

Pharmacy Bulletin

16th October 2015

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

1. CPAF questionnaire – needs to be submitted by Sunday 1st November

As mentioned in last week's E-Communication the CPAF questionnaire is now live and needs to be completed by 1st November. If you have not done so already please use the link <http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/PrescriptionServices/5028.aspx> to access the page on the Business Services Authority web site where there is a link to the questionnaire (<https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=144369549239>) and a link to guidance.

Please note further comment from the BSA:-

We have just about managed to get email addresses for all the pharmacy contractors but we have found that some of these addresses have since been updated and so we have not reached the correct pharmacy when sending out the link to the questionnaire.

If your pharmacy is having difficulty accessing the questionnaire or have not received an email containing the link to the questionnaire, please can you use the generic link which is hosted on the NHSBSA website <http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/PrescriptionServices/5028.aspx> This is another route available to complete the questionnaire.

2. Flu Advanced Service

We would like to remind all pharmacies who are taking part in this advanced service that pharmacy contractors need to ensure that a patient notification of vaccination is sent to the patient's GP practice on the same day the vaccine is administered or on the following working day. If the pharmacy receives a request from a care home/long stay residential home to vaccinate pharmacists need to ensure they meet the requirements of the advance service specification. This requires pharmacist to seek approval from the Area team prior to going into homes and providing vaccinations by completing the necessary form (Request to provide NHS flu vaccination to care home/long stay residential home patients). Please note that the pharmacy will be asked if they have spoken to the local GP practice to ensure that arrangements have not already been made for community staff to visit.

3. Message from pharmacy in Bristol

Haloperidol 5mg/1ml injection 1ml ampoules are listed on the specialist medicines list. They have just spoken to their suppliers and these will be out of stock until, estimated, at least November. They have them regularly prescribed by many GP surgeries. NHS England pharmacy team will pass this message on to GP surgeries to make them aware that this item is currently unable to order.

4. NHS England Pharmacy team Generic mail box and Web site address have changed – please keep a note!

The NHS England pharmacy web site link has just been updated to cover the south west area. Please use <http://www.england.nhs.uk/south/our-work/pharm-info/sw-pharm/> to access.

We are currently updating the information that is held there.

We have now merged our two generic e-mail addresses into one for all pharmacies in the South West to access. The new address is england.pharmacysouthwest@nhs.net so please use this to contact us. If you do send any e-mails to our previous e-mail boxes, ie england.pharmacydevonandcornwall@nhs.net or england.bnsssg-pharmacy@nhs.net your e-mail will currently be forwarded to the new box. In time though these two boxes will be closed.

5. Vaccine update

Please use link to view latest issue <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/vaccine-update-issue-234-october-2015>

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

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 and we will add them to our distribution list.

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The web site "NHS England South (South West) Community pharmacy" can be found using the **updated link**: <http://www.england.nhs.uk/south/our-work/pharm-info/sw-pharm/>
Documents shown on the web site are in the process of being updated to cover the whole of the south west.

Available documents are Cornwall pharmacies opening hours directory; Devon pharmacies opening hours directories; MUR guidance and Prem2d application forms; Blank templates for NMS and MUR returns (July-September forms will be available shortly); 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.