

Pharmacy Bulletin

5th June 2015

Welcome to this week's edition.

1. Cornwall Pharmacy Opening Times directory updated – version 7 June 2015

Version 7 of this document is now available on our web site

<http://www.england.nhs.uk/south/pharm-info/dcis-pharm/>

This contains some minor changes to the lunch period for Boots, Fore Street, Bodmin; Boots, Perranporth; Roche pharmacy and the post code for Tesco, Launceston. If you would like an updated copy please download from the web site.

2. “Paracetamol challenge”

The NPA has issued an alert regarding the ‘paracetamol challenge’, which is a social media dare which involves youngsters encouraging each other to take large amounts of paracetamol. Pharmacy teams are reminded to be vigilant in respect of requests for paracetamol, particularly from young people.

For further information please see:

<http://www.npa.co.uk/Knowledge-Centre/Superintendent-Alerts/Paracetamol-challenge---Are-you-aware-of-the-dangers/>

3. Payments for Easter Sunday

If your pharmacy was directed to open on Easter Sunday by NHS England we have requested that these payments be made this month along with other April items. Pharmacies do not have to submit any invoices to receive these payments.

4. Vaccine update

Public Health England has been notified of a further delay to deliveries from the manufacturer (the Statem Serum Institute) and we now expect ordering for BCG vaccine to reopen on ImmForm in mid-June. Colleagues should continue to prioritise remaining local stocks as outlined in Vaccine Update issue 227 at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/vaccine-update-issue-227-march-2015>