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## COMMUNITY PHARMACY ARDEN GENERAL UPDATE 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023

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

### Data Security and Protection Toolkit: CPE Guidance Published for 2023

CPE has published new guidance to help members complete the 2022/23 Data Security and Protection Toolkit. The Toolkit is used to make a pharmacy's information governance (IG) declaration. The deadline is **Friday 30th June 2023**. Find details on CPE [here](#).

### 2023/24 CPAF screening questionnaire

The 2023/24 Community Pharmacy Assurance Framework (CPAF) screening questionnaire will be available for completion from **approximately 1am on Monday 3rd July 2023 until midnight on Sunday 30th July 2023**. Find out more on CPE [here](#).

### Price Concessions: Roll-over to June

As part of a package of measures developed to improve the Price Concession system, DHSC has implemented a process to roll over certain concessionary prices to the following month. From May 2023, the roll-over process applies to any products where agreement is reached on the final prices granted by DHSC for any requests submitted late in the month (on or after the 23rd of the month) by CPE. You can find a list of Price Concessions that have rolled over to June on [this page](#).

### Hypertension Case-Finding Service: updated service specification

Please note that NHSE has updated the specification for the Hypertension Case-Finding Service. CPE has published guidance about the changes. You can find out details [here](#) and review the updated resources on the [main service page](#), including this [briefing](#).

### Smoking Cessation Advanced Service (SCS): updated service specification

Please note the Specification for the SCS service has recently been updated. We're still waiting for the CPE guidance about the changes. For now, you can access the updated document from the [SCS page](#) on the CPE website.

### NMS: Voluntary quarterly data returns

NHS England is asking pharmacy owners to continue to voluntarily submit New Medicine Service (NMS) quarterly summary data to the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) for Quarter 4 (Q4) 2022/23 (January to March 2023). The mandatory requirement to submit this data has been suspended since 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Find out more on CPE [here](#).

### Heat Health Advice

Due to the hot weather we're currently experiencing, the public may turn to community pharmacy teams for advice on staying well in the heatwave or for assistance if they are feeling unwell. CPE has developed an infographic that pharmacies can use to communicate messages relating to heat health.

You can download this infographic from the CPE website [here](#).

### Controlled Drugs: pharmacy check list

The Occurrence Summary Report we received from the NHS Midlands Controlled Drugs Team included a useful checklist for pharmacies regarding controlled drugs issues. You can find this check list on our website [here](#) located on the [Controlled Drugs page](#).

Please also note that the Police Liaison Officer for West Mercia has changed: [matthew.pedrick@westmercia.police.uk](mailto:matthew.pedrick@westmercia.police.uk)

Please contact the LPC for phone number

### NHS HEE Funded Pharmacy Training

Community pharmacists are being offered a range of fully-funded, flexible training to expand their clinical skills and improve patient care.

The courses include:

**Clinical Examination Skills** – offering a step towards Independent Prescribing and an opportunity to gain new specialist skills to increase your NHS role or to expand and refresh your diagnostic and consultation skills if you're already an IP.

**Independent Prescribing** – training to support patients from diagnosis to prescribing, providing advice and follow-up, and preparing to provide clinical care.

Please visit the following Health Education England page for details:

<https://www.hee.nhs.uk/our-work/pharmacy/community-pharmacy-training>

### Moviprep supply issues

As you may be aware, there are some ongoing supply issues with Moviprep, used for bowel cleansing procedures. UHCW has changed to picolax+ senna as an alternative and they are also trialling **Plenvu** in some patients. UHCW have now started issuing FP10 Rxs for Plenvu. Please be aware that patients may present for this product and it is approved to be used for bowel prep, if available.

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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#### USEFUL LINKS:

[CPA Website](#)

[CPHW Website](#)

[PSNC Newsletters](#)

[PSNC Payment Timetable and Deadline Tracker](#)

[PSNC Important Dates and Checklist](#)