paracetamol issued**DHSC has issued a Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) for Paracetamol 120mg suppositories which came into immediate effect. [Learn more](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=a6d49b3de6&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **NMS Voluntary quarterly data returns**NHS England is asking community pharmacy contractors to voluntarily submit New Medicine Service (NMS) quarterly summary data to the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) for Quarter 3 (Q3) 2022/23. NHS England want to re-start collection of the quarterly returns to provide baseline data to support a long-term evaluation that will be conducted as part of ongoing work to expand the scope of NMS.PSNC has agreed with NHS England that the quarterly returns will initially be on a voluntary basis, with Q3 (October to December 2022) as the first quarter to be reported. PSNC has also agreed a longer than usual submission period over which submissions can be made. |

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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=3a3035346b&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Local Services & Information** |

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| Welcome Space |

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| **Community Welcome Spaces across South Gloucestershire**We have been asked to make you aware of South Gloucestershire’s Welcome Space initiative.These are for anyone who might be out and about and want to drop in for a warm cup of tea and some company. Please can you display the attached poster in your pharmacy and make patients/customers aware of the scheme.Venues can still apply to become a Community Welcome Space and need to have the space and ability to provide a warm drink, activities and support using the grant application highlighted on the poster so new ones are popping up all the time and the website is the best point to promote as it is updated regularly. |

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| [**Click here for the poster**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=4fdbf0a715&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. |

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| **Training** |

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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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| **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=65f90a52ac&e=3e5221b889) |

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