

# Pharmacy Bulletin

12<sup>th</sup> November 2015

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

We are currently experiencing problems with the fax machine in the Saltash office, ie 01752 841696. If you need to send us anything please can we request that this is by e-mail or by post at the moment. Contact details are at the end of this E-Communication.

## **1. Public Health Campaigns – Breast Cancer and Stoptober (evaluation forms attached) – final reminder**

Blank evaluation forms are attached in respect of the Breast Cancer for over 70s campaign and Stoptober. Please note the closing date is fast approaching, ie **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November** to submit these forms to us.

We are aware that in the BNSSSG area arrangements were already in place for different health campaign to take place, and that some pharmacies would have participated in different schemes. We will be liaising with health partners to see if it is possible to receive from them details of pharmacies who have participated as part of the assurance process and will be considered contractually acceptable.

## **2. Next Public Health Campaign – Stay Well This Winter (attached)**

NHS England and Public Health England are running a joint campaign to offer simple advice with the aim of protecting those that are most vulnerable to falling seriously ill over the winter.

Patients are being encouraged to seek help and advice from pharmacists.

All pharmacies will receive a free toolkit over the next couple of weeks so please look out for yours. Details of the pack contents are attached.

## **3. Opening times for Bank Holidays for 2016 (attached)**

Rather than keep asking pharmacies for their Bank Holiday arrangements for next year we have listed all the dates for 2016 on the attached form. We would be grateful if you could complete and return to us as soon as possible showing whether your pharmacy will be open or closed. Thank you to all those pharmacies who have already completed this form.

We are sorry we have to send this request out so early but we have to allow a 90 day notice period if you wish to change your supplementary hours for Easter which occurs at the end of

March 2016. The forms for requesting changes to your core or supplementary hours are available on our web site.

#### **4. Pharmacist Prescribing Programme**

We have been advised of the following by the University of Bath:

**1. February 2016 intake of the Pharmacist Prescribing Programme (workshops in Plymouth):**

The University of Bath is running a final HESW commissioned intake of the uni-professional Pharmacist Prescribing Programme starting in February 2016. All workshops for this intake will be held in Plymouth, Devon – dates for the course, and all application information are available on the website <http://www.bath.ac.uk/study/pg/programmes/phar-pres-prog/>. The deadline for complete applications (to the University of Bath) is **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015**. There are a limited number of funded places available for this intake. If you have **NOT** already provided your details of potential candidates for this intake via the DEMAND FORECAST activity completed earlier this year, please let Emily know (contact details below).

#### **Development of a new multi-professional prescribing course with the University of the West of England**

As you have hopefully heard by now, the University of Bath are working in partnership with UWE to develop a new inter-professional Independent Prescribing programme for the South West. They anticipate that the first intake of this new programme will be in September 2016. As part of the development process, the University of the West of England and the University of Bath are holding a consultation day where they will be asking stakeholders and interested parties to help provide input into key areas of programme design. **This development workshop is being held on Tuesday 17th November 2015 from 11am to 2pm** with a working lunch provided. The venue is yet to be confirmed, but is likely to either be Southwest House or the Rugby Club (both in Taunton). If you are interested in having a say in the development of this new programme, please would you consider either attending or sending a representative. If you are interested in attending please email Emily Haycock [Emily.Haycock@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:Emily.Haycock@uwe.ac.uk) and cc [N.J.Haddington@bath.ac.uk](mailto:N.J.Haddington@bath.ac.uk) to register your interest so that they have an idea of numbers and can communicate information on final arrangements for the day.

If you have any articles you would like us to include in the weekly E-Communication then please send to our generic mail box [england.pharmacysouthwest@nhs.net](mailto:england.pharmacysouthwest@nhs.net)

In addition if you know of any colleagues who would like to receive a copy of the E-Communication each week please send an e-mail with their name, place of work and e-mail address to our generic mail box [england.pharmacysouthwest@nhs.net](mailto:england.pharmacysouthwest@nhs.net) and we will add them to our distribution list.

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