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| **Weekly Update**Tuesday 25th April 2023 |

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| **NEW this week**National Care Records Service |

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| **SCR being replaced by National Care Records Service**The Summary Care Record (SCRa) portal is scheduled to be replaced by a new system called the National Care Records Service (NCRS) from September 2023.From now until September, both the SCRa portal and the NCRS portal will be accessible.[Find out more](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=f75fb4801b&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Directions updated to enable pharmacy technicians to perform some Advanced Services**Pharmacy technicians are **now able to perform blood pressure checks** as part of the Hypertension Case-Finding Service and **deliver the Smoking Cessation Service (SCS)**.The Drug Tariff has been amended, where necessary, to reflect this and includes the amendments to The Pharmaceutical Services (Advanced and Enhanced Services) (Amendment) (England) Directions 2023. [Find out more](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=6cef30a268&e=3e5221b889)The service specifications for both services are currently going through NHS England’s publication process; when these are published PSNC will alert contractors through their normal communication channels. |

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| Contraception Service |

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| **NHSE announces contraception service launch**NHS England (NHSE) has announced that the Pharmacy Contraception Service will launch from 24th April 2023.This start date for the service has not been agreed with PSNC and is in direct contradiction of their[warning to Ministers that no new or expanded services can be rolled out in 2023/24 unless extra funding is put into community pharmacies](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=23df4c2f12&e=3e5221b889). |

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| **Avon LPC Annual Conference - Wednesday 12th July 2023**Engineers House, The Promenade, Clifton Down, Clifton, Bristol, BS8 3NB.This event will be face to face and it will also be live streamed.[Click here to book.](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=985d9059c1&e=3e5221b889) |

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| BNSSG Pharmacies - Insulin switch |

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| BNSSG ICB have let us know that they will be carrying out a switch programme changing from NovoRapid FlexPen and cartridges to the biosimilar insulin Trurapi SoloStar and cartridges as part of the 2023-24 Prescribing Quality Scheme.Trurapi is a biosimilar insulin to Novorapid (insulin aspart) but costs about 30% less. In BNSSG the majority of prescriptions are written for branded Novorapid when insulin aspart is required (searches highlight only 5 patients across the ICB with a generic prescription issue)- so a switch to Trurapi should not affect your margins.We would encourage you to reduce stock holding of Novorapid though so you are not left with stock when your patients are switched.This switch will take place in GP practices with a plan to switch patients prescribed the NovoRapid FlexPen first, most local hospitals are also starting to prescribe Trurapi as their first line choice for new patients. Please counsel patients appropriately - but you probably can’t do an NMS on the switch as there should be no clinical impact. If you want to know more about Trurapi then you can check out the product information [here.](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=ac983ca365&e=3e5221b889) |

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| Save Our Pharmacies! |

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| **Pharmacy bodies launch Save Our Pharmacies campaign website**A Save Our Pharmacies campaign website has been created by leading national pharmacy bodies, to give new focus to calls for fair pharmacy funding in England.This is the latest output of a [**joint programme of work**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=5cec3dc83a&e=3e5221b889) being coordinated by PSNC, CCA, AIM and the NPA. It comes the same day the group launched a new [**public petition on the ’38 Degrees’ platform**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=eb1805b673&e=3e5221b889), which calls for immediate, fair and sustained funding to safeguard NHS pharmacy services.The newly launched site contains key messages for public, politicians and stakeholders, and hosts campaign resources to be used by pharmacy teams.  It will undergo further development as the campaign progresses, with new resources added to ensure maximum public engagement.**Save Our Pharmacies posters on the way**As part of the joint #SaveOurPharmacies campaign, the national pharmacy bodies have arranged for an A2 window poster to be sent to community pharmacies.The striking window posters are being distributed to all community pharmacies in England in the latest editions of Pharmacy Magazine and P3pharmacy. Pharmacy Magazine's March edition will hit pharmacy doormats early next week (w/c 27th March), with P3pharmacy's April edition arriving mid-month.[Click here for a preview of the poster](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=fdb53d2ac3&e=3e5221b889)[Read more and visit the Save Our Pharmacies website](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=7637a22b03&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework** |

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| SSP Notices |

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| **SSP notices****Two SSPs issued for Clarithromycin oral suspensions**In response to a significant ongoing disruption to the supply of Clarithromycin 125mg/5ml and 250mg/5ml oral suspension, two Serious Shortage Protocols (SSPs) have been issued by DHSC.Effective from 6 April 2023, SSP053 and SSP054 provide for the supply of a different strength or formulation to that originally prescribed. [Learn more](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=958f0ca397&e=3e5221b889)**SSP032 extended**Due to ongoing supply disruption, DHSC has further extended the SSP for Lipitor® 10mg chewable tablets to 28 April 2023. [Learn more](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=61a2b7ac2e&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Chance to share your views on EPS outcomes**PSNC, working with Kingston University and the Community Pharmacy IT Group (CP ITG), has launched a short survey to gather feedback about EPS Paperless, Outcomes and Trackability.The short survey takes 5-10 minutes to complete. If you are able to spare a little time, your responses will be used to help shape the EPS priorities of the CP ITG and system suppliers.[Please complete the survey here](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=c0795ff4cf&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Share your views on the Pharmacy Quality Scheme**Community pharmacy contractors (including head office staff) and community pharmacists are invited to participate in an interview to share their views on the Quality Payments Scheme (QPS) (the previous name for the Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS)) and the PQS between 2017-2021. Contractors will be remunerated for their or employees' time.[Find out more](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=cba8bc7f8d&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Updated PSNC HRT medicines list**PSNC has updated its HRT medicines list for pharmacy teams. Changes have been made to the list originally issued by PSNC, so pharmacy staff need to ensure they are using this most up-to-date version. The updated version is available here: [PSNC HRT medicines poster](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=9ebe6d3689&e=3e5221b889)\*\*Please note: you may need to hard refresh to refer to the most up-to-date version.**Pharmacy staff are advised to check the NHSBSA website for**[**an up-to-date list of HRT medicines covered by the HRT PPC**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=a83f0f24cb&e=3e5221b889). |

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| SSP for Progynova |

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| **SSP for Progynova® TS 100mcg/24hr patches**DHSC has issued a Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) for Progynova® TS 100micrograms/24hours transdermal patches. SSP052 provides that for every patch originally prescribed, one FemSeven® 100 patch can be supplied.[Read more about SSP052](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=ad5d21b3cc&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=090b4fcc6a&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Local Services & Information** |

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| **Respimat Dispensing Errors**We have been asked to make you aware of a number of dispensing errors that have occurred recently to patients prescribed SPIRIVA RESPIMAT who have in fact been dispensed SPIOLTO RESPIMAT. The two products look very similar. Please could you ensure that all your team are briefed.  |

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| PSNC Factsheet |

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| **PSNC factsheet about NHSmail on mobile devices**PSNC’s factsheet for community pharmacy teams explains how to access the shared NHSmail inbox within the Outlook mobile app. The app enables contractors to quickly and easily access NHSmail and provides contractors with the flexibility to choose how and when they would like to be notified about incoming emails.[Find out more](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=627329adab&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Training - VirtualOutcomes** |

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