

Pharmacy Bulletin

1st April 2015

Welcome to this week's edition. We wish you all a very Happy Easter.

1. The national flu immunisation programme 2015/16 (documents attached)

Please see three attached documents for information.

2. Easter rotas

We would like to thank all those pharmacies that are working over the Easter period. The final set of Easter rotas were circulated by e-mail by Sally on 30th March. They are also available on our web site <http://www.england.nhs.uk/south/dcis-at/pharmacies> The revised rota sheets are marked as version 3 for Cornwall, Exeter, Mid Devon, Plymouth, South Hams & West Devon and version 2 for East Devon, North Devon, Torbay, Teignbridge.

Please ensure that you display the most suitable rota/s so that patients are aware of where to obtain medicines over the Easter period. Also please ensure that if your pharmacy has shutters across the windows that the rota is still visible.

If your pharmacy is open on Good Friday, Easter Sunday or Easter Monday please complete the form that was e-mailed on 24th March to show the number of prescriptions dispensed on that particular day. Please return completed forms to our generic mail box england.pharmacydevonandcornwall@nhs.net by Friday 30th April 2015. There is no need to complete this form for Saturday 4th April.

3. National audit: Emergency supply of medicines

Once the audit data period is over, pharmacies should collate their results and then submit these to NHS England's online reporting system. Please note that each audit period has its own web address for the submission of collated data as follows:

Period 1 – Data collection ends Sunday 5 April 2015. Deadline for submission of collated data Sunday 19 April 2015.

Web address for submitting collated

data <https://www.engage.england.nhs.uk/survey/28dea36a>

Period 2 – Data collection ends Sunday 19 April 2015. Deadline for submission of collated data Sunday 3 May 2015.

Web address for submitting collated data

<https://www.engage.england.nhs.uk/survey/633b45bd>

Please note if you find you have a zero return a zero return must still be submitted. Non returns will be monitored centrally and will be followed up.

4. Controlled Drugs newsletter (attached)

Please see version 12 attached.

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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Please use web site link: <http://www.england.nhs.uk/south/dcis-at/pharmacies> for Easter rotas; Cornwall pharmacies opening hours directory; Blank templates for NMS and MUR returns; Forms for requesting changes to Core or Supplementary hours; Blank unplanned closure form; links to the Devon and Cornwall Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments (PNAs); Significant Incident reporting form; Serious Difficulty application form; Contact Details and log for 100 hour pharmacies.

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