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[Click Here.](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=19d49adb90&e=3e5221b889) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Drug Safety Update | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | /var/folders/jt/ssf8xjds2p9ghbc3vkj05ypw0000gn/T/com.microsoft.Word/WebArchiveCopyPasteTempFiles/e35884f9-69dd-e4ba-ce7a-a84724255c23.jpeg | | **MHRA Drug Safety Update July 2023**  The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has released a new Drug Safety Update, which includes articles on the risks associated with **Hyoscine hydrobromide patches (Scopoderm 1.5mg Patch or Scopoderm TTS Patch) and Codeine linctus.**  [Read more here](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=bf072af9b8&e=3e5221b889) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Temporary Closures | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | /var/folders/jt/ssf8xjds2p9ghbc3vkj05ypw0000gn/T/com.microsoft.Word/WebArchiveCopyPasteTempFiles/5bcd7ee3-0723-ea51-ad8d-6448bfaf9501.jpeg | | **Mandatory Business Continuity Plans required for temporary closures from 31st July**  Pharmacy owners will be required to have a business continuity plan dealing with temporary closures from **31st July**. These business continuity plans will be a mandatory Terms of Service requirement and must be ready to be actioned for a temporary suspension of service when uncontrollable factors such as illness arise.  To support pharmacy owners in meeting this requirement, Community Pharmacy England has developed a briefing and a template plan that provide a comprehensive guide. It includes the detailed requirements, guidelines on implementation, and additional factors to consider. A checklist has also been added, which may be used in the event of a temporary suspension.    [View template](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=8e881f36eb&e=3e5221b889) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Shared Learning | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | /var/folders/jt/ssf8xjds2p9ghbc3vkj05ypw0000gn/T/com.microsoft.Word/WebArchiveCopyPasteTempFiles/42c38c3e-f096-520a-6d8e-ba780385ad4f.jpeg | | **Shared learning from incident - Safety Alert: Corneal melts reported due to combined use of Maxitrol (dexamethasone, polymyxin b sulfate, neomycin sulfate)** **and Acular (ketorolac trometamol) eye preparations.**    Medicines Quality Safety Group noted that a patient presented with a corneal melt following cataract surgery. The patient was given Maxitrol and Acular eye drops post operatively after uncomplicated cataract surgery (a combination which has been noted to increase the risk of corneal melts).    **Before proceeding to prescribe, please confirm that the patient will not be using Maxitrol (dexamethasone, polymyxin b sulfate, neomycin sulfate) and Acular (ketorolac trometamol) preparations concomitantly or within 4 weeks of each other.  Pharmacist please check with prescriber.**   Moorefields Eye Hospital advise that there have been cases in which patients have suffered severe corneal melting following the combined use of Acular and Maxitrol preparations after routine cataract surgery. This is a very rare but recognised complication of Acular use but it appears that the combination of the two preparations together may significantly increase the risk of corneal melting. ·       Do not prescribe Acular in combination with Maxitrol for any patient Be vigilant for any corneal melts associated with Maxitrol and Acular and report them as an incident using the MHRA [Yellow Card Reporting Site](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=709b70d27c&e=3e5221b889) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Flu Vaccines | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | /var/folders/jt/ssf8xjds2p9ghbc3vkj05ypw0000gn/T/com.microsoft.Word/WebArchiveCopyPasteTempFiles/2b51b3c9-c49b-dee6-5f09-52242c441d65.png | | **FLU Vaccines 23/24**  Just a quick reminder   1. The Government has confirmed that 50 to 64 year olds not at clinical risk are **not included**as a cohort for this coming season.  2. Although there has been no change to the recommended vaccines that will be reimbursed for adults in the 2023/24 programme, the advice regarding when second line vaccines can be used has been strengthened.  The letter states that second line vaccines **should only be** used when every attempt to use first line recommended vaccines has been exhausted – **evidence of this may be requested by NHS England before reimbursement is agreed.**  [Read more information](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=86d6ad6f62&e=3e5221b889) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Emergency Supply | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | /var/folders/jt/ssf8xjds2p9ghbc3vkj05ypw0000gn/T/com.microsoft.Word/WebArchiveCopyPasteTempFiles/aae5675f-7dc1-d3b6-ea4f-96988c78db4f.jpeg | | **Emergency supply**  Please remember the following as some inappropriate emergency supplies have been brought to our attention.  Schedule 1, 2 or 3 CDs (except phenobarbital) cannot be supplied in an emergency whether requested by UK, EEA or Swiss health professionals. Phenobarbital (also known as phenobarbitone or phenobarbitone sodium) is the exception and can be authorised by a UK doctor, dentist, nurse or pharmacist independent prescriber or supplementary prescriber in an emergency for the treatment of epilepsy.  Please remember pregabalin, gabapentin and tramadol are all Schedule 3.  Schedule 4 and 5 CD’s which include diazepam, lorazepam, zopiclone, oral morphine liquid 10mg/5ml and codeine the maximum quantity that can be supplied **is for five days’ treatment. Please note this includes co-codamol 8/500mg, co-codamol 30/500mg, Codeine 15mg and 30mg, Co-dyramol 10/500mg.** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Training | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | /var/folders/jt/ssf8xjds2p9ghbc3vkj05ypw0000gn/T/com.microsoft.Word/WebArchiveCopyPasteTempFiles/7d6a53d8-27da-0314-9829-d0d2910a09ce.jpeg | | **Training offers for community Pharmacists**  Please find attached a quick overview of training offers available for community pharmacists. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Click here for more information**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=b2e7699ead&e=3e5221b889) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Pre-Registration Funding | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | /var/folders/jt/ssf8xjds2p9ghbc3vkj05ypw0000gn/T/com.microsoft.Word/WebArchiveCopyPasteTempFiles/1af0889c-a518-e1c8-a515-290f5d501e5f.jpeg | | **Opportunity to bid for funding to support training a Pre-registration Trainee Pharmacy Technician (PTPT) apprentice in community pharmacy or as part of multi-sector.**   NHSE WT&E Pharmacy South-West will be holding an additional meeting to outline the requirements and eligibility criteria for cohort 5 of the Pharmacy Technician Workforce Expansion Programme. This meeting is an opportunity for those who were unable to attend the original meeting held on Wednesday the 19th of July and will give stakeholders interested in supporting the development of the Pharmacy Technician workforce within the South West an opportunity to find out more about the available funding and the support that will be provided by NHSE WT&E South West Pharmacy.   This additional meeting will take place on **Tuesday the 1st of August @7:30pm.** Please [Click here to join the meeting](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=b1e322d775&e=3e5221b889)   **\*\* Please note this meeting will be similar to the one held on the 19th of July. Therefore, if you attended that meeting there is no need to attend the additional meeting being held on the 1st of August.**   If you have any questions or require further support, please contact NHSE WT&E Pharmacy South-West team at [pharmacy.SW@hee.nhs.uk](mailto:pharmacy.SW@hee.nhs.uk) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Staff Health & Wellbeing Tool kit - BNSSG only | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | /var/folders/jt/ssf8xjds2p9ghbc3vkj05ypw0000gn/T/com.microsoft.Word/WebArchiveCopyPasteTempFiles/65effa6a-cfb4-5f7c-7514-cca6aad24b7c.jpeg | | **BNSSG 6-step toolkit for organisations to get started with staff health and wellbeing** Our local Enhanced Health and Wellbeing Project team have created a 6-step toolkit for organisations to get started with staff health and wellbeing, based on current NHS and NICE frameworks.   You can [view the Health and Wellbeing Toolkit on our Teamnet pages](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=db30c40bbf&e=3e5221b889).  We are also running a webinar talking through this toolkit on the 12th and again on the 14th of September 12:30-13:30. [Click here to register your interest](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=4a2c4ebbed&e=3e5221b889) in attending one of these dates. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Medicines Shortage | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | /var/folders/jt/ssf8xjds2p9ghbc3vkj05ypw0000gn/T/com.microsoft.Word/WebArchiveCopyPasteTempFiles/0c989c1f-1d93-8e5d-778b-491f14e0740f.jpeg | | **Statement on meeting regulatory standards during medicine shortages**  The General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC), along with other UK health and care regulatory bodies, have issued a joint statement on meeting regulatory standards during periods of global or national shortage. The statement, which has been issued following the long-term shortages affecting availability of GLP-1 receptor antagonists, acknowledges the adverse impact the shortages and supply chain issues can have on patients, the public and wider health and care teams.  [Read the full statement](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=81ef23111c&e=3e5221b889) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | GLP-1 Medicines | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | /var/folders/jt/ssf8xjds2p9ghbc3vkj05ypw0000gn/T/com.microsoft.Word/WebArchiveCopyPasteTempFiles/1fd83e27-83a8-0d29-f53a-e5c007a8275d.jpeg | | **Shortage of GLP-1 medicines.**  Government declares national shortage of GLP-1 receptor agonists for type 2 diabetes until 2024.  [Read more](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=7f28035a7f&e=3e5221b889) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | DMS | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | /var/folders/jt/ssf8xjds2p9ghbc3vkj05ypw0000gn/T/com.microsoft.Word/WebArchiveCopyPasteTempFiles/633bde13-c9b8-9f2a-d495-48f94ab2d562.jpeg | | **Discharge Medicines Service (DMS) Reminder**  Please remember that the DMS service is an essential service and should be delivered by all pharmacies. Please also note the following;  1. The service is **NOT**just for dosette boxes. The aims of the service are to send any patients who are considered to be on high risk drugs or people who are considered to be high risk patients.  2. You may receive DMS referrals for patients who are not on your records - this could be because they haven’t been on medication previously but have now nominated your pharmacy. Please check with the patient before declining the referral.  Any questions please contact Roger Herbert ( r[oger.avonlpc@gmail.com](mailto:Roger.avonlpc@gmail.com)) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | CPCS | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | /var/folders/jt/ssf8xjds2p9ghbc3vkj05ypw0000gn/T/com.microsoft.Word/WebArchiveCopyPasteTempFiles/5b34fafb-d822-b25a-1371-5664f30ef5cb.jpeg | | **Community Pharmacy Consultation Service (CPCS)**  Please remember that pharmacists should be contacting the patients registered GP practice directly by **phoning the professional line**(or by any locally agreed methods) as well as completing the PharmOutcomes template if they believe the patient needs to be referred f**or an urgent appointment**.   If you have any questions please contact Judith Poulton ([judith.avonlpc@gmail.com](mailto:judith.avonlpc@gmail.com)) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | SSP's | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | /var/folders/jt/ssf8xjds2p9ghbc3vkj05ypw0000gn/T/com.microsoft.Word/WebArchiveCopyPasteTempFiles/861c04ea-3363-b13e-137e-825cecb17375.jpeg | | **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=d570d066c4&e=3e5221b889) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Local Services & Information** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Warfarin & DOACs - BNSSG only | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | /var/folders/jt/ssf8xjds2p9ghbc3vkj05ypw0000gn/T/com.microsoft.Word/WebArchiveCopyPasteTempFiles/46634b05-1a82-17e3-6104-4f125be78e07.jpeg | | **BNSSG Pharmacies Only - Warfarin and DOAC counselling guidelines**   These guidelines have been produced jointly for use across BNSSG and were approved at the last APMOC meeting.  [Warfarin](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=293bf2fb25&e=3e5221b889)  [DOAC's](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=84c63d3d79&e=3e5221b889) Alternatively  there is some useful information on anticoagulation patient information in a variety of different languages on [REMEDY](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=8319ae3aac&e=3e5221b889) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | The Pharmacy Show | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | /var/folders/jt/ssf8xjds2p9ghbc3vkj05ypw0000gn/T/com.microsoft.Word/WebArchiveCopyPasteTempFiles/be97fb70-5ff5-5ecd-fda4-9d32a909b1f1.jpeg | | **Community Pharmacy England will be at the Pharmacy Show this October.**  Hailed as the major gathering for pharmacy professionals in the UK in over a decade, this year the Pharmacy Show is set to take place from 15th to 16th October in Birmingham. The Pharmacy Show champions the sector and invites all pharmacy professionals to come together for two days of education and networking opportunities.  PSNC are pleased to be part of the[Pharmacy Show](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=b90e520a35&e=3e5221b889) this year and look forward to seeing you there. Find out more about how to get your free ticket today.  [Register for a free two-day pass](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=0d7e0cab2f&e=3e5221b889) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | UTI PGD changes - Banes only | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | /var/folders/jt/ssf8xjds2p9ghbc3vkj05ypw0000gn/T/com.microsoft.Word/WebArchiveCopyPasteTempFiles/dd9d2dc6-3545-7bc8-21fc-5167d4897bdc.jpeg | | **NEW BANES Pharmacies ONLY -  Important Changes to UTI PGD**  From Monday 24th July the BSW Lower Urinary Tract Infection (UTI) PGD will be updated to reflect that **Nitrofurantoin** will be the **FIRST line antibiotic treatment.** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Click here for more information**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=8e389d7381&e=3e5221b889) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Sexual Health Services - BNSSG only | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | /var/folders/jt/ssf8xjds2p9ghbc3vkj05ypw0000gn/T/com.microsoft.Word/WebArchiveCopyPasteTempFiles/26a905c9-1ed6-3c9f-5372-2b57dfe390c8.jpeg | | **BNSSG Pharmacy Sexual Health Services Annual Updating Session**    The next **BNSSG Pharmacy Sexual Health Services Annual Updating Session** is on the evening of Thursday 16thNovember 2023.  This is a FREE online training event for community pharmacists currently providing, or seeking to provide, the sexual health services (including delivering EHC PGDs') across Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire.   For more details and to register your interest please use the Eventbrite link, [click here.](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=31d83aafd7&e=3e5221b889)  This free event is organised by Bristol City Council, North Somerset Council, South Gloucestershire Council and Unity Sexual Health. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Training - VirtualOutcomes** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | 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 | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Click here for VirtualOutcomes**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=7fe52d2729&e=3e5221b889) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Training** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Menopause | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | /var/folders/jt/ssf8xjds2p9ghbc3vkj05ypw0000gn/T/com.microsoft.Word/WebArchiveCopyPasteTempFiles/9f7c13eb-d5c9-813d-5cab-2f4d3d1529aa.jpeg | | **Are you a healthcare professional working with women during perimenopause and menopause?** The FSRH brand-new **Essentials of Menopause Care**course is designed for you.  The Essentials of Menopause Care course is aimed specifically at those providing Menopause Care in primary care settings. It provides an interactive half-day with scenario-based learning, quizzes, presentations, time for discussion and questions. At the end of the course, you will be able to:  ·       Assess women presenting with perimenopausal/menopausal symptoms  ·       Outline the non-hormonal management options for these symptoms  ·       Explain the risks and benefits of HRT  ·       Explain how to use the different HRT preparations that are available  ·       Explain the management of genitourinary syndrome of the menopause  ·       Discuss the contraceptive needs of perimenopausal women and how these can be met   ·       Describe the needs of women who have had premature ovarian insufficiency  **Date:** 18th September 2023 **Timings:**  08.30 to 13.00 **Venue:** Mercure Bristol Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, BS1 2EL For more information and to book a place contact: [info@srhtrainingsolutions.co.uk](mailto:info@srhtrainingsolutions.co.uk) See link [FSRH Essentials of Menopause Care | 18th September 2023 - Bristol - Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=833bec4255&e=3e5221b889) **Cost:**£100 | | | |