

Pharmacy Bulletin

14th August 2014

Weekly E-Communication for Pharmacies

Welcome to this week's edition.

1. Ebola advice for educational, childcare and young persons' setting

Please read attached guidance. As we approach the new term it would be good to have this in place for those students that may arrive from the African Continent.

2. Public Health Campaign – “Be clear on Skin Cancer”

This campaign is due to finish around Friday 15th/Saturday 16th August. Please can we remind pharmacies that we need the “30 second Feedback form” that patients have completed sent to us shortly after this date. This is so that we can evaluate the effectiveness of the campaign and pharmacies participation. Please remember to include your pharmacy name and address on your returns.

We have already received a pack of completed questionnaires but don't know who these came from. Please can you let us know if it was you.

HCP research following BCOC pilot

As part of the Be Clear on Cancer skin pilot campaign, Public Health England has commissioned research to assess the impact of the campaign. The work involves ResearchWorks conducting qualitative research comprising in-depth face-to-face interviews with a small sample of Pharmacists, GPs and Dermatologists in w/c 1 September.

ResearchWorks will be in touch. Your participation is optional and all responses will be treated confidentially as ResearchWorks work within the Market Research Society's code of conduct. If you have any questions about this work, please contact Christine Roberts at PHE on 020 7972 5270 or at Christine.Roberts@phe.gov.uk.

3. Unpaid postage

We have mentioned in previous issues of E-Communications to please ensure that anything you post to us has the correct postage on it. Unfortunately we have received another 4 packages this week where postage has not been paid. Sorry but we cannot afford to keep paying for items to be delivered to us. Therefore, with immediate effect, we will be invoicing pharmacies who fail to add postage to their parcels, the cost of the postage and a £10 administration fee.

4. Enhanced Service payments for pharmacies in the Western locality area

Payments have been requested for claims submitted by pharmacies, Derriford facing in Devon and Cornwall, under the NEW Devon CCG scheme. These payments will appear on your statement from the Business Services Authority as Emergency Supply under Local Scheme 7, Minor Ailments under Local Scheme 8 and Winter Ailments under Local Scheme 9. Please note that claims will only be paid where an initial assurance form has been signed for the Enhanced Service being provided.

5. EHC training event (Cornwall pharmacies)

The next EHC training event has been organised for Tuesday 16th September from 7.00-9.30pm at The Exchange, Molesworth Street, Wadebridge, Cornwall PL27 7DS. All those who are interested please contact: paulene.proctor@cornwall.nhs.uk

Please accept our apologies as in last week's issue we mentioned that Paulene had replaced Jo Hardwick, whereas this is not the case, and just to make the roles clear:-

Paulene is now responsible for all Pharmacy EHC training

Jo Hardwick is still responsible for all contract queries and payments so please ensure all monthly invoices are sent directly to her e-mail address jo.hardwick@cornwall.nhs.uk or jhardwick@cornwall.gov.uk

6. An evening with NHS Kernow Medicines Optimisation Team: Supporting Integrated Medicines Optimisation (Cornwall pharmacies)

A chance to find out what medicines optimisation projects the team are working on and to discuss how community pharmacists can support this work. Please see the attached flyer for more details and how to book. Please book soon as places are limited.

7. August Bank Holiday rotas

August Bank Holiday Monday rotas for Devon and Cornwall were e-mailed in June but if you are missing a copy please use the link below to access the rotas on NHS England web site. <http://www.England.nhs.uk/south/dcis-at/pharmacies/> Please note the Mid Devon version will shortly be replaced as Boots, Holsworthy are now closed.

We also have copies of the rotas covering Bristol, North Somerset, Somerset and South Gloucestershire. Rather than attach these large documents please let Sally know if you would like a copy of any of these rotas covering August Bank Holiday Monday.

8. Vaccine update

Please see link for latest update

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/vaccine-update-issue-217-july-to-august-2014>

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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