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| **Weekly Update**Tuesday 12th September 2023 |

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| **HRT PPC- Updated guidance**The Government has updated their [guidance on the HRT PPC](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=168af30b3d&e=3e5221b889). Some of the key changes include: * Clarifying that listed HRT medicines, regardless of the clinical reason for prescribing, must be on a separate prescription to other non-HRT items, on both paper and electronic prescriptions.
* Explaining the scope of the HRT PPCs, highlighting that the PPC can be backdated up to one month.
* Explaining that electronic repeat dispensing (eRD) prescriptions that have listed HRT medicines prescribed on them can be supplied to patients using the options for mixed prescriptions. It should be noted that future eRD prescriptions must be separated
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| **Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) extension update**The following SSPs have been extended by the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC):* [(SSP057)](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=978fe90f38&e=3e5221b889)[Estradot® 100mcg patches has been extended to Friday 13th October 2023.](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=a222f42924&e=3e5221b889)
* [(SSP058) Jext® 300micrograms/0.3ml (1 in 1000) solution for injection auto-injector pen has been extended to Friday 20th October 2023](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=7c1df03536&e=3e5221b889)
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| **Claims for Hypertension Case-finding Service August 23**Community Pharmacy England are aware that some claims for this service were not submitted using the manual MYS system before the system changed to become automated.Please see details on how to claim your August claim in the attached document. |

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| Pharmacy Representative -Programme Board |

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| **Community Pharmacy Representative on Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Board Programme** NHS England Workforce, Training & Education South West Pharmacy team are looking for one community pharmacy representative to join our Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme Board.  The Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme Board is responsible for the governance and quality assurance of the NHS England WT&E South West/PWDS Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Training Programme and Course. The terms of reference for the board are attached. If you would like to join the Programme Board then please let us know by responding to this email by Friday 22nd September. |

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| **PQS 23/24**Please note that if you are intending completing PQS 23/24 that the aspiration payment window opened at 9am on 4th September and will close at 23.59 on 29th September 2023. Community pharmacy contractors will be able to make a claim for an aspiration payment for the PQS 2023/24 on the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) [Manage Your Service (MYS) portal](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=0eb4e4a766&e=3e5221b889)**PQS – TARGET Treating Your Infection (TYI) Leaflets Report and Data Collection Tool** Community pharmacy contractors taking part in PQS will be able to access the TARGET TYI Leaflet data collection tool via the [MYS portal](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=cdae34ffc1&e=3e5221b889)from 1 September 2023.  A printable data collection tool will also be available from the [NHSBSA website](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=c756425a49&e=3e5221b889). Prior to carrying out the data collection, contractors will need to familiarise themselves with the findings and recommendations published in the report from the data collection carried out in the 2022/23 PQS available [here](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=17c13ee0a3&e=3e5221b889). |

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| F2F Flu Training - Limited Spaces |

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| **Avon Healthcare Services (AHS) F2F Vaccination Training**AHS are delighted to announce they are running one more date for F2F vaccination training. The training will be on Monday 29th September from 6.45-8.45pm in the LPC Office in Staple Hill Bristol.There are only  a couple of places left so please contact Debbie on office.avonhealthcareservices@gmail.com if you want to book a place.The training will cost £50 for AHS members and £90 for non members. |

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| **Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework** |

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| C-19 Vaccination Programme |

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| **C-19 vaccination programme brought forward**The UK government has made the decision to bring forward the start of the COVID-19 autumn/winter booster programme in response to the emergence of the BA.2.86 variant of the virus. The programme will now commence on**11th September 2023**, aiming to vaccinate as many eligible individuals as possible by the end of October. Furthermore, additional payments will be given for vaccinations administered in September and October.The vaccination programme will start with care home residents and housebound individuals, followed by eligible individuals through local booking systems. The National Booking System will be available from 18th September.  [More information](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=cb11447a4e&e=3e5221b889)  |

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| **Check your pharmacy's SSP totals with our new factsheet**We have set out seven steps to help reconcile claims for Serious Shortage Protocols (SSPs). The NHSBSA continues to receive a number of EPS SSP claims which do not meet the requirements for a valid SSP claim, and a new factsheet has been developed to support you and your teams[Read the new factsheet](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=557a91a3af&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Independent Prescribing in Community Pharmacy Pathfinders webinar** **Thursday 14 September, 6.30-7.30pm** From September 2026, all newly qualified pharmacists will be independent prescribers. NHS England is working closely with Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) to test the different ways that independent prescribing in community pharmacy will benefit patients.  Aimed at community pharmacy and ICB colleagues, this webinar is an opportunity to find out more about the development and implementation of the Independent Prescribing in Community Pharmacy Pathfinder programme. [You can register here.](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=d787eb31fd&e=3e5221b889) **Speakers include:**David Webb, Chief Pharmaceutical Officer for EnglandAli Sparke, Director for Dentistry, Community Pharmacy and Optometry, NHS EnglandAnne Joshua, Head of Pharmacy Integration, NHS England |

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| **Reminder: SCRa portal being replaced by National Care Records Service  (NCRS)**Following [previous announcements](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=e634447c1c&e=3e5221b889), the application portal for the Summary Care Record (SCRa) is set to be replaced by a new system known as the National Care Records Service (NCRS) from September 2023.Until 29th September 2023, both the SCRa portal and the NCRS portal will be accessible, but pharmacy professionals are encouraged to start using the NCRS portal immediately and provide feedback through a [short survey](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=35074a372d&e=3e5221b889) to help embed the new system.[Learn more](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=9461b7ed5f&e=3e5221b889) |

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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 last month, the SSP has now been **further  extended again until the 29th September 2023**[Find out more](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=433a51756b&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=c9797263ce&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Local Services & Information** |

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| **DHSC consults on use of PGDs by Pharmacy Technicians**The Department of Health and Social Care has opened a consultation on the proposal for the use of patient group directions (PGDs) by pharmacy technicians.This consultation, run jointly with the Department of Health Northern Ireland, is seeking views on enabling pharmacy technicians to supply and administer medicines under PGDs and runs until 11.59pm on 29th September 2023.[Learn more](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=b6b2cb5343&e=3e5221b889) |

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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=77701de964&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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| **The Community pharmacy technician learning programme and New Educational supervisor training for the community pharmacy workforce** Two new courses have been recently launched by NHSE for the team.  **The community pharmacy technician** programme is a fully funded learning programme designed to help community pharmacy technicians develop their role, so they can support the delivery of effective clinical services in community pharmacy.The Community pharmacy technician: advancing your role learning programme launches on 28 September.For further information and how to apply, [visit CPPE.](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=d26a81dd5e&e=3e5221b889) **Educational supervisor training**will ensure those involved in educational supervision, including Designated Supervisors (DSs), Pre-registration Trainee Pharmacy Technician education supervisors and Designated Prescribing Practitioners (DPPs), are confident to provide support and developmental aid to the pharmacy workforce within community pharmacy.[Sign up now for Educational supervisor training for the community pharmacy workforce, which will be delivered by ProPharmace.](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=0bceae803d&e=3e5221b889) |

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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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| **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=cf822ad378&e=3e5221b889) |

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