



COMMUNITY PHARMACY ARDEN GENERAL UPDATE 27th July 2023

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Covid-19 Antiviral Treatment Update CW

If you are one of 16 Paxlovid holding Pharmacies in Coventry and Warwickshire, please remember to stock 4 packs of Paxlovid (an update from the previously required 2 packs), which can be ordered from Alliance free of charge. If you run out of stock, please signpost patients to the other [stockholding pharmacies](#). More information about Paxlovid can be found on our website [here](#).

Nitrofurantoin: reminder of the risks of pulmonary and hepatic adverse drug reactions

Please be aware that healthcare professionals prescribing Nitrofurantoin should be alert to the risks of pulmonary and hepatic adverse drug reactions and advise patients to be vigilant for the signs and symptoms in need of further investigation. Now that this drug is being more widely used within the Extended Care UTI service, you might come across these rare side effects. NHS guidelines can be found [here](#).

Returned inhalers

Please remember that pharmacies should always accept returned inhalers for incineration to support the [Greener NHS objectives](#) as it is a more environmentally friendly way of discarding them than through the household waste.

Independent Committee Member Vacancy

We have one vacancy for an [Independent Contractor](#) and are seeking expressions of interest from across Coventry and Warwickshire. Please read the [attached](#) and if interested return the completed form **to fionalowe@nhs.net** no later than 14th August 5pm.

Ideally, you will need to be available to attend the online CPA meeting on September 7th in the morning to meet Members and share ideas etc.

NHS Promotional Materials for Community Pharmacy Services

NHS has produced a number of digital promotional materials (videos, posters, infographics, leaflets) which can be used by pharmacies to promote their services, either in the pharmacy or on websites and social media. You can find these resources on this [link](#).

Virtual Outcomes Pharmacy Training

A new course has been released by Virtual Outcomes for Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) to support the NHS CPCS service. You can download the course flyer [here](#) and log in to access the course [here](#).

There's also a refresher course available for Adrenaline auto-injectors (AAIs). More information is available [here](#).



Reminder: 2023/24 CPAF screening questionnaire closing this week

The 2023/24 Community Pharmacy Assurance Framework (CPAF) screening questionnaire is closing **on Sunday 30th July 2023**. If you haven't returned your questionnaire yet, please do so before the deadline! Find out more on CPE [here](#).

Reminder: Hypertension Case-Finding Service - IT requirements from September

NHS England has announced that pharmacy owners will need to use an NHS approved clinical IT system to make their clinical records and payment claims for the Hypertension case-finding service from **1st September 2023**. Find out details on CPE [here](#) and in the following [NHS briefing](#).

Reminder: CPCS - Claim period change from 1st August

The DHSC has announced that from 1st August 2023, the Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS) claims for payment should be submitted within one month of - and no later than three months from - the claim period for the chargeable activity provided. This is an amendment to the NHS England advice given previously. CPE recommends reviewing and submitting any outstanding CPCS claims on the Manage Your Service (MYS) portal, to avoid any potential service fee losses as a result of this reduced grace period for claims. Read more [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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[CPHW Website](#)

[CPE Newsletters](#)

[CPE Payment Timetable and Deadline Tracker](#)

[CPE Important Dates and Checklist](#)