

Pharmacy Bulletin

11 September 2015

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

1. Christmas Day & New Year's Day volunteers wanted for Devon or Cornwall

Before we direct pharmacies to open on Christmas Day or New Year's Day we would like to ask if anyone could spare an hour or two on either day and volunteer to open. We need cover in the following areas please:-

Bodmin, Bude, Falmouth, Hayle, Helston, Launceston, Liskeard, Looe, Newquay, Penzance, Redruth, Saltash, St Austell, St Ives, Truro

Honiton, Seaton, Sidmouth, Exeter, Cullompton, Okehampton, Tiverton, Barnstaple, Ilfracombe, Plymouth, Plympton, Plymstock, Dartmouth, Kingsbridge, Totnes, Dawlish, Newton Abbot, Teignmouth, Torquay.

We have to ensure we have enough cover for patients so please can you send an e-mail to england.pharmacydevonandcornwall@nhs.net if you can kindly help us. You will be reimbursed at the current rates.

2. Update: Seasonal flu vaccination programme in community pharmacies

NHS England South (South West) is actively seeking confirmation as to the release of the service specification and final details for the Advanced Service for community pharmacies to deliver the flu vaccination programme.

In order to maximise the potential benefit of a pharmacy scheme during the crucial month of October, we propose to offer a local Enhanced Service from 21 September, if the national scheme is still not available by that time. The Enhanced Service will be based on the national scheme eligible cohorts and payment arrangements.

To prepare for the service, pharmacists can log onto PharmOutcomes and complete the declaration of competency now, in readiness for the start date. You may also wish to download the PGD ([http://www.bnssgformulary.nhs.uk/NHS-England-South-\(South-West\)-Patient-Group-Directions/](http://www.bnssgformulary.nhs.uk/NHS-England-South-(South-West)-Patient-Group-Directions/)) and get it signed for all your pharmacists in readiness.

The Local Pharmaceutical Committees have worked closely with NHS England to achieve this outcome, and you may have already attended a training / engagement event to support you with delivery of the programme.

The specification when available will be sent out by NHS England, we thank you for your continued patience in finalising the details of this programme.

3. Pharmacy Health Promotion Campaign “Stoptober 2015” campaign to run from 1st – 31st October (two attachments)

You will shortly be receiving a health promotion package to support our second Public Health Campaign (as part of your contractual requirements). **The packs will be marked Pharmacy Manager (Stoptober pack).** Packs will only be sent to pharmacies who haven't already ordered one, but those who have already ordered a pack can order additional resources from the pharmacy order line if they have run out of resources and would like more. A briefing note and an evaluation form that will need to be completed are attached.

Stoptober is the UK's biggest stop smoking challenge! On the 1 October, smokers up and down the country will pledge to quit together for the month of October. There will be loads of support to help them succeed. This year the start of Stoptober coincides with new legislation in England and Wales making it illegal to smoke in a car with someone under the age of 18 present. Regulations, designed to protect children from the dangers of second-hand smoke, will come into effect on 1 October. In order to comply with this legislation many people will be looking for external support to help them quit.

4. Pharmacy Health Promotion Campaign “Breast Cancer awareness in women over 70” for August 2015 (form attached)

We hope that the Be Clear on Cancer campaign “Breast Cancer awareness for the over 70's” went well. Please can you now submit your evaluation forms so that we can see how the campaign was received. A copy of the form is attached but please note different submission addresses – depending on where your pharmacy is based.

5. Insuman supply

We understand there still may be issues with the supply of Sanofi Insuman insulin injections. If you are experiencing problems there is an emergency stock line number, which is below. The pharmacy will need to fax the FP10 to Alliance who are managing this stock. Sanofi's emergency order hotline tel. 0203 0448930 or e-mail EOHotline@alliance-healthcare.co.uk

6. Vaccine update

Please use link to view latest copy <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/vaccine-update-issue-232-september-2015>

If you have any articles you would like us to include in the weekly E-Communication then please send to either generic mail box – details below.

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