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## COMMUNITY PHARMACY ARDEN GENERAL UPDATE 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023

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

### Reminder: Pharmacy Services Webinar - 27<sup>th</sup> September (7-9.30pm)

Have you signed up for our Pharmacy Services Webinar? Join us for an information packed evening online with all the new updates on local and national services, including: Flu, Covid, CPCS, CCS, DMS, BP checks and AMBP, Oral Contraceptives, IP Pathfinder Pilots and more!

You can find the flyer with the registration details [here](#).

### Reminder: AGM 19<sup>th</sup> October

Community Pharmacy Arden AGM workshop will be on 19th 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.

In addition, Pfizer will be there to give some information about Paxlovid and Microlife to demonstrate their ABPM (one of the approved machines) who will offer a discount to Contractors in H&W and C&W.

The full agenda will be available shortly.

AGM voting papers for accounts were sent out to Contractors for sign off on 12<sup>th</sup> September – if you missed this email, please let us know. The Annual Report and the Accounts are already on our website [here](#) if you wish to view them.

### Reminder: PQS Aspiration Payment Window Closes on 29th September 2023

Community pharmacy contractors can now make a claim for an aspiration payment for the PQS 2023/24 on the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) [Manage Your Service \(MYS\) portal](#). This payment is optional and not claiming will not impact a contractor's ability to claim payment for the PQS 2023/24 during the declaration period.

Contractors who wish to claim an aspiration payment must do so **between 9:00 on 4 September 2023 and 23:59 on 29 September 2023**. The aspiration payment will be paid on 1 November 2023.

The full PQS guidance can be found [here](#).

### Flu and C-19 Vaccination Services: New Resources Available

CPE has published some new resources in line with the new branding to promote the flu vaccination service. You can access these resources through the "Promoting the service to patients" tab on the [Flu page](#).

We would also like to remind you that Flu Vaccination training is available from Virtual Outcomes. Details [here](#).



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We've added a new resource to the C-19 vaccination section on the LPC website, chapter 14a of the [Green Book](#). It highlights the eligible groups and vaccines to use. The criteria are similar to those for flu – hence the co-administration where possible.

### **Funding to support expansion of pharmacy technician workforce 2023/24 MIDLANDS**

NHS England Workforce, Training and Education (WT&E) directorate are offering funding to support the training of pre-registration trainee pharmacy technicians (PTPTs) on a multi-sector or single sector community pharmacy integrated training programme. There will be a series of 60-minute webinars during the application window to provide further details regarding this funding opportunity. More information [here](#).

Guidance for employers is available [here](#).

The application window is open from Thursday 20 September until 11.59p.m Sunday 15 October 2023. Submit your application by completing the expression of interest form, click [here](#).

These links have been added to our Pharmacy Training section on our website [here](#), including this [Pharmacy Trainee Support Guide](#).

### **Stoptober: resources available**

With October around the corner it's time to start thinking about the annual return of Stoptober. The campaign resources are now available to download from the [Campaign Resource Centre](#). These can be used from the launch date of 20 September to 31 October.

### **Vision for Community Pharmacy**

Nuffield Trust and The King's Fund have published 'A Vision for Community Pharmacy', setting out how community pharmacies' role in healthcare could be expanded over the next decade, with the right investment and support. Details can be found on the CPE website [here](#).

### **New LPC Member**

We are pleased to confirm that Sumeet Randhawa has been appointed to the CPA committee as of October 2023. Sumeet is an independent contractor with a pharmacy in Hipswell Highway, Coventry and brings a wealth of experience to the Committee and gives us a good balance of Coventry and Warwickshire representation.

We had a lot of interest from very good candidates and would like to thank those who applied and look forward to doing some projects with some of them in the future.



## We are blogging!

We would like to announce the launch of our new blog. We are planning to use this feature to bring you topical news and information about local and national pharmacy matters. Our first article is an introduction of our current team and a recap of our upcoming events. You can read it [here](#).

We hope you'll find this feature useful and interesting going forward.

## Our WhatsApp Groups

We have several WhatsApp Groups – Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Coventry, Warwickshire AND Covid Vaccination Midlands Providers Group. These are really useful for getting quick heads-up messages out between comms etc. The Covid Vacc is particularly useful for current and new providers – often helps solving problems and sharing hints and tips. You would need to share a mobile number that you are happy to have on What's App and abide by some key principles around its use: for professional, urgent, two-way communication between Community Pharmacy teams and the LPC. Please do not post confidential, financial or patient identifiable information. Please let us know if you would like to join any of our WhatsApp Groups and we'll add your contact details.

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](#)