

# Pharmacy Bulletin

21<sup>st</sup> May 2015

Welcome to this week's edition.

## **1. May Bank Holiday rotas for Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May**

Just a reminder that the May Bank Holiday rotas are available on our web site <http://www.england.nhs.uk/south/pharm-info/dcis-pharm/> if you are missing a copy. Please remember to display the most appropriate rota showing the opening times of nearby pharmacies should your pharmacy be closed on this day.

## **2. May Bank Holiday prescription activity (form attached)**

Thank you to all those pharmacies who will be open on Monday. Just a reminder please that if your pharmacy was open on Bank Holiday Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May or will be open on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May to complete the attached form showing prescription activity and return to our generic mail box [england.pharmacydevonandcornwall@nhs.net](mailto:england.pharmacydevonandcornwall@nhs.net) We are missing a number of returns from multiples who were open on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May and so would appreciate receiving these as soon as possible.

## **3. Early notification of opening on 26<sup>th</sup> December**

A letter will be e-mailed to all pharmacies shortly giving details concerning Boxing Day 2015.

## **4. Change of opening hours**

We have found on a couple of occasions now that pharmacies have been changing their opening hours without informing NHS England. Often this is to trial different closing times. Please note that it is a requirement to let NHS England know before any changes to core or supplementary hours are made even if they are for a short period of time. The correct form (available on our web site – web site link below) will need to be completed and 3 months' notice given although often increases in supplementary hours are approved quicker than 3 months. Once the change in hours has been approved NHS England will inform out of hours services, GP practices, Dental practices and other relevant organisations. Without informing NHS England we cannot let the relevant services know.

## **5. Devon pharmacies opening hour directories**

On 8<sup>th</sup> May Sally circulated the draft Devon Pharmacies Opening Hour directories and asked Devon pharmacies to check that their details showing name, address, telephone number and opening times were correct. If you haven't already replied please can you do this as soon as possible as we need to circulate the directories. Thank you to all those pharmacies that have responded already.

## **6. Vaccine update**

Please use link to see latest copy

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/428190/HE\\_9261\\_VU229\\_April\\_May\\_2015\\_20.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/428190/HE_9261_VU229_April_May_2015_20.pdf)

## **7. Message from Cornwall Council (Cornwall pharmacies only)**

### **Cornwall Council Public Health Services – EHC, IBA and Needle Exchange**

ALL pharmacies are required, from 1<sup>st</sup> April, to record activity for Cornwall Public Health Services on PharmOutcomes. If you haven't requested your log in details please go to <https://pharmoutcomes.org/pharmoutcomes/> at your earliest convenience.

PharmOutcomes will produce all invoices so please do NOT send to Jo Hardwick or Cornwall Council.

EHC PGD's – We will be chasing those stores next week who have yet to complete and return their self-accreditation and signing sheet. All forms are 'pinned' to the EHC service on PharmOutcomes or email [PHContracts@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:PHContracts@cornwall.gov.uk) to request copies. If you fail to send in the required information by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015 you will not be able to claim for EHC.

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/pharm-info/dcis-pharm/> for May Bank Holiday rotas, Cornwall pharmacies opening hours directory; MUR guidance and Prem2d application forms; 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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