

Pharmacy Bulletin

20th August 2015

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

1. Changes to Christmas / New Year opening times

Pharmacies are entitled to be closed (subject to any specific direction to open issued by NHS England) on the three public/bank holidays on Friday 25 December, Monday 28 December and Friday 1 January. Pharmacies have previously been asked to provide confirmation of whether you will be open or closed on those days.

For the other days over the Christmas / New Year period pharmacies are expected to open for their usual contractually agreed opening hours on those days. The expectation of NHS England is that we expect all pharmacies to be open for their core hours during this time but pharmacies can ask to make changes to supplementary hours provided 90 days' notice has been given to NHS England (Saltash office) in writing that they wish to do so. You must ensure that all requests reach us before the 25th September, any requests received after this date will not be authorised. You will appreciate that ensuring there is enough pharmacy cover is a time consuming activity and would appreciate your support by returning any request for changes of hours over this period as soon as possible. We reserve the right to direct pharmacies to open should the need occur. Pharmacies which have already made applications to change their hours will receive responses in due course.

2. Pre-Registration Trainee Grants

Please can we remind pharmacies with pre-registration trainees that the Drug Tariff (part XIII) states that claims should be submitted to NHS England at the start of the training period. Claims which are submitted late may not be paid. There is no mandatory form to use when claiming but PSNC have produced one which we would encourage contractors to use: see <http://psnc.org.uk/funding-and-statistics/funding-distribution/pre-registration-training-grant/>

3. Pharmacy Management National Forum Regional Roadshow comes to Bristol on Wednesday 16 September 2015 (papers attached)

Please attached papers for more information.

TO BOOK YOUR FREE PLACE...

Please send an email to forumroadshow@pharman.co.uk commencing it with "I would like to reserve a place at the National Forum Regional Roadshow on Wednesday 16 September

2015 at the Thistle Bristol City Centre – The Grand Hotel” and attach the registration form duly completed. You will receive a prompt acknowledgement of receipt of your email from the offices of Pharmacy Management. More detail about the meeting will then follow in due course. For all booking enquiries, please contact Lorraine Hawes (Project Manager, Pharmacy Management) at lorraine.hawes@pharman.co.uk or katie.fraser@pharman.co.uk

4. August Bank Holiday rotas

Devon & Cornwall - If you need a copy of any of the rota sheets for Devon or Cornwall please visit our web site <http://www.england.nhs.uk/south/pharm-info/dcis-pharm/>
Bristol, North Somerset, Somerset and South Gloucestershire – please see the rotas which were sent out by email last week.

5. Pharmacy Health Promotion Campaign “Breast Cancer awareness in women over 70” for August 2015

We hope that the Be Clear on Cancer campaign “Breast Cancer awareness for the over 70’s” is going well. If you have any questions about the campaign please contact partnerships@phe.gov.uk Please note that this campaign is due to run until 31st August. We have already received a couple of evaluation forms but cannot accept these as the campaign is still running. Please ensure that you do not send us your forms until after 31st August at the end of the scheme. We cannot get a true picture yet of how the campaign has been received as it has only been running for just over two weeks.

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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