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| **Weekly Update**Tuesday 4th July 2023 |

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| **NEW this week** |

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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=6d50f5bbc9&e=3e5221b889) |

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| Workforce Plan |

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| **NHS and Government Publish Workforce plan**The Government and NHS have published a plan to increase and develop the NHS workforce including community pharmacists and their teams.For more information[please click here](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=53de2fe3fe&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework** |

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| CPAF Screening |

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| **2023/24 Community Pharmacy Assurance Framework (CPAF) screening questionnaire**The questionnaire will be available from approx 1pm on Monday 3rd July to midnight on Sunday 30th July. Please ensure your pharmacy completes the screening questionnaire.More [information](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=172b5a4e41&e=3e5221b889) |

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| New Medicine Service |

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| **New Medicine Service (NMS) Voluntary Returns**NHSE are asking pharmacy owners to continue to voluntarily submit NMS quarterly summary data to NHSBSA for Q4 9Jan 23- Mar 23)More [information](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=8989292dd0&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=e81a2fd04a&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=0f5ca7dc08&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=7c6bf868fb&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Local Services & Information** |

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| Levonorgestrel PGD - Banes |

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| **For B&NES community pharmacies only** B&NES Council have extended the levonorgestrel PGD for a further two months, to 30th August 2023 (please see the extension document attached below), whilst the current PGD is reviewed.Please continue to work within the current levonorgestrel PGD until this date.*B&NES Council*will provide you with an updated PGD ahead of 30th August, and will also provide a link to the PGD on the Avon LPC website. *If you have any queries or concerns please contact**paul\_sheehan@bathnes.gov.uk*. |

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| Changes to NRT Voucher - North Somerset only |

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| **North Somerset Pharmacies Only - Changes to NRT Voucher Process**From 1st August North Somerset Council will no longer be following the NHS prescription format as they are no longer part of that system and therefore will NOT be charging a prescription levy charge to any patients. All NRT costs will be funded by Smokefree North Somerset.A new voucher format has been created which should still be used and information still put into PharmOutcomes. North Somerset Council would like feedback on its new format and whether it is easily understood. A copy of the voucher is attached.Please contact Christine.Jones@n-somerset.gov.uk with any comments |

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| Bristol's Substance Use |

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| **Bristol Pharmacies Only - Bristol’s substance Use Recommissioning** Bristol’s current drug and alcohol services are commissioned until spring 2025. Bristol City Council’s Public Health Division is now beginning the comprehensive recommissioning process towards securing specialist drug and alcohol prevention, early engagement and treatment services for children, young people, and adults from April 2025.Using the findings of our recently completed local needs assessment as our starting point we have developed a Bristol **vision, values and principles framework** (attached) which we would like your views on.[To provide feedback please complete the survey by clicking here.](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=f06d604619&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.Please see below for details of the most recent training module  |

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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=e08e24cfce&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **NHSE SW WT&E South West Foundation Training course**The NHS England Workforce, Training & Education South West Pharmacy and Pharmacy Workforce Development South (PWDS) team have, over many years, delivered a regional training course to trainee pharmacists from hospital, mental health and more recently those who undertake split posts with general practice. We are delighted that for the 2023-24 training year, we are again inviting community pharmacy organisations across the South West for community pharmacy-based trainee pharmacists to join the NHSE SW WT&E South West Foundation Training course.  For further information about the offer, please see the attached flyer. To express interest in trainees joining, email pharmacy.sw@hee.nhs.uk**by Friday 30th June 2023**stating the number of trainees at your site(s), your pharmacy location(s), and the designated supervisor details and email address. Places are limited and will be awarded on a first come first served basis.  |

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