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| **Weekly Update**Tuesday 22nd August 2023 |

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| **NEW this week** |

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| Autumn Covid Vaccinations |

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| **Expression of Interest for Autumn Covid Vaccination deliver in Community Pharmacy**NHS England (NHSE) has, launched an expression of interest process for pharmacy owners to participate in the upcoming autumn COVID-19 vaccination service.Those interested in participating must review the draft guidelines and submit their expression of interest **by 5pm, 29th August 2023**.The EOI process is open on the [Health-Family Portal](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=2896ba1e65&e=3e5221b889) [Further information](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=5b145a58d8&e=3e5221b889) is available including how to register for the Health-Family Portal and the conditions your pharmacy needs to meet in order to deliver the Covid vaccination Service.Locally NHSE SW is putting on a number of “Drop in” sessions on line if you have any questions or need support. These will be on the following days/times. You should have received an email in your shared NHS mail account inviting you to each of these,* **Monday 21 August 2023, 11.00 – 11.30am**
* **Thursday 24 August 2023, 8.30 – 9.00am**

**If you have any questions please email the generic account:**england.covidpharmacysouthwest@nhs.net**and a member of the team will contact you.** |

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| F2F Flu Training - Are you interested? |

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| **Avon Healthcare Services (AHS) F2F Vaccination Training**AHS has successfully run 2 F2F training events this year and are considering organising a 3rd date if there is enough interest. 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.Please contact Debbie on office.avonhealthcareservices@gmail.com if you are interested by Wednesday 30th August. If we there enough interest we will contact interested parties directly with further details.The training will cost £50 for AHS members and £90 for non members. |

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| **B&NES Pharmacies ONLY** A new levonorgestrel PGD for usage in Bath and North East Somerset has been developed. The new PGD replaces the previous PGD that expired in June and makes only minor changes. It will come into effect from **31st August 2023** and will be in place for three years.Please can all community pharmacists ensure they have read the new PGD which can be found on the Community Pharmacy Avon website [here](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=9f67a28704&e=3e5221b889)and at [safebanes](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=b1d07d2a7a&e=3e5221b889). Online refresher training is also available at [safebanes](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=f6581925b1&e=3e5221b889).  If you’ve lost or require a new password for [safebanes.com](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=bb657ab016&e=3e5221b889) please contact melissa\_burns@bathnes.gov.uk. Finally can all pharmacists please update their enrolment details at [Pharmoutcomes.org](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=ad63e8deef&e=3e5221b889) to confirm they have signed the new PGD, by **30th November 2023**.If you have any queries or concerns please contact paul\_sheehan@bathnes.gov.uk |

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| **Discharge Medicine Service (DMS)**Please can we remind all pharmacists and their teams that DMS is **NOT** restricted to just patients using compliance aids but should be used for patients that may benefit the most from the service which include those taking high-risk medicines, those who have had changes made to their medicines regimen while in hospital and those who have been prescribed new medicines. We have had a number of incidents recently where DMS has been declined as the patient is not on a compliance aid. If your pharmacy receives a DMS referral please ensure that all 3 steps are followed whether there are changes or not to their medication and remember to claim for all 3 steps on MYS.Please contact Roger Herbert if you need any further support - Roger.avonlpc@gmail.com[More information about the service](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=a8c6c2636b&e=3e5221b889)  |

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| **Key Messages on GLP-1 Supply during shortages**We have been asked reiterate the key “Do not do" messages for the GLP-1 supply**DO NOT*** switch between brands of GLP-1 RAs, including between injectable and oral forms.
* double up a lower dose preparation where a higher dose preparation of GLP-1 RA is not available.
* prescribe excessive quantities; limit prescribing to minimise risk to the supply chain whilst acknowledging the needs of the patient.
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| **SSP Extended for Utrogestan 100mg capsules**The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has announced an extension to the expiry date of the Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) for Utrogestan® 100mg capsules (SSP056). Originally set to expire this week, the SSP has now been further extended to **Friday 1st September 2023**.[Find out more](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=008c1beb85&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **(IP) Independent Prescribing in Community Pharmacy – the Pathfinder Programme**NHS England (NHSE) has recently introduced the Independent Prescribing Pathfinder programme for community pharmacy. The programme aims to support and evaluate different prescribing models to develop a framework for independent prescribing in community pharmacies.NHSE plans to include up to 210 community pharmacy sites across 42 integrated care board (ICBs), with the scope for pathfinder sites being determined by ICBs.[Find out more](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=d81dbe4832&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework** |

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| Flu Vaccinations |

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| **Flu vaccination programme 23/24 - Flexibilities achieved on flu vac start date**NHSE has [announced](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=2b84ebd914&e=3e5221b889) that while the flu vaccination service will officially commence in October, pharmacy owners will be able to go ahead and vaccinate any patients who have already booked September appointments and be paid for those.The decision to allow booked appointments to go ahead follows high-level influencing work led by Community Pharmacy England and it will have huge operational benefits for pharmacy businesses who have already planned to deliver large numbers of vaccinations in September.[Service specification, PGD and Protocol](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=58b067c245&e=3e5221b889) |

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| "Loaning" Medicines |

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| **LOAN of medicines** We would like to remind all pharmacists that you should not be “loaning” medicines to patients. Loaning is not a legal practice and therefore should not be happening and in addition, it is causing extra work to GP practices as patients are requesting prescriptions sooner that the practice team believe they should be. The ICB recommends patients are signposted to [111.nhs.uk](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=e56cbb7091&e=3e5221b889)[For more information](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=bf5f137d60&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Two new and three updated Approved Particulars**NHSE has published two new Pharmacy Approved Particulars regarding the notification and display of temporary suspensions as part of the new business continuity planning requirement. Three other Approved Particulars have also been updated on the Information Governance Programme, Pharmacy practice leaflets, and Premises.[Learn more](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=dca11e0e0f&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Updated FP57 receipt and refund claim form now available**The FP57 receipt and refund claim form has been updated to incorporate the introduction of the Hormone Replacement Therapy Prescription Prepayment Certificate (HRT PPC). While the new form is now available to order, pharmacies can still use the older versions until their stocks run out.[Find out more](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=55a047a303&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=e6319abe6e&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Local Services & Information** |

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| Webinar - Stock Shortage |

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| **GLP1 - Supporting people with T2DM through stock uncertainties:practical and clinical considerations webinar - Wednesday 6th September.** [Join our webinar](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=a48a423ba4&e=3e5221b889) hosted in collaboration with the DSN forum, titled **Supporting people with T2DM through stock uncertainties: practical and clinical considerations.** **Wednesday 6th September** at **7.30pm – 8.45pm** **Topics covered in this webinar include:*** The current environment following the stock shortage
* Practicalities of initiating T2DM treatments
* The resources that are available to support you

Following the webinar, there will also be a **live question and answer** session with our expert panel of speakers:* **Chair: Amanda Epps** - Lead Diabetes Nurse, East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust
* **Speaker: Dr Sarah Davies**- GP Partner Woodlands Medical Centre, Cardiff
* **Speaker: Beth Kelly**- Lead Diabetes Nurse, Wiltshire Health & Care

[Click here to Register for your place now](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=5d4153978b&e=3e5221b889) This is a promotional webinar, organised and funded by AstraZeneca in collaboration with the DSN Forum |

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| Sexual Health Services - BNSSG only |

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| **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=8a8389db65&e=3e5221b889)This free event is organised by Bristol City Council, North Somerset Council, South Gloucestershire Council and Unity Sexual Health.  |

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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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| **Training** |

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| Trainee Pharmacist Recruitment |

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| **National Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Recruitment Scheme via Oriel****Where are we in the recruitment cycle?** All those eligible to apply via the 2023 scheme have now done so and they are currently preferencing the available training programmes in the scheme via the Oriel IT platform. The preferencing window opened on Wednesday 26th July and will close on Tuesday 31st October 2023. You may receive queries from applicants interested in your programme(s), but otherwise you do not need to do anything at this stage.    As stated in the [Terms of Participation](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=6b045d7c83&e=3e5221b889), you cannot offer a place currently being advertised via Oriel to an applicant outside of the national trainee pharmacist recruitment scheme, until after December 2023.  **Reviewing your programme information on Oriel** You are encouraged to view your programme information on [Oriel](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=7d07f8d526&e=3e5221b889) where you can use the advanced filters to find your programme(s). If you have not already done so, we recommend that you review the Skilled Worker Visa (previously known as Tier 2) sponsorship status and its associated salary for your programme(s) listed on Oriel.Any questions please contact Pharmacy.SW@hee.nhs.uk |

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| Stop Smoking Service - Banes Only |

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| **BaNES Stop Smoking Service New Advisor Training -  9.20am - 4.30pm on 20th Sept**BaNES pharmacies ONLY - if you wish to train a member of your team to become a smoking advisor the next course is on the 20th Sept.More details about the course and how to book your place can be found in the attached flyer. |

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| **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 2ELFor more information and to book a place contact: info@srhtrainingsolutions.co.ukSee 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=7bdb412d5f&e=3e5221b889)**Cost:**£100 |

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| **CPPE Accuracy checking pharmacy technician programme**NHS England has provided funding for the Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education (CPPE) to offer the Accuracy checking pharmacy technician (ACPT) programme to train and assess pharmacy technicians to perform the final accuracy check of dispensed items on prescriptions. The ACPT programme is available to pharmacy technicians and can be completed over a 3-12 month period with employer support. Applications are now open, **with a total of 60 funded places available until March 2024.**[Find out more](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=5ffb25939a&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Training offers for community Pharmacists**Please find attached a quick overview of training offers available for community pharmacists. |

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| **New free online training for the whole pharmacy team**This months free online training is on acute and chronic diarrhoea and will look at the 4 main mechanisms that cause diarrhoea, what the main causes of acute and chronic diarrhoea are and answer questions such as should loperamide be given routinely and what advice would you give if a baby is on formula or sold foods.[Click Here.](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=97dc61e073&e=3e5221b889) |

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