

Pharmacy Bulletin

16th July 2015

Welcome to this week's edition of the South (South West) Pharmacy Bulletin.

1. Pharmacy Health Promotion Campaign “Breast Cancer awareness in women over 70”

All pharmacies will be contractually required to take part in the Be Clear on Cancer campaign “Breast Cancer awareness for the over 70’s” that will run during August. Promotional material will be sent to each pharmacy so please watch out for this. Further details concerning the campaign will be sent on a separate e-mail.

2. Pharmacies changing to nhs.net e-mails

Pharmacies, mostly in Cornwall, have been asked to apply for an nhs.net e-mail address. An nhs.net e-mail gives a secure way of transferring information. Please note that when you receive notification from Cornwall IT you must activate your nhs.net e-mail address within 7 days and regularly use it. If this e-mail address is not used your nhs.net e-mail will be closed and you will need to re-apply.

3. 2015-16 Specialist Medicines (BNSSSG pharmacies only) (attachment)

Attached is a list of the pharmacies across Bristol, North Somerset, Somerset and South Gloucestershire who are providing the 2015/2016 Enhanced Service for the Availability of Specialist Medicines. Also, within this document “2015-16 Specialist Meds Service letter and info” is the list of drugs that the participating pharmacies are required to stock. We have circulated this information widely but please feel free to share it with colleagues. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Lillington via england.bnsssg-pharmacy@nhs.net

4. Controlled Drugs newsletter (attachment)

Please see July edition attached.

5. Prescribed treatment agreements updated for people receiving prescriptions from RISE (in Devon) and Addaction (in Cornwall) (attachments)

For those patients who are already on scripts with the above services, their contracts will be updated at their next scheduled appointments. The new document will arrive at the Pharmacy with photographic identification attached unless the person declines, in which case there is a section on the form that outlines how they have agreed to have their identification verified. This is to make the services that we all provide safer, particularly following multiple incidents of individuals being given the wrong medication by community pharmacists.

6. Peninsula Community Health contract – Cornwall & Isles of Scilly (attachment)

Peninsula Community Health is commissioned by Kernow Clinical Commissioning Group to deliver adult community healthcare services across Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. The current contract will run until 31 March 2016 but a contract extension beyond March 2016 is not being sought. Please read the attached stakeholder and contract letters for further information.

7. EHC PGD event for Cornwall pharmacies only (attachment)

Please see attached invitation for EHC PGD training event on 15th September at St Austell. If you are interested in attending please let Laura Mellow know.

8. Vaccine update

Please use link <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/vaccine-update-issue-230-june-2015> to view latest copy.

If you have any articles you would like us to include in the weekly E-Communication then please send to either generic mail box – details below.

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