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## COMMUNITY PHARMACY ARDEN GENERAL UPDATE 24th August 2023

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

### Upcoming LPC Events

#### Services Webinar – 27<sup>th</sup> September

We are organising a New Services online webinar on 27th September (7-9.30pm).

We will cover all the main National Services – including the new ones. It will be an opportunity to understand all aspects, IT & claiming requirements and the end to end process. It will also introduce a number of online tutorials which we are producing.

More details and flyer with registration link to follow.

#### AGM CPA – 19<sup>th</sup> October - Hold the Date!

19th October 2023 9.30-15.30, Holiday Inn Coventry, CV2 2HP

Community Pharmacy Arden AGM workshop will be on **19<sup>th</sup> October 2023** at the Holiday Inn Coventry, CV2 2HP (9.30-3.30 – with the AGM over lunch 1-2).

We will be running a series of workshops at the AGMs to outline our priorities going forward and would welcome you coming along for all or part of the day.

Facilitated Sessions will include: Fuller – Team of Teams, Workforce and training, New Services, Working with the ICB, Contractor engagement, IT and claiming fees.

AGM – voting papers for accounts will be sent out to Contractors for sign off mid-September (12<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>) – Accounts are already on our website if you wish to view earlier:

<https://arden.communitypharmacy.org.uk/about-us/accounts-annual-reports/>

#### **Reminder: Covid-19 Vaccines: Expressions of Interest deadline 29<sup>th</sup> August**

Pharmacies interested in participating must review the [guidelines](#) and submit their expression of interest by **5pm, 29th August 2023**. Find out more on CPE [here](#).

#### **Update: Hypertension Case-Finding Service - IT requirements from September**

As a reminder, 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**. An important update has been published by NHS, which you can find [here](#). More on CPE [here](#).



### **NHSE Launch Newly Qualified Pharmacist Pathway**

NHS England (NHSE) has introduced the Newly Qualified Pharmacist pathway, a programme for newly qualified pharmacists, designed to bridge the gap between initial education and post-registration development. Find out more on CPE here. Download the Briefing for employers and key stakeholders [here](#).

Further Resources: [HEE Newly Qualified Pharmacist Pathway](#)

More info on CPE [here](#).

### **Independent Prescribers: Pathfinder Programme**

NHS England has, published information on its Independent Prescribing Pathfinder programme for community pharmacy, having this week sent a letter to all integrated care boards (ICBs) on this topic.

Information on a new Independent Prescribing webpage describes how the programme of pilot sites will operate. The central aim is to support and test different prescribing models to help inform and develop the framework for the commissioning of independent prescribing as part of clinical services in community pharmacy. Find out more on CPE [here](#). Watch out for a webinar coming soon, possibly in early September.

An email will be coming out from NHSE West Midlands Hub Team (based in Solihull ICB) about the IP Pathfinder Programme detailing how to express interest via an online form. It will come to your NHS Shared email address.

Coventry & Warwickshire have been allocated 4 sites and these will be around respiratory – although support will be given to those who have an IP in another area but feel confident to cover respiratory as well.

### **Alliance Healthcare planned maintenance**

Alliance Healthcare UK will be conducting maintenance over the August Bank Holiday weekend (Friday 25th August to Tuesday 29th August). During this period, there will be limited or no deliveries. More information [here](#).

### **Update: August Bank Holiday Pharmacy Opening Hours**

We have updated the printable A4 sheet for pharmacies to display with a QR Code that links to a Google Map showing the pharmacies that are open on Bank Holiday Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August. You can download it from our website [here](#).

Please remember that pharmacy premises must exhibit a notice, based on information provided by NHS England, at times when the premises are not open. Where practicable the notice should be legible from outside the pharmacy premises, specifying the addresses of other NHS pharmacies and the days on which and times at which drugs and appliances may be obtained from those addresses. A list of pharmacies is displayed on the NHS website [here](#).

Pharmacy contractors are expected to have updated their own NHS UK and DoS profiles. If DoS Profile has not been updated, pharmacies will need to request emergency profiling changes by the DoS team by phoning **0300 0200 363**.



### New Serious Shortage Protocols issued

[Estradot® 100micrograms/24hours patches](#): SSP057 enables pharmacists to provide either one Evorel® 100 patch or one Estraderm® MX 100 patch as a suitable alternative when an Estradot® 100micrograms/24hours patch is prescribed. This SSP is currently set to expire on 8th September 2023.

[Jext® 300micrograms/0.3ml \(1 in 1000\) solution for injection auto-injector pen](#): SSP058 enables pharmacists to provide one EpiPen® 300micrograms/0.3ml (1 in 1000) auto-injector pen as a suitable alternative to Jext® 300micrograms/0.3ml (1 in 1000) auto-injector pen. This SSP is currently set to expire on 15th September 2023.

You can find all the current SSPs on this [NHSBSA page](#).

### Reminder: Upcoming CPE Events and Webinars

- Price Concession Webinar (Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> September) [Find out more](#)
- Pharmacy Owner Engagement Event (Monday, 18th September) [Find out more](#)
- Rural Regulations Workshop (Tuesday, 26th September) [Find out more](#)

### Flu Vaccine Service: Virtual Outlines module published

New Pharmacy training is available by Virtual outlines about the 2023/24 Flu Vaccination Service. You can view the flyer [here](#) and access the training on the following [link](#).

### NHS App Promotional Materials

You can find various promotional materials for the NHS App that you can display in your pharmacy or online on the following link: <https://digital.nhs.uk/services/nhs-app/toolkit>

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](#)

[CPE Newsletters](#)

[CPE Payment Timetable and Deadline Tracker](#)

[CPE Important Dates and Checklist](#)