

Pharmacy Bulletin

9th October 2015

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

1. Pharmacy Health Promotion Campaign “Breast Cancer in women over 70” – please respond by 16th October (blank form attached)

Thank you to all those pharmacies who have already returned the evaluation form in respect of the above campaign. We have given an extension to our original response date of early September so please can you ensure that your completed evaluation form (blank copy attached) reaches us by Friday 16th October, at the latest. Updated contact details of how to submit the evaluation form are listed on the form.

As this is a contractual requirement if we do not receive an evaluation form from your pharmacy by this date then a breach notice will be issued.

2. CPAF questionnaire – needs to be submitted by Sunday 1st November

We mentioned the new CPAF questionnaire in the E-Communication of 24th September and would like to let you know that this is now live.

Please use the link <http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/PrescriptionServices/5028.aspx> to access the page on the Business Services Authority web site where there is a link to the questionnaire (<https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=144369549239>) and a link to guidance.

3. NHS England Pharmacy team Generic mail box and Web site address have changed – please keep a note!

The NHS England pharmacy web site link has just been updated to cover the south west area. Please use <http://www.england.nhs.uk/south/our-work/pharm-info/sw-pharm/> to access.

We are currently updating the information that is held there.

We have now merged our two generic e-mail addresses into one for all pharmacies in the South West to access. The new address is england.pharmacysouthwest@nhs.net so please use this to contact us. If you do send any e-mails to our previous e-mail boxes, ie england.pharmacydevonandcornwall@nhs.net or england.bnsssg-pharmacy@nhs.net your e-mail will currently be forwarded to the new box. In time though these two boxes will be closed.

4. Flu service – data capture

We have received a few concerns from GP Practices about the Pharmacy Flu vaccination service. It would appear that a small number of patients who were not eligible to receive a

NHS flu vaccination have been able to obtain one via community pharmacies. If a patient requests an NHS flu vaccination, and they are not known to you, please remember to confirm their eligibility to receive a NHS flu vaccination by asking some questions about their condition, prescribed medication, etc.

Also please remember that you must notify the patient's GP Practice about the vaccination **on the day the vaccine is administered or the following working day**. We are finding that some GP practices are not receiving this information within a week or more! If you find that the patient's GP practice is not listed on PharmOutcomes please download the form from PharmOutcomes, complete and send this to the GP practice instead. If a GP practice does not have an nhs.net e-mail this will have to be set up first as the patient information cannot be transferred unless it is via a secure route.

If you have any questions or concerns then please contact ;
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5. Flu - Vaccinating patients off site

Following a query we received this week we would like to confirm that it is not permissible in the current SLA to vaccinate any patients off site unless they are in long term residential care. There is a question about this on the PSNC website FAQ on the flu service which gives guidance <http://psnc.org.uk/services-commissioning/advanced-services/flu-vaccination-service/flu-vaccination-faqs/>

6. Supply of Just In Case Bags (JICB) in the Plymouth Area (St Lukes) **(attachment "prescribing information sheet")**

The NEW Devon CCG Medicines Optimisation Team have had some reports that prescribers are writing prescriptions for higher quantities of JICB medicines than recommended within the GP guidelines (see attached prescribing information sheet). This has resulted in many pharmacists/carers having difficulty sealing the bag and increasing the risk of potential waste. We would encourage pharmacists to contact prescribers if quantities are higher than those recommended and encourage the use of the recommended quantities. As the drugs are intended as anticipatory medicines we do not anticipate that amended prescriptions causing delay will have a major impact on the patient/carer. However, each case should be clinically judged on an individual basis. For further information please contact Dr Jemma Cooper (jemma.cooper@nhs.net)

7. Message from Kernow CCG for Cornwall pharmacies only **Fucithalamic eye drops**

From 1st October the cost of fusidic acid eye drops 1 % (Fucithalamic ®) has increased from **£2.69** per pack to **£29.06**. Fusidic acid eye drops are therefore no longer available to supply on the Minor Ailment Scheme.

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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The web site "NHS England South (South West) Community pharmacy" can be found using the **updated link**: <http://www.england.nhs.uk/south/our-work/pharm-info/sw-pharm/>

Currently documents shown on the web site will be updated shortly to cover the whole of the south west.

Available documents are Cornwall pharmacies opening hours directory; Devon pharmacies opening hours directories; MUR guidance and Prem2d application forms; Blank templates for NMS and MUR returns (July-September forms will be available shortly); 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.