

# Pharmacy Bulletin

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## Weekly E-Communication for Pharmacies

Welcome to this week's edition and new look!

### 1. EPS National update

Please use link to find out more

<http://nhscfheps.cmail1.com/t/ViewEmail/r/58949D5ED7B90B552540EF23F30FEDED/F2CB20DB2EB17EDAF1E87EB810D8F10A>

### 2. EHC training event for Cornwall Pharmacies

The EHC training event on Tuesday May 13th at Carn Brea Leisure Centre, Redruth is now fully booked.

### 3. Enhanced services for Cornwall pharmacies

Please see April spreadsheet attached for completion. Please return completed copies to Kath. [Kathrynhughes2@nhs.net](mailto:Kathrynhughes2@nhs.net)

### 4. Pharmacy Referral Cards (Plymouth Pharmacies only)

In April, Devon LPC in conjunction with NEW Devon CCG Medicines Optimisation Team launched the medication review referral card as part of a pilot project in Plymouth. Each GP practice in Plymouth together with two voluntary agencies (MIND and the Stroke Association), four dental surgeries, four optical practices and the diabetes specialty at Derriford hospital will receive 100 referral cards. We are encouraging these organisations to give these to patients when they are discussing medication and to encourage them to seek a medication review with their pharmacist if appropriate. To help assess the success of the pilot we are asking pharmacies to keep the cards that are presented. At the end of each month (April, May and June) these should be returned to the NEW Devon CCG Medicines Optimisation Team in the envelopes provided by Devon LPC (Pre-paid envelopes for this purpose will be sent to you from Devon LPC to return these cards).

**This is a reminder to ask pharmacies to return their first month returns (April) in the Freepost envelope provided as soon as possible so the Medicines Optimisation Team can start collating the figures.** For further details about this pilot project please contact Graham Parsons on 01752 398800 or email [graham.parsons2@nhs.net](mailto:graham.parsons2@nhs.net)

### 5. Another reminder for signed PGDs and assurance sheets

Another reminder please for Devon pharmacies participating in minor ailments, emergency supplies service and winter ailments schemes to remember to return a signed copy of the PGDs and sign up assurance sheets. To date out of more than 80 expected returns only 3 signed PGDs and 11 assurance sheets have been received.

Please can we also remind you that if we have not received these signed documents then you should not be providing these services.

**Please submit to Kath [kathrynhughes2@nhs.net](mailto:kathrynhughes2@nhs.net) or fax or post**

## **6. Superdrug pharmacy, Newton Abbot – new address**

The pharmacy, formerly at Courtenay Street, Newton Abbot, moved on 28<sup>th</sup> April to:-

Unit 2, Former Hospital Site, East Street, Newton Abbot, TQ12 4PT

Tel: 01626 353307

Opening Hours Monday – Saturday: 08:30 – 17:30 / Sunday: Closed

If you have any articles you would like us to include in the weekly E-Communication then please let us know.

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