
COMMUNITY PHARMACY ARDEN GENERAL UPDATE 9th March 2023

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

HEE to fund 3,000 independent prescribing places in 2023/24

Eligible pharmacists will be able to apply for one of almost 3,000 places on independent prescribing courses at a variety of universities across England. Courses will be available between April 2023 and March 2024, with several universities offering multiple dates for cohort intakes. Start dates will depend on the university provider. Find out more [here](#).

Smoking Cessation Service (SCS): Virtual Outcomes Pharmacy Training

A new training module is now available from Virtual Outcomes for the upcoming national SCS service. You can view the training flyer [here](#). Log-in at <https://www.virtualoutcomes.co.uk/pharmacy-training/>

PSNC webinar on-demand: Data Security and Protection Toolkit 2023

Community pharmacy contractors can now access a recording of PSNC's recent online workshop to help with completion of the Data Security and Protection Toolkit for 2022/2023 on the following [link](#).

HRT prescription prepayment certificate: new regulations

DHSC has introduced new pharmaceutical regulations effective 1st April 2023, to accompany the introduction of the HRT PPC. Find out more on PSNC [here](#).

Save Our Pharmacies Campaign Website

A [new website](#) has been launched to support the Save Our Pharmacies national campaign. You can find the details on PSNC [here](#). Please consider adding the "[twibbon](#)" to your social media profiles to show your support!

Valproate audit deadline approaching

Contractors are reminded that by 31st March 2023, they must have completed the 2022/23 national clinical audit on valproate over a six-week consecutive period, and have submitted the data via the Valproate audit 2022/23 tab on the Manage Your Service (MYS) portal. More information on PSNC [here](#).

PQS: NHSBSA Data Published

NHSBSA has updated its New Medicine Service (NMS) and antibiotic review spreadsheets for the Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) 2022/23. Find out details [here](#).

NHSBSA has also published a spreadsheet showing which community pharmacy contractors have made a referral to the NHS Digital Weight Management Programme (DWMP) as part of the 2022/23 PQS. Learn more [here](#).

PSNC Regional Representative and non-CCA Multiple Elections – ballots start 9 March

In four of the ten PSNC regions, including the West Midlands, more than one valid nomination was received, and a ballot will be held. Independent Pharmacy Contractors will receive voting information with a unique link for the voting portal. Look out for these emails on 9th March, which will be sent to the relevant pharmacies' shared NHSmail addresses. More information on PSNC [here](#).

Specialist Pharmacy Service – Medicines Supply Tool

Have you registered to access the Medicines Supply tool on the Specialist Pharmacy Service platform? This tool gives you the latest information on supply issues, actions to take, alternatives to use and expected resolution dates. The content is provided by DHSC and CMU. More information [here](#).

Reminder: 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>

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](#).

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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