

Pharmacy Bulletin

19th March 2015

Welcome to this week's edition.

1. National audit: Emergency supply of medicines

The National Audit guidance and paperwork is now available on the PSNC web site. Please use the link <http://psnc.org.uk/our-news/new-dates-for-national-audit> for further details.

The dates for undertaking the audit previously given have now been changed to:-

Period 1 – 23rd March to 5th April 2015 (inclusive)

Period 2 – 6th April to 19th April 2015 (inclusive)

Please note that this is a contractual requirement and pharmacy contractors must undertake the audit in one of two above defined two week periods.

2. Specials (extracted from PSNC)

When supply an unlicensed special or import to a patient, in all instances the pharmacy is required by the MHRA to keep a record of the following for 5 years:

- The source of the product
- The person to whom and the date of which the product was sold or supplied
- The prescriber's details
- The quantity of each sale or supply
- The batch number of the product

These records must be available for inspection by the Licensing Authority.

In addition to the above, for unlicensed specials or imports **not** listed in Part VIII B, the pharmacy must stamp, date, initial and endorse the Certificate of Analysis (CoA)/ Certificate of Conformity (CoC) with the invoice price and prescriber's details. At the end of the month, the pharmacy must then send a copy of the CoA/CoC to the NHS England Area Team of the prescriber along with the prescriber's details.

The Drug Tariff states that for imported unlicensed products not listed in Part VIII B, where a CoA/CoC is not available, the contractor must stamp, date, initial and endorse the invoice with the invoice price less discount (where not clearly detailed by the supplier) and the prescriber's details.

At the end of each month, the contractor shall send a copy of the appropriately endorsed COA/CoC/invoice to the NHS England Area Team of the prescriber, allowing the Area Team to match expenditure to the special supplied.

3. Easter rotas revised

The Easter rotas have been revised to include showing which enhanced services are available at which pharmacy across Devon and Cornwall. 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.

4. Vaccine update

Please use the link <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/vaccine-update-issue-226-march-2015> to read this special issue concentrating on vaccine supply and the delivery schedule for the Easter Bank holiday.

5. New pharmacy at Cranbrook, Exeter

A new pharmacy opened on 9th March.

Cranbrook pharmacy, Younghayes Centre, 169 Younghayes Road, Cranbrook, Exeter EX5 7DR

Telephone 01404 514456

Opening hours are:-

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 0900-1200 and 1400-1800

Wednesday 0900-1200

Saturday 0900-1300 and 1400-1800

Sunday 0900-1000

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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