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## COMMUNITY PHARMACY ARDEN GENERAL UPDATE 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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

### Pharmacy Services Webinar Recording

Thank you to those of you who attended our services webinar last week. The recording and the presentation slides are now available on demand. You can access the recording on our YouTube channel [here](#) – it has been timestamped so you can easily find the relevant sections. The slide deck is available to download [here](#).

Please read our Chief Officer, Fiona Lowe's reflections on the event with the key take-away messages in our new blog post [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).

The full agenda is now available for download [here](#).

If you would like to attend all or any of the workshop sessions, please let us know by emailing [ahwlp@gmail.com](mailto:ahwlp@gmail.com).

### Reminder: Accounts Voting

AGM voting papers for accounts were sent out to Contractors for sign off on 12<sup>th</sup> September – the deadline to return them is **17<sup>th</sup> October**. Distant votes received after this date may not be counted. The Annual Report and the Accounts are already on our website [here](#) if you wish to view them.

### C-19 Vaccination Programme Update in CW

Please note new requirements below from the ICB regarding Covid Vaccinations:

1. Stock takes must be entered on to Foundry MINIMUM every 7 days. The more often pharmacies put their stock levels on to Foundry the more sensitive the vaccine quantities will be calculated going forward i.e. Update your Foundry stock levels after each clinic and the Targeted Deployment Model will respond. i.e. more stocktakes = more vaccines!
2. Do not open up calendar bookings until you have secured vaccines – if necessary, you will have to moderate walk ins if you have not been operating this way.
3. Check your vaccine deliveries on Foundry and not through the HW SVOC email
4. Coventry & Warwickshire ICB SVOC for all other queries outside the above is **[cwp-tr.cwvoc@nhs.net](mailto:cwp-tr.cwvoc@nhs.net)** to which all enquiries should be placed and not via telephone since an audit trail of enquiries and responses is required.



## Covid and Flu Vaccinations

We note that most pharmacies are very busy with vaccine administration, some with flu and others with both covid and flu. This year there is a big emphasis on co-administration - covid vaccination sites are required to offer a flu vaccination at the same time as the covid vaccination is given. Patients may have pre-existing separate bookings for flu jabs after their covid jabs - if they opt to have the flu jab with the covid jab then it is important to remind them to cancel their flu jab appointment if it is with a different provider.

Having such a good variety of locations for these vaccinations is very important for patient access and increasing the vaccination numbers in target groups year on year. If any difficulties arise, for example any suggestions that one site is superior to another for vaccination, then please flag these to us and we will raise this at SVOC. It is important we work well across the system to ensure both maximum uptake and good working relationships between surgeries and pharmacies.

## Unplanned Temporary Closures Procedure

The current workforce pressures are leading to unplanned temporary closures that are beyond contractors' control. In these circumstances, if contractors follow appropriate procedures to mitigate the effects of the closure on patients, the public, the NHS, and other community pharmacy contractors, they should avoid breaching their terms of service. Please observe the following guidelines: [Unplanned Temporary Pharmacy Closures](#)

## Midlands Antibiotic Amnesty Campaign 2023 / PQS

Please find attached a [letter](#) and [presentation](#) about the Antibiotic Amnesty Campaign 2023 in the Midlands. The amnesty will run from Wednesday 1 November to Thursday 30 November 2023. It is not mandatory to participate in this campaign, but it ties in with the Prevention Domain of PQS. For your reference, please find a link to the PQS requirements [here](#) (see page 6 for Antimicrobial Stewardship).

## Prescription Savings Campaign Comms Toolkit

Please find attached a toolkit to help communicate prescription saving messages to patients. This campaign aims to raise awareness of the two prescription money saving schemes available to patients: The Prescription Prepayment Certificate, and The Low Income Scheme. The toolkit can be downloaded from our website [here](#) as a PowerPoint file.

## Medicine Supply Notification (via CPE):

[Progesterone \(Lutigest®\) 100mg vaginal tablets and Progesterone \(Crinone®\) 8% progesterone vaginal gel](#)

## National Patient Safety Alert (via CPE):

[Shortage of methylphenidate prolonged-release capsules and tablets, lisdexamfetamine capsules, and guanfacine prolonged-release tablets](#)

## Reminder: 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 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](#).

### Reminder: Stoptober digital resources available

The annual Stoptober campaign resources are available to download from the [Campaign Resource Centre](#). These can be used until the end of the month to promote the Stop Smoking initiative.

### CPE News

Watch the recording of CPE's Pharmacy Owners Webinar [here](#).

Watch the recording of CPE's Price Concessions Webinar [here](#).

View CPE's interactive Annual Report [here](#).

Previous CPE newsletters are on our website [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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#### USEFUL LINKS:

[CPA Website](#)

[CPHW Website](#)

[CPE Newsletters](#)

[CPE Payment Timetable and Deadline Tracker](#)

[CPE Important Dates and Checklist](#)