

National Call to Action Events - don't miss the opportunity to participate!

In last week's E-communication we announced 2 NHS England Community Pharmacy Call to Action events which are open to all community pharmacy staff and we sent the flier (see below) to all pharmacies on Monday 10th February 2014.

Event details:

Monday 24th February 2014, 18:30-21:30 (Food and refreshments available from 18:30-19:00) Lanhydrock Hotel and Golf Club, Bodmin Cornwall, PL30 5AQ
<http://www.lanhydrockhotel.com/>

Thursday 27th February 2014, 18:30-21:30 (Food and refreshments available from 18:30-19:00) Fingle Glen Golf Hotel, Tedburn St. Mary, Nr Exeter, Devon EX6 6AF
<http://www.fingleglenhotel.co.uk/>

Speakers include:

Stephen Banks, Director of Professional Standards and Superintendent Pharmacist at Boots UK
Clare Howard, Deputy Chief Pharmaceutical Officer for NHS England
Dr David Cousins, Senior Head of Patient Safety for Safe Medication Practice and Medical Devices, NHS England
Deidre Doogan, Pharmacy Voice, Policy Advisor to CCA
Bridget Sampson, Director of Commissioning and Controlled Drugs Accountable Officer, NHS England
Nick Kaye, Independent pharmacist, Chairman of LPF, Cornwall LPC
David Bearman, Devon and Cornwall Pharmacy Local Professional Network Chairman, Devon LPC Chairman

Interest in the events is likely to be high so depending on responses we may have to limit the numbers attending per pharmacy to ensure community pharmacies are represented throughout Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

To book a place on either of the events please contact Bethan Currah (bethan.currah@nhs.net or 01726 627687)

If you are unable to attend the events and would like to meet with a member of the pharmacy team for a discussion around the call to action please let us know and we would be happy to arrange to come and see you.

Devon LPC have also organised three local events (24th February in Barnstaple, 12th March in Torquay and 17th March in Plymouth). Full details and booking forms can be viewed by following the link below:
<http://devonlpc.org/our-news/its-now-or-never-the-pharmacy-call-to-action/>

Cornwall and Isles of Scilly LPC will be holding a meeting for Pharmacists at Tricky's Hotel, Redruth on Wednesday 26th February at 7pm on their response to the Call to Action. Details will be circulated by the end of the week and put on their website.

Information available:

There is a range of information available and the opportunity to comment on the contents of this document.

Please use link <http://www.england.nhs.uk/ourwork/qual-clin-lead/calltoaction/pharm-cta/>

We would also recommend that you take a look at the PSNC website for further information http://psnc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/01_CP_N_0114_V8.pdf and talk to your LPC representatives.

We would also be very happy to receive any feedback on the call to action questions via our generic e-mail address: england.pharmacydevonandcornwall@nhs.net

Message from Addaction service

Across the UK, Addaction are gradually phasing out Subutex: the branded version of buprenorphine used widely as an opiate substitute. Instead the drug will be prescribed as the cheaper generic

alternative. In Cornwall the process will happen fairly gradually over the next 3 months, starting with new presentations first.

For Pharmacies in Derriford Hospital footprint
Winter Pressure session on 17th February 2014

There are a few spaces remaining on the 'Winter Pressure Session ' where we will launch our pilot to fax discharge documents and update you on the new enhanced services. The session is on Monday 17th February at the Future Inn, Plymouth. If you would like to attend please email lynn.bailey@nhs.net or fax the attached invitation to: 01752 398782

Cornwall Public Health EHC, Needle Exchange and IBA claims

All 2013/14 claims must be submitted by mid April in order for budget shutdown on 30th April. No payments for 2013/14 will be paid after this date. Please ensure you send all invoices to Jo.Hardwick@cornwall.nhs.uk or invoices@cornwall.gov.uk by Monday 14th April.