

Pharmacy Bulletin

8 January 2016

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

The pharmacy team would like to wish you all a very happy New Year.

1. Change to Management of Alerts

As of 1st January 2016, South Central and West CSU will be managing the distribution of all alerts for us. This refers to the CAS Alerts, patient alerts and also missing prescription alerts to all contractors as appropriate. Existing templates will continue to be used.

The alerts mailbox address will be changing to alerts.scwcsu@nhs.net.

Please add this to your Safe Senders list to ensure the emails do not go to your junk folder.

For instructions on adding emails to your safe senders list in outlook please follow the link below.

<https://support.office.com/en-ca/article/Add-names-to-the-Junk-Email-Filter-lists-98b3c0f2-81aa-46cc-b198-20b9faa9e831>

2. Christmas and New Year 2015/2016 Monitoring Forms

Could those pharmacies which were open over the Christmas holiday period kindly forward their completed monitoring form to the generic email inbox, (england.pharmacysouthwest@nhs.net) as a matter of urgency – a copy of the form is attached. Many thanks.

3. Communication of the Department of Health and NHS England's letter "Community Pharmacy 2015 and Beyond".

Please see link:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/486941/letter-psnc.pdf

4. Watch Out Flu's About

Latest figures from Public Health England (PHE) indicate flu is now circulating in the community, with increases seen for several indicators, in particular influenza confirmed hospitalisations amongst younger adults. We'd like to ask pharmacists to keep on encouraging eligible patients to have their free NHS flu jab, particularly those at risk patients, pregnant women and carers.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/phe-confirms-flu-is-now-circulating>

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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