

Pharmacy Bulletin

3rd September 2015

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

1. Changes to Christmas / New Year opening times – please let us know asap

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. We will be contacting those pharmacies we need to direct to open on Christmas Day, 28th December or 1st January shortly. If you would like to volunteer to be open on any of these three days please let us know as soon as possible (the usual Christmas rota payments will be paid).

For the other days over the Christmas / New Year period, including Saturday 26 December, pharmacies are expected to open for their usual opening hours unless any changes to supplementary hours have been notified in writing to NHS England (Saltash office) at least 90 days in advance. NHS England expects all pharmacies to be open for their core hours on these days. If you do intend to change your supplementary hours on any of these days, please let us know soon as possible so that we can ensure that there is enough pharmacy cover on all days.

2. 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.

3. Pharmacy Health Promotion Campaign – Stoptober 2015

You will shortly be receiving a health promotion package to support our second Public Health Campaign (as part of your contractual requirements). We want you to contribute to the success of the national campaign that will be running throughout October.

Stoptober is the UK's biggest stop smoking challenge! On the first of 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. More details to follow.

4. Joint NPA / PSNC webinar on Wednesday 16th September at 7.30pm – find out how to make flu vaccinations a success in your pharmacy

On the night Alastair Buxton, Director of NHS Services at PSNC, and Leyla Hannbeck, Head of Pharmacy Services at the NPA, will explain how the flu vaccination service works, showing you how to ensure that you and your team are ready to make the most of the opportunity. A must watch for contractors and pharmacy team members who will be involved in the service. Please use the link to register your place and for further details. <http://psnc.org.uk/our-news/psnc-and-npa-to-host-joint-flu-vaccination-service-webinar/>

5. Seasonal Flu Engagement Events – Devon LPC

There are still some places available at the Seasonal Flu Engagement Events being held in September. Please use the link to find out more <http://devonlpc.org/our-events/>

6. Opportunity For FREE Royal Society Training - Devon LPC

Devon LPC in association with Cornwall LPC has won funding from the Health Education England South West to pay for the Royal Society Public Health training that is used in the Healthy Living Pharmacy Programme. They are able to offer full funding for the course AND back fill/travel expenses of £80!

Currently there is availability on the following dates, 15th, 16th, 22nd, 29th and 30th September in venues across Cornwall and Devon. Interested?

If you would like more information on the course please see: <http://devonlpc.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/20/2015/07/RSPH-events-September-2015-details.pdf>

7. Paracetamol for fever prophylaxis post MenB vaccination – guidance for parents (attachment)

Please see attached letter from PHE giving guidance for parents who may wish to purchase paracetamol.

8. Enhanced Services – Cornwall pharmacies only

Claims for the three services being commissioned by NHS Kernow CCG, ie Minor Ailments Scheme, Urgent Repeat Medicines Emergency Supply Scheme, and Gluten Free Supply Scheme

will need to be entered on Pharm Outcomes from the 1st September.

The services you will see on your pharmacy's log on will depend on which services your pharmacy has signed up to for the 2015-16 contract. If you have not yet responded or have any queries please contact Hannah Barclay or Kirsten Moeller on 01726 627791 or KCCG.PharmacyClaims@nhs.net

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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