

Updates for primary care in Devon, Cornwall and Isles of Scilly:

Pharmacy Bulletin

28th January 2015

Welcome to this week's edition.

1. Volunteers wanted for Easter Sunday (5th April 2015)

We are experiencing difficulties finding one hour cover, preferably between the hours of 1.00pm and 5.00pm, for Easter Sunday in the following areas:-

Helston, Honiton and Seaton. Thank you to those pharmacies who have volunteered to open. If you can help us out we would love to hear from you. Please e-mail Sally sally.dutton@nhs.net or phone her on 01138248797 by 30th January.

2. Five year rotas for Christmas Day and Easter Sunday – volunteers wanted!

We are attempting to put together a 5 year pharmacy rota for Christmas Day and Easter Sunday across Devon and Cornwall. In order to alleviate the rush of suddenly finding out your pharmacy is being asked to open, this way, hopefully, you will have plenty of notice to arrange cover. To start the process we would like to ask for any pharmacy that is willing to volunteer to open on Christmas Day or Easter Sunday over the next 5 years up to 2019 to let us know by 30th January by e-mailing our generic mail box england.pharmacydevonandcornwall@nhs.net Usually the session is for one hour but could be for two hours if in a busy town centre. Reimbursement will be made at the current rates.

We look forward to hearing from you and thank you to those pharmacies that have responded already.

3. Out of Hours review

We have written to pharmacies who provide an Out of Hours service in Axminster, Lynton, Okehampton, Ottery St Mary, South Molton and Liskeard to complete a form with numbers of scripts dispensed during their out of hours periods worked in February. Weekly results should be e-mailed to our generic mail box please.

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During March we will review whether these services continue or cease.

4. NHS England Area Pharmacy team web site

Please use the link http://www.england.nhs.uk/south/dcis-at/pharmacies to access any of the following documents you may need:-

- Cornwall pharmacies opening hours directory version 5 January 2015. (Will be uploaded shortly.)
- Blank templates for NMS and MUR returns for each quarter of 2014-15
- Forms for requesting changes to Core or Supplementary hours
- Blank unplanned closure template (please use to report to the Area Team if your pharmacy has to close suddenly)
- Web links to the Devon and Cornwall Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments (PNAs)
- Significant Incident reporting form
- Serious Difficulty application form
- Contact Details January 15 (Will be uploaded shortly)
- Log for 100 hour pharmacies

5. Advanced Inhaler Technique training (attachments)

If you would like to attend a training session please see the attached forms. You don't have to be in either North Devon or Torbay to attend. Further sessions are being planned in other Devon areas – details to follow.

6. Chagford pharmacy – open on Wednesday afternoons from February 2015

Chagford Pharmacy, 5 The Square, Chagford TQ13 8AA have now extended their opening times and will be open on Wednesday afternoons from 1400-1800 hours from 4th February.

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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