
COMMUNITY PHARMACY ARDEN

GENERAL UPDATE 23rd February 2023

Information is subject to change and is as accurate as we can ascertain at date published.

Special LPC Meeting: Voting Results

Voting results of the SMG held on 9th February 2023 to amend the Constitution and extend the term of the newly formed LPC by a year can be found [here](#) and you can access a copy of the new Constitution [here](#).

DMS Event 28th March 2023

The LPC is organising a contractor event for 28th March at the Holiday Inn in Coventry. The invitations have been emailed to pharmacies directly, but you can find a copy of the flyer [here](#).

Register on this Eventbrite link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cpa-discharge-medicines-service-event-tickets-530506016777>

Rollout of HRT prescription prepayment certificate

From 1st April 2023, women who usually pay for their HRT prescriptions will be able to purchase an annual HRT PPC for the cost of two single prescription charges (currently £18.70). The HRT PPC, valid for 12 months, can be used against any listed HRT prescription item(s) licensed for the treatment of menopause. Find out more on PSNC [here](#).

MPs and Peers call for pharmacy intervention

39 MPs and Peers from across the political spectrum have signed letters to the Health Secretary, Steve Barclay MP, raising their growing concern about the pressures facing England's community pharmacies and the risks this poses to patient care and safety. You can read more about this on PSNC [here](#).

Reminder: Pharmacy Pressures Survey Deadline Extended

If you haven't completed PSNC's nationwide Pharmacy Pressures Survey yet, please consider doing so. The survey results will help PSNC demonstrate the scale of the pressures that the community pharmacy sector is under, providing important data for use in future negotiations and their work to influence Government. We would be grateful if you could spare a few minutes to complete these surveys. The deadline has been extended until **23.59 on Sunday 26th February**. Details [here](#).

You can find the direct links to the surveys below:

[Pharmacy business owners/head office representatives survey](#)

[Pharmacy teams survey](#)

Pharmacies can also contribute to the national effort and promote the media campaign by using the hashtag [#saveourpharmacies](#) on social media. Find out more [here](#).

Reminder: PQS Declaration Deadline Approaching

The declaration window for the Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) 2022/23 is now open. Community pharmacy contractors can make a claim for a PQS payment up until 11.59pm on **Friday 3rd March 2023** through the Manage Your Service (MYS) portal. Details [here](#). The local PQS information is on our website [here](#).

Reminder: Data Security and Protection Webinar Last Chance

PSNC will be holding a webinar on **Thursday 23rd February at 7pm** to help community pharmacy contractors to complete the Data Security and Protection Toolkit for 2022/23. Details [here](#).

Reminder: Mental Health First Aid Training: Coventry and Warwickshire

Several dates are still available for the Mental Health First Aid Training courses running in March, April and May. You can find all the details [here](#) and the direct the registration link [here](#).

Reminder: Sharps Information

We've received a number of enquiries about Sharps disposal – please remember that all this information is on our website on the A-Z Contacts page [here](#) (under the heading Sharps Disposal).

Special Announcement:

Last but not least, we're happy to announce the safe arrival of Zoe's baby girl, Darcie, on February 13th. Congratulations and best wishes to Zoe and her family.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this update, please contact the LPC Team.

Copies of our previous newsletters can be found [here](#).

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