|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Weekly Update**   Tuesday 5th September 2023 | | | | |
| |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **NEW this week** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | C-19 Vaccination Programme | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | /var/folders/jt/ssf8xjds2p9ghbc3vkj05ypw0000gn/T/com.microsoft.Word/WebArchiveCopyPasteTempFiles/8b9710ed-5803-8967-0d88-7efcd6f4d67b.jpeg | | **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=2dd4677e8f&e=3e5221b889) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | SSPs | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | /var/folders/jt/ssf8xjds2p9ghbc3vkj05ypw0000gn/T/com.microsoft.Word/WebArchiveCopyPasteTempFiles/652d29d7-2a00-906f-8264-44bbc620d28d.jpeg | | **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=1be184c0f2&e=3e5221b889) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | PQS | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | /var/folders/jt/ssf8xjds2p9ghbc3vkj05ypw0000gn/T/com.microsoft.Word/WebArchiveCopyPasteTempFiles/17e823f5-e5ed-4e9b-109b-0520188ea299.jpeg | | **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=45a569db1d&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=2f1460c5de&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=83739cfc86&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=9b83e6dcaa&e=3e5221b889). | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Pharmacy Technician Programme | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | /var/folders/jt/ssf8xjds2p9ghbc3vkj05ypw0000gn/T/com.microsoft.Word/WebArchiveCopyPasteTempFiles/aae40efa-598c-6e5f-ae90-e5bb52d6976a.jpeg | | **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=94c6bc27e5&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=3e9b3b4de5&e=3e5221b889) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Independent Prescribing | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | /var/folders/jt/ssf8xjds2p9ghbc3vkj05ypw0000gn/T/com.microsoft.Word/WebArchiveCopyPasteTempFiles/c77ca831-91a8-2a12-6c8d-05d67c7dbb18.jpeg | | **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=80654f9507&e=3e5221b889)   **Speakers include:** David Webb, Chief Pharmaceutical Officer for England Ali Sparke, Director for Dentistry, Community Pharmacy and Optometry, NHS England Anne Joshua, Head of Pharmacy Integration, NHS England | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Know Your Numbers! | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | /var/folders/jt/ssf8xjds2p9ghbc3vkj05ypw0000gn/T/com.microsoft.Word/WebArchiveCopyPasteTempFiles/6b0e810c-e0d4-5ca5-a3ae-49963e1c5cf5.jpg | | **Know Your Number Week**  [Know Your Numbers week](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=9797db8b48&e=3e5221b889) is a national campaign that runs from 4-10 September 2023 urging all adults to check their blood pressure as routine and in tandem, reduce their salt intake.  The more people tested, to enable them to control their high blood pressure, the more premature deaths will be prevented – especially since high blood pressure is largely symptomless and also one of the biggest single (and preventable) causes of death in the UK. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | F2F Flu Training - Limited Spaces | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | /var/folders/jt/ssf8xjds2p9ghbc3vkj05ypw0000gn/T/com.microsoft.Word/WebArchiveCopyPasteTempFiles/ff650738-9277-fc74-4c50-5d7e8eff5080.jpeg | | **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](mailto:office.avonhealthcareservices@gmail.com) if you want to book a place.  The training will cost £50 for AHS members and £90 for non members. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | National Care Records | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | /var/folders/jt/ssf8xjds2p9ghbc3vkj05ypw0000gn/T/com.microsoft.Word/WebArchiveCopyPasteTempFiles/0e0c2b8c-74a7-a8ad-cffc-4176a3815390.jpeg | | **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=bb397af8f1&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=6ec64ceeec&e=3e5221b889) to help embed the new system. [Learn more](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=124af35f58&e=3e5221b889) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | SSP for Auto-Injector Pen | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | /var/folders/jt/ssf8xjds2p9ghbc3vkj05ypw0000gn/T/com.microsoft.Word/WebArchiveCopyPasteTempFiles/feb6e299-ec06-8cf2-6ae5-ab6b413bb898.jpeg | | **New Serious Shortage Protocols issued**   [Jext® 300micrograms/0.3ml (1 in 1000) solution for injection auto-injector pen](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=3d55a02bf5&e=3e5221b889): SSP058 enables pharmacists to provide one EpiPen® 300micrograms/0.3ml (1 in 1000) auto-injector pen as a suitable alternative to Jext® 300micrograms/0.3ml (1 in 1000) auto-injector pen. This SSP is **currently set to expire** **on 15th September 2023.** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | NHS Profile Manager | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | /var/folders/jt/ssf8xjds2p9ghbc3vkj05ypw0000gn/T/com.microsoft.Word/WebArchiveCopyPasteTempFiles/677d1955-0a9b-3a72-5c6d-b1d5c9ce244e.jpeg | | **NHS Profile Manager update: Online flu vaccination booking details can be added to your NHS website profile**  NHS Profile Manager now allows pharmacy owners to update their profiles with appointment booking information for NHS flu vaccinations. Promoting their online appointment booking details in this way can help reduce phone queries, with patients able to book online through the pharmacy's NHS website profile from 1st September 2023 to 31st March 2024.  [Learn more](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=1444fa96d5&e=3e5221b889) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Ultrogestan 100mg | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | /var/folders/jt/ssf8xjds2p9ghbc3vkj05ypw0000gn/T/com.microsoft.Word/WebArchiveCopyPasteTempFiles/bbb69362-b71b-806c-9207-c246421fc8fb.jpeg | | **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=175339fbae&e=3e5221b889) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | 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=be95e77c24&e=3e5221b889) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Local Services & Information** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | PGDs | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | /var/folders/jt/ssf8xjds2p9ghbc3vkj05ypw0000gn/T/com.microsoft.Word/WebArchiveCopyPasteTempFiles/2a06e220-2646-5c9d-9bcd-414a6c362911.jpeg | | **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=698eb44e90&e=3e5221b889) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Levonorgestrel PGD | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | /var/folders/jt/ssf8xjds2p9ghbc3vkj05ypw0000gn/T/com.microsoft.Word/WebArchiveCopyPasteTempFiles/fd89795b-f3e3-8147-431a-3ca615e47176.jpeg | | **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=a4a23c6aa5&e=3e5221b889)and at [safebanes](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=8a9896e0f5&e=3e5221b889). Online refresher training is also available at [safebanes](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=fcd4ff30a7&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=66db0458b0&e=3e5221b889) please contact [melissa\_burns@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto: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=a83f4e8104&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](mailto:paul_sheehan@bathnes.gov.uk) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | 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=386b6e1b73&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=9fdf315682&e=3e5221b889) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Training** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Apprenticeship Funding | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | /var/folders/jt/ssf8xjds2p9ghbc3vkj05ypw0000gn/T/com.microsoft.Word/WebArchiveCopyPasteTempFiles/0b328461-2b59-29f4-2ac4-737511aa40ae.jpeg | | **Apprenticeship Eligibility Guidance**    It has been identified in various forums that a common denominator affecting Pre-registration Trainee Pharmacy Technician (PTPT) recruitment is apprenticeship eligibility. Therefore, to help employers identify whether a potential applicant is eligible to receive apprenticeship funding, a document has been out together outlining the apprenticeship funding eligibility criteria – see attached document.    If you have any questions relating to apprenticeship funding, please contact your organisation's apprenticeship lead or, alternatively, you can email the generic NHSE WT&E SW pharmacy email [Pharmacy.SW@hee.nhs.uk](mailto:Pharmacy.SW@hee.nhs.uk) and a member of the team will get back to you | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Click here for more information**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=62eb7177c3&e=3e5221b889) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Stop Smoking Service - Banes Only | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | /var/folders/jt/ssf8xjds2p9ghbc3vkj05ypw0000gn/T/com.microsoft.Word/WebArchiveCopyPasteTempFiles/59b9f39a-98d7-3c38-e576-f09402f97e4d.jpeg | | **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. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Click here for the flyer**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=3c6c79e25d&e=3e5221b889) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Free Online Training | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | /var/folders/jt/ssf8xjds2p9ghbc3vkj05ypw0000gn/T/com.microsoft.Word/WebArchiveCopyPasteTempFiles/4ef9641c-a4d2-2193-af15-9d705ba5a78c.jpg | | **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=83f00836fb&e=3e5221b889) | | | |