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| **Weekly Update**Tuesday 23rd January 2024 |

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| **NEW this week** |

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| Otoscopy Training - Updated Information |

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| **Pharmacy First - F2F Otoscopy Training - £99 plus VAT**Community Pharmacy Avon has arranged some local F2F Otoscopy training with Tympaheath. The course will cover the anatomy and physiology of the ear, ear pathology including wax, foreign bodies, perforation, acute Otitis Media etc, otoscopy procedure including communicating with the patient, health and safety, otoscopy set up etc and will give pharmacists a chance at the F2F course to examine colleagues ears and simulation heads. The course will be run by experienced audiologists who will also be able to give practical hints and tips to ensure pharmacists leave feeling confident to conduct their own examinations.We have places left on Sunday 18th February at Thornbury Golf Club. [Please book here](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=da191f7afa&e=3e5221b889)Please note the following.**1. Please bring your own otoscope with you****2. We will be e mailing all delegates this week with a link to pay Tympahealth directly.** |

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| Oral Contraception Service |

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| **NHSE Contraception Service Notification for 3 local GP practices**Community Pharmacy Avon have created a simple template on PharmOutcomes to help your pharmacy inform 3 of your local GP practices that you can now provide both the initiation and continuing supply of oral contraception. Once you have pharmacists who are ready to complete the service AND you have visibility of the  contraception service on PharmOutcomes please use this quick and easy form to notify your GP practices that you are live. |

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| Webinar - Contraception Service |

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| **Watch Pharmacy Contraception: Getting going with the service webinar**Pharmacy owners and their teams can now watch the on-demand recording of Community Pharmacy England (CPE) 'Pharmacy Contraception Service: Getting going with the service' webinar, originally held last week with over 400 people in attendance.This event aimed to help those who have not yet started to provide the Contraception Service to get ready to offer it to their patients. Attendees learned about the service requirements and received practical tips on delivering it effectively.[Watch the webinar recording](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=47ae908874&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Final reminder: Check your referred back/disallowed prescriptions on MYS before they expire in January 2024** Pharmacy teams are reminded that they have **until 5th February 2024** to complete and submit the required information for all outstanding referred back (unpaid) prescriptions received prior to July 2022. After 5th February, all referred back prescriptions older than 18 months (including any paper referred back forms sent to pharmacies prior to July 2022) will be deleted from the manage your service (MYS) portal. [Read More.](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=602b78c6b2&e=3e5221b889) |

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| VirtualOutcomes Free Training |

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| **NEW FREE VirtualOutcomes Training - Pharmacy First**The training consists of an introductory module which will cover the background of the service and what your pharmacy needs to do plus a short module with key hints and tips on each of the 7 Clinical Pathway Consultations is now available for pharmacists and their teams. The introductory module is approximately 20 mins and the individual modules on each common condition range from 7 to 9 mins long. To access this FREE training please use this [link](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=15c13e5d57&e=3e5221b889) and then enter your F code. |

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| **Entresto Supply**We have had feedback that there have been some recent issues with Entresto supplies and the following actions have been taken.1. AAH Bristol have been asked to increase their stockholding2. If your pharmacy is still having an issue please contact Novartis using their emergency number: 0344 5618899 to help resolve this or contact their local representative Huw Hudson who is happy to try and help  email Huw.hudson@novartis.com or 07795 052237. |

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| **Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework** |

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| Oral Contraception Service |

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| **NHS Oral contraception Service - going live on PharmOutcomes**We have had feedback that pharmacies who have signed up to the above service on the  BSA MYS portal  are then not seeing the service on PharmOutcomes once they have signed up. Our understanding is that currently BSA are only giving PharmOutcomes a list of pharmacies who have signed up monthly so therefore your pharmacy may not have access immediately to the service. We have given feedback to Community Pharmacy England. |

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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=be20ad45c8&e=3e5221b889) |

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| **Local Services & Information** |

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| **BNNSG Pharmacies ONLY - Community Pharmacy Local Enhanced Service (LES) Contract - Action required by Thursday 11th January** All contractors should have had a letter from Alison Mundell at the ICB - please see details below: Please find attached the Community Pharmacy Local Enhanced Service (LES) Contract for BNSSG that includes the Patient Group Directions and Emergency Supplies as well as some additional services for selected sites. The Contract has been amended to reflect Pharmacy First National PGDs that will be coming on 31/1/24.Please can you sign the contract and return by Thursday 11th January 2024 to amy.wheeler2@nhs.net, the contract will then be counter signed by the ICB  and a signed copy sent to the provider. Thank you for all your continued hard work over the last year and I look forward to working with you in 2024.Yours sincerely**Alison MundellICS Community Pharmacy Clinical Lead**NHS Bristol, North Somerset & South Gloucestershire ICBemail: Alison.Mundell@nhs.netwebsite: https:// [bnssg.icb.nhs.uk](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=208e5a3be0&e=3e5221b889) **In addition, the Emergency Supply LES will be discontinuing on 31/3/24 (please see letter attached).** |

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| [**Notice of Termination of a LES**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=1384156d64&e=3e5221b889) |

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| [**Community Pharmacy LES Contract 23**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=747d6431ba&e=3e5221b889) |

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| Cross Sector Placements  |

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| **BNSSG Pharmacies only - New Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme for intake year 25/26 - cross sector placement with NBT, and UHBW (both sites)**All 3 hospitals in BNSSG would like to offer cross working between Community Pharmacy and the Trust. The cross- sector placements are for a minimum of 13 weeks and a maximum of 26 weeks. NBT has 2 or 3 places available, Weston has 2 places and UHB has 2 or 3 places.On completion of the foundation trainee Pharmacist programme from 25/26 pharmacists will become qualified as non-medical prescribers which will be able to further support the system.More detailed information can be found [here.](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=d1a3e86622&e=3e5221b889)The trust as employer of the trainee could provide a financial incentive of £1000 per 13-week cross sector site placement.It is noted by the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) that there must be a**designated supervisor**in place for any training locations where the trainee spends 13 weeks or more during the training year. To become a designated supervisor; they need to be a **registered UK pharmacist, been registered for 3 years or more** and have been practising in the sector, or a related sector, of pharmacy in which they wish to supervise. This requirement may limit some sites in hosting the cross-sector placement.  In addition, if you are interested in becoming a designated prescribing practitioner (DPP) to support the independent prescribing training element please can you highlight this in your response however there is no requirement to be one to host the trainee as the Trust will provide one.If you would like more information please contact Jennifer.Gray@uhbw.nhs.uk or Jennifer.Sparks@uhbw.nhs.uk asap. |

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| Foundation Year Pharmacists required |

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| **Foundation Year pharmacists working in community pharmacy required for project**Dr Vicky Carlisle, Senior research associate University of Bristol is leading a short term research project advisory group - information below*People who use drugs and/or opioid agonist treatment (OAT) often face stigma in pharmacies – both in relation to their drug use and OAT. To experience stigma is inherently de-humanising; it disconnects people from their communities, negatively impacts their physical and mental wellbeing, increases health inequalities, and limits life chances.**Building on our previous work, this project will involve a collaboration of people with lived and living experience, community and local government partners, pharmacists, a creative practitioner and University of Bristol academics. Together, we will develop materials that destigmatise the experience of using community pharmacies for people who use drugs and OAT.**We are looking for five Foundation Year pharmacists with community pharmacy experience to be involved in the co-production for this project. The time commitment would be 4 half-day workshops between January and April next year. The first will take place at the Community Farm in Chew Magna (transport from central Bristol provided). Subsequent workshops will take place in a central Bristol location. Refreshments will be provided at all workshops.*Please contact Vicky if you have any questions or are interested in participating  vicky.carlisle@bristol.ac.uk Tel: 0117 455 6962| Mobile: 07396 710165 |

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| Discussion Group |

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| **Community Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians required Discussion Group on health checks for people who use drugs** Jenny Scott, Senior Lecturer (Pharmacist) - Centre for Academic Primary Care (CAPC) from the University of Bristol Medical School is working with the Hepatitis C Trust on early ideas around community pharmacy-based health checks for people who use drugs. As part of the early development work, Jenny would like to hear the thoughts of**community pharmacists and pharmacy technicians on this idea**. This can be by taking part in a discussion group or a 1-2-1 discussion (both online). Your time and if needed locum fees will be recompensed. For more information please contact Jenny on: jenny.scott@bristol.ac.uk  by 24th January. |

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| **Nadolol 80mg tablets Supply**We have had feedback that patients are contacting the local hospitals saying they can’t get their prescriptions dispensed for Nadolol by community pharmacies. Please note that Nadolol can be obtained through Alliance or Neon Healthcare. |

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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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| **South West Pharmacy Workforce, training and Education - Significant changes have been implemented for the 2025 foundation training year in line with the Initial Education and Training of Pharmacists reform programme mandated by the GPhC.**This means that recruiting via Oriel will be **the only route to employing a foundation trainee pharmacist** for the 2025-26 foundation training year.You can update your knowledge of the scheme by reading the [Employer Handbook](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=409cf39857&e=3e5221b889) which contains step-by-step guidance on completing your employer programme submission form(s), a recruitment timeline and regional contact support details.We have developed a short video to support employers with registering to participate in the National Recruitment Scheme, this is available to watch from the [Employer Registration page.](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=016638aaf2&e=3e5221b889) You may find it helpful to see information submitted by employers in 2023 by viewing the ‘Pharmacy Employers and Programme Information from 2023 document available on the [Employer Information page of our website](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=348b21b5d5&e=3e5221b889). Please note that some of this information uses terminology which has now changed following GPhC reforms to the initial education and training of pharmacists in 2021.If you wish to be part of 2024 national recruitment for the 2025-26 training year, you will need to complete [an online registration form](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=06983f951d&e=3e5221b889)for each programme you wish to include in the scheme and provide employer programme information. The deadline to submit your form(s) is **11.59pm on 1st March 2024**. **Please note late submissions will not be accepted.** NHS England WT&E South West will be holding drop in sessions each week to support with any queries that you may have relating to programme registration. Please see the attached flyer for details on the dates, times and links for these sessions. |

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| [**Click here for flyer**](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=d2f33abdde&e=3e5221b889) |

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