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In community pharmacy there isn’t much support so you can see how networking builds your confidence as a prescriber and you can see how pharmacists can be part of the MDT.”*   *“Being in a group is fantastic, as we are the only pharmacists in a pharmacy most of the time so it really helps to have a group of people doing the same training of you and the training they [Medvivo] provide is fantastic.”*   We have had a lot of interest in the training and we know that University places will be in short supply so we are asking for expressions of interest to be sent to me [caroline.quinn2@nhs.net](mailto:caroline.quinn2@nhs.net) **by Wednesday 24th April**so that we can start working through who to offer places to.  To support your application please send me (in not more than three hundred words) the reasons why you think that you should be selected for this opportunity.   Training will only be offered to those working regularly in BSW and we will try and spread the offer evenly across the system.  Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.  Kind Regards   **Caroline Quinn (She/Her)** Bath, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care System Pharmacy  **E:**[caroline.quinn2@nhs.net](mailto:caroline.quinn2@nhs.net) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Maximising Income Tips | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | /var/folders/jt/ssf8xjds2p9ghbc3vkj05ypw0000gn/T/com.microsoft.Word/WebArchiveCopyPasteTempFiles/0ec3e6d8-cf81-b754-9414-99ee967f6bc9.jpeg | | **Maximise dispensing Income Top Tips**  Community Pharmacy England has published a new factsheet to help pharmacy owners maximise their income from dispensing. The factsheet offers tips on maximising income and reducing losses during various stages of the dispensing process, including ordering, endorsements, submissions and reconciling payments.  The factsheet also links to a wide range of resources on our website, including further information on specific topic areas that can be accessed as needed.  [Read the factsheet](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=44fcded8b5&e=3e5221b889) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Endorsing Unusual Items | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | /var/folders/jt/ssf8xjds2p9ghbc3vkj05ypw0000gn/T/com.microsoft.Word/WebArchiveCopyPasteTempFiles/2ca9950a-5acf-a4f3-0f93-dfa501fb0401.jpeg | | **Useful Information of Endorsing Unusual Items on Prescriptions**    We have had a number of questions recently about concerns about being paid correctly for items that may have to be ordered as a “special”. Therefore we have put some information below which we hope you will find useful.    NHSBSA - For payments, Drug Tariff, prescription endorsement etc - contact them on 0300 3301349 Option 5 (they are extremely helpful)    Another useful tool is the [dm+d browser](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=43234cf31f&e=3e5221b889" \t "_blank) where you can look up the drug - this will tell you which schedule it’s in (if it’s in one) so you can work out what you can claim for in terms of out of pocket expenses.    I have also added a number of other useful links below:  [An item on a prescription is written generically but with a brand specified in the main body; will I be paid for the brand?](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=80ebb27761&e=3e5221b889)[How should I endorse a special, unlicensed or imported drug?](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=9688d5e75e&e=3e5221b889)  [Out of pocket expenses](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=3a8c990e34&e=3e5221b889)  [When to endorse a drug](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=3280d2a738&e=3e5221b889) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | AccuRx Webinar | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | /var/folders/jt/ssf8xjds2p9ghbc3vkj05ypw0000gn/T/com.microsoft.Word/WebArchiveCopyPasteTempFiles/a3e8b50b-ffe2-0aea-8920-ad4634ada383.jpg | | **AccuRx webinar to support Pharmacy First video consultations**  AccuRx is hosting an evening webinar to support community pharmacists find out more about how it works and gives you an opportunity to ask questions.  More information is available on the attached flyer and if you want to attend [register here](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=191607c704&e=3e5221b889)  [Click here for the flyer.](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=83d6c29a6f&e=3e5221b889) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Survey for Pharmacy Technicians | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | /var/folders/jt/ssf8xjds2p9ghbc3vkj05ypw0000gn/T/com.microsoft.Word/WebArchiveCopyPasteTempFiles/0414ac6e-5df8-4bdf-b603-569e4f4717dc.jpeg | | **Pharmacy Technician Survey**    Click [here](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=89f0b226ee&e=3e5221b889) for a brief survey for **Pharmacy Technicians** in the South West region:    The University of Bath is currently exploring options for further training of existing registered and practicing Pharmacy Technicians. We are interested in views of Pharmacy Technicians in relation to the potential options available. This information will help us plan for future education and training. Completion of this form will take about 5 minutes.    Many thanks Tim    **Tim Rennie**MPharm, PhD, FRPharmS, MBE **Director of Taught Postgraduate Programmes (AP3T)** Department of Life Sciences, University of Bath, Claverton Down, Bath, BA2 7AY, Email: [twr32@bath.ac.uk](mailto:twr32@bath.ac.uk) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | New Payment Schedule | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | /var/folders/jt/ssf8xjds2p9ghbc3vkj05ypw0000gn/T/com.microsoft.Word/WebArchiveCopyPasteTempFiles/7d0cf6cc-1971-9d49-f85e-88b20bec83a0.jpeg | | **NHSBSA publish an example of the new payment schedule**  The NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) has now published an example of the new look payment schedule / eSchedule on their [website](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=141305dc6d&e=3e5221b889).  The upcoming payment schedule, which is due to be received on the 23rd of April for the February 2024 dispensing month, will include several improvements such as a breakdown of Pharmacy First payments and reimbursement figures split into generics, brands, and appliances. [Read more, including the NHS guidance](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=4275395dc4&e=3e5221b889) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Prescription Charge | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | /var/folders/jt/ssf8xjds2p9ghbc3vkj05ypw0000gn/T/com.microsoft.Word/WebArchiveCopyPasteTempFiles/1f4f5427-433b-1f66-5dd7-2db08fe0c233.jpeg | | **Prescription charge to rise to £9.90 in May 2024**  The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has announced that from**1st May 2024**, the NHS prescription charge will **increase to £9.90 per prescription item**(note: some items may incur more than one charge). For prescriptions dispensed in April 2024, the NHS prescription charge will remain at £9.65.  Amendments to the NHS Charges Regulations also introduce increases to prescription prepayment certificates (PPCs), including the Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT) PPC.  [Click here](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=1358ab076b&e=3e5221b889) for more information and a downloadable poster | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | NHS Mail | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | /var/folders/jt/ssf8xjds2p9ghbc3vkj05ypw0000gn/T/com.microsoft.Word/WebArchiveCopyPasteTempFiles/96d01c0c-cf3f-755d-815a-6e91499bb457.jpg | | **NHS Mail - 2 factor authentication (2FA) coming soon**  Please can we remind all pharmacy team members and Locums that 2FA will become mandatory for NHS mail in the next few months. Please can you ensure that everyone who needs access to it is aware of this and takes the required steps before it becomes mandatory . Information on what is required is on the log on page for NHS mail. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | 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=5514e2d704&e=3e5221b889) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Local Services & Information** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | CPA Strategic Plan | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | /var/folders/jt/ssf8xjds2p9ghbc3vkj05ypw0000gn/T/com.microsoft.Word/WebArchiveCopyPasteTempFiles/7fd66592-7884-c582-9ea7-66dce1576fb2.png | | **Community Pharmacy Avon (CPA) Strategic Plan 2024**  Please [click here](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=3e05489556&e=3e5221b889)for the link to the strategic plan that Community Pharmacy Avon has agreed for 2024. If you have any questions please contact [avonlpc@gmail.com](mailto:avonlpc@gmail.com) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **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=b326c3354b&e=3e5221b889) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Training** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Free Online Training | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | /var/folders/jt/ssf8xjds2p9ghbc3vkj05ypw0000gn/T/com.microsoft.Word/WebArchiveCopyPasteTempFiles/1f4c9bf2-ac9b-7719-32a3-8b7aa7612db2.jpg | | **New Free Training - Common Skin Conditions - Acne**  VirtualOutcomes will be producing a number of FREE training modules over the coming months for the whole pharmacy team on common skin conditions. The modules will include fungal skin conditions, dermatitis, psoriasis and acne. The first of these modules is now available and is short (10 mins) training module on acne. The training will cover the definition of acne, advice you can give people and what foods and products they should avoid. Once completed and the MCQ  successfully answered at the end the team member can download a certificate for their records.  To access the training please [click here](https://avonlpc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4c41af9cdb2c8602a37b9d52d&id=eb7cf60a17&e=3e5221b889) and then enter your F code. | | | |