

Pharmacy Bulletin

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Welcome to this week's edition of the South, South West Pharmacy Bulletin

1. Cornwall Pharmacies – Temporary Smartcards

Pharmacies can request a temporary smartcard by emailing the following: CITS.RA-BusinessTeam@Cornwall.NHS.UK

2. Repeat Dispensing Using the Electronic Prescription Service

New guidance has been published on new functionality and legal information about repeat dispensing using the electronic prescription service. See <http://www.england.nhs.uk/ourwork/tsd/sst/erd-guidance/>

3. Summary Care Record Access for Community Pharmacies

Community Pharmacies across England will be given the opportunity to access the Summary Care Record, (SCR), in new plans announced on Wednesday 24th June. NHS England has commissioned the Health & Social Care Information Centre, (HSCIC), to support all community pharmacies in England to implement access to the SCR. This will be an important step in the development of community pharmacy services, helping to cement community pharmacy's position at the heart of primary care, better integrated into health and care systems. This integration is vital if patients are to receive more co-ordinated healthcare in the future. The Royal Pharmaceutical Society, Pharmacy Voice and the PSNC have welcomed the roll out of the SCR. A recent pilot carried out in 140 community pharmacies showed that pharmacists were able to help people who needed access to essential medicines by using the SCR, avoiding an unnecessary visit to their GP. PSNC is working with NHS England, HSCIC and the other national pharmacy bodies to finalise arrangement for the roll out of SCR and implementation is expected to begin in the autumn, 2015.

Can we please urge all pharmacies which have not already done so, to contact us to set up an NHS Mail email account for their pharmacy. Please email the appropriate team's generic email account, shown in the table below, advising of pharmacy name, address, telephone number, existing email address, person who will be responsible for the account, GPhC number if appropriate. We will then be able to contact IT to set up your NHS Mail account.

4. Out of Pocket Expenses

The Pharmacy Team are currently reviewing Out of Pocket (OOP) claims for the 2014/15 period. As you are aware OOP expenses can be claimed, in **exceptional circumstances**, where the contractor has incurred expenses in obtaining products which are not required to be frequently supplied. In some cases we need to have more understanding of some of the claims made and want to let you know that we will be contacting some contractors very shortly requesting more detailed information in order to support the claims submitted.

5. Flu Service 2015/16

We want to give pharmacies as much notice as possible regarding the commissioning intentions of NHS England South, South West to run a flu scheme this winter. Pharmacies will be able to offer free NHS flu vaccinations to at-risk groups under this scheme. The purpose of commissioning the service is to complement existing flu immunisation services delivered via GP practices in order to increase uptake rates by providing improved access for patients. More details will follow shortly.

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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