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| **Weekly Update**Tuesday 7th November 2023 |

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| **2 week Edition** |

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| Myths & Facts Section |

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| **MYTH**You can’t do a NMS on a patient discharged from hospital on new medicines |

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| **FACT**You can do a NMS as long as it's the first dispensing in a community pharmacy and its clinically appropriate  |

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| Reminders - *new!* |

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| **Please ensure you complete the Mandatory Workforce survey before December 17th - more information below** |

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| **NEW this week** |

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| Price Concessions |

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| **Rolled over price concessions for November 2023**Community Pharmacy England have released a list of those price concessions granted in October that have been confirmed as eligible to roll over to November 2023.Starting in May 2023, DHSC has implemented a process to roll over certain concessionary prices to the following month. This effort is part of the ongoing review of the price concession setting system for community pharmacies, which was agreed upon in the Year 4 & 5 (2022/23 and 2023/24) funding settlement deal. Since the [announcement](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=603e8b0898&e=3e5221b889), Community Pharmacy England has been working closely with the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) to improve this system.[Find out more and see the list of rolled over price concessions](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=3625c4fa42&e=3e5221b889) |

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| Lateral Flow Device |

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| **NEW Advanced Lateral Flow Device (LFD) Service launched form 6th November 2023**The service, which is funded outside of the CPCF global sum, will allow eligible patients who have [risk factors for progression to severe COVID-19](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=8721f241d6&e=3e5221b889) to obtain LFD test kits from participating community pharmacies.Access to LFD test kits allows eligible patients to self-test if they have symptoms which suggest they may have COVID-19, with the potential for them to access treatment if the result is positive.A service fee of £4 + VAT will be paid for each completed transaction of the supply of one box of five COVID-19 LFD test kits and the cost of tests supplied will be paid according to arrangements set out in the November 2023 Drug Tariff.When ready to provide the service, pharmacy owners will be able to sign up on the NHSBSA’s MYS portal from 6th November 2023, after which they will be able to provide the service.More information is [available here](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=a14bf65a67&e=3e5221b889) |

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| ABPM Readings |

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| **ABPM readings**Please can we remind you that as part of the hypertension case-finding service you may need to set up a APBM on a patient. Please remember that any patient who has a clinic **BP between 140/90 and and 179/119** should be offered an ABPM in your pharmacy. If you are offering the service your pharmacy should have access to a ABPM and should know how to set it up. We have had feedback that some pharmacies are struggling to set their meters up. Manufacturers will supply their machine with instructions and in some cases videos. They may also have a customer care lines that you can contact if you are struggling or videos onlineThere is a[useful flow diagram](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=8f69faf3f0&e=3e5221b889) to remind you on what actions you should take depending on the patients blood pressure. |

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| Hints & Tips |

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| **NHSBSA ‘Hints & Tips’ Dispensing Contractors – Issue 53**The NHSBSA produces a quarterly newsletter called “Hints & Tips for dispensing contractors”.The latest edition includes advice on what to include in the red separator, tips to avoid referred back prescriptions, new awareness campaign to help people save money on prescriptions, and more.[Read the newsletter](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=4bd4b8e9ee&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Extension to SSP057 Estradot® 100mcg patches**The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has announced an extension to the expiry date of the Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) for Estradot® 100mcg patches (SSP057).Due to the ongoing supply situation, this SSP has now been further extended to **Friday 1st December 2023.** |

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| HRT PPC Medicines |

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| **Gepretix® added to the HRT PPC medicines list from November 2023**As of 1st November 2023, the DHSC has included Gepretix®, a new brand of progesterone micronised capsules, in the list of medicines covered by the Hormone Replacement Therapy prepayment certificate (HRT PPC).[Find out more](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=60d7bc163b&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework** |

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| Pharmacy blood pressure check service |

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| **Pharmacy blood pressure check service finder tool for the public and patients** A new service finder on the NHS website (NHS.UK) allows healthcare professionals and patients to search for and [find a pharmacy that offers free blood pressure checks.](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=70277511ae&e=3e5221b889)The tool explains who is eligible to go to a pharmacy to get their blood pressure checked and can be searched using a postcode, with the nearest pharmacy listed first.Blood pressure conditions pages on the NHS website have also been updated to signpost to the blood pressure pharmacy finder. **All pharmacy contractors offering the service should ensure that their pharmacy profile on**[NHS Profile Manager](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=8e3a6e7c9a&e=3e5221b889)**is up to date and indicates that they provide the service.**This will ensure that all pharmacies which offer the service located nearest the postcode provided will be listed.  |

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| **2023 mandatory workforce survey open**The 2023 Community Pharmacy Workforce Survey, conducted by North of England Commissioning Support Unit (NECS) on behalf of NHS England, has started today. The survey will be open for eight weeks, closing on **December 17th, 2023.**All pharmacy owners are required to complete the survey. The NHS Business Service Authority (NHSBSA) has sent an email to pharmacy owners with a link to the survey. In some cases, head offices will complete the survey for multiple pharmacy groups.[Learn more about the survey and how to complete it](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=80e7d19415&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Community Pharmacy Assurance Framework (CPAF) - Full Questionnaire**All community pharmacies in England were asked to complete 10 screening questions for the NHS England Community Pharmacy Assurance Framework (CPAF). Some pharmacies may also soon be selected to complete the full CPAF questionnaire.The full questionnaire will be available on the Manage Your Service (MYS) website from 6th November to midnight of 3rd December 2023. [Find out more](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=66991d7125&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=a04c2903a1&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Local Services & Information** |

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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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| [**Click here for VirtualOutcomes**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=eedf5be830&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Training** |

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