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| **Weekly Update**Tuesday 13th June 2023 |

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| **NEW this week** |

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| NHS Profile Manager - Deadline 30th June |

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| **Reminder: NHS Profile Manager**It will soon be time for community pharmacy owners to verify their NHS Profile Manager profile information.Ahead of the **30th June 2023** deadline, we would like to remind pharmacy owners of the need to update NHS Profile Manager to ensure that your pharmacy’s [**NHS website**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=75e6e7ea01&e=3e5221b889) and **Directory of Services** (**[DoS](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=fca83f254f&e=3e5221b889)**) profile information is kept up-to-date.[Read more](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=d9f0bedb6c&e=3e5221b889) |

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| VAT - SSPs products |

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| **SSP VAT Changes From 1ST JUNE 2023**DHSC has provided clarification from HMRC that VAT is not applicable on products supplied in accordance with serious shortage protocols (SSPs). Therefore from 1st June 2023, the allowance for VAT currently being paid alongside product reimbursement will stop. [Read more](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=7ca1d838f1&e=3e5221b889) |

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| Community Pharmacy England |

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| **Community Pharmacy England - Rebranding**As part of the rebranding exercise Community Pharmacy England took feedback from pharmacy owners ie their members, LPCs and others. [Read more about the rebranding](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=9a299228a0&e=3e5221b889) |

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| Hypertension Update |

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| **Hypertension Service Specification has been updated**Ensure you read the [new service specification](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=4d62c0d846&e=3e5221b889).Some of the key changes include Pharmacy Technicians being able to offer the service, removal of ABPM readings to be over 24 hours - they can now be undertaken in line with NICE guidance ie over the persons waking hours, adjustments to the advice related to patients identified with very high BP and adjustments to the advice following identification of stage 2 hypertension after ABPM. PSNC have a [Summary of the changes](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=031ff3fcf6&e=3e5221b889).For more information and access to some additional resources [click here](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=d058df9928&e=3e5221b889) |

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| Extension to Progynova patches |

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| **Extension to Progynova TS 100mcg/24hr patches**DHSC have extended the SSP for the above product until Friday 8th September 2023. [More information](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=4a94988551&e=3e5221b889) |

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| Vaccination Training |

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| **Avon Healthcare Services (AHS) F2F Vaccination Training**AHS are delighted to announce that they will be running 2 local F2F training events. The course will be run by experienced paramedics and is open to everyone. AHS is keen to encourage pharmacies to consider sending other team members to the training so that the skill mix in the pharmacy is utilised effectively as these team members can work under the Flu Vaccination National Protocol rather than a PGD thus freeing up the pharmacist. |

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| [**Click here for more information**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=8a17715a34&e=3e5221b889) |

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| Avon LPC Conference |

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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=fa534a70ac&e=3e5221b889)**The Avon LPC Annual Awards are back this year and nominations can now be submitted.**[Click here to nominate for an award.](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=66ae698fd3&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework** |

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| **Introducing Community Pharmacy England**PSNC has become Community Pharmacy England, with a strengthened commitment to championing community pharmacies and engaging with the sector.Community pharmacies are under immense pressures and need a strong and powerful voice to represent them to Government and the NHS. We are that voice, and we are currently working hard through the negotiations on the Primary Care Access Plan to make the most of the associated £645m investment in the sector.[Read more](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=23b7411bf0&e=3e5221b889)  |

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| Community Pharmacy England - Survey! |

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| **Survey: Tell us Community Pharmacy England how you want to engage with them**Community Pharmacy England would like to hear your views on their plans. [Please complete the survey](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=7a8a2dd2e6&e=3e5221b889). |

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| Locum Pharmacist Guidance |

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| **HMRC to withdraw guidance on Locum Pharmacist employment status**HMRC has announced plans to withdraw its occupational guidance regarding the employment status of Locum Pharmacists. [Find out more](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=f07e48ab1c&e=3e5221b889) |

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| HRT PPC Medicines - 2 products added |

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| **Two new products added to the HRT PPC medicines list from June 23**The new additions include Tibolone 2.5mg tablets and Prasterone 6.5mg pessaries.[Find out more](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=8147c42ea7&e=3e5221b889) |

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| Annual Flu Letter 2023/24 |

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| **Annual flu letter for 2023/24 published**The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) and NHS England jointly published the national flu vaccination programme letter yesterday (25th May 2023) for the 2023/24 season. The letter confirm that 50 to 64 year olds not at clinical risk are **not included** as a cohort under the Community Pharmacy Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Advanced Service (Flu Vaccination Service) for this coming season.[Find out more](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=c8deca2b82&e=3e5221b889) |

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| Data Security & Protection |

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| **Data Security and Protection Toolkit**The deadline for community pharmacy contractors to complete the 2022/23 Data Security and Protection Toolkit is 30th June 2023.More information is available [here](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=886cdf6040&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=fe90ccbcd9&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=a356034194&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. |

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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=564511d095&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Local Services & Information** |

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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.Please see below for details of the most recent training module - Overview of the Menopause. |

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| [**Click here for Menopause flyer**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=87b1c8394a&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Training** |

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| **Free online training for pharmacists and pharmacy teams**This months free online training is a 15 minute module on menopause. The training covers what perimenopause and menopause are, what the common symptoms are, what advice and information the pharmacy team can give women, information on support groups and finally what non-hormonal and hormonal treatments are available.Access this training [here](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=53bc0a97e2&e=3e5221b889) |

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