

Pharmacy Bulletin

25th August 2016

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

Below are some topics which we would like to bring to your attention. Please see our contacts list at the end of the bulletin should you wish to get in touch with us at any time.

1. (DEVON & CORNWALL) Transfer of Pharmacy Market Entry processing to Primary Care Support England.

The processing of Pharmacy Market Entry for Devon and Cornwall is being handed over to Primary Care Support England (PCSE) with effect from 30 August 2016. (PCSE are already handling the processing of applications for Bristol, North Somerset, Somerset and South Gloucestershire).

Primary Care Support England, which is operated by Capita, has taken on responsibility for the delivery of NHS England's primary care support services. PCSE's contact details are:

Post: PCSE Enquiries, PO Box 350, Darlington, DL1 9QN

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Therefore, please note that in future the below items will need to be sent to PCSE as above:.

- Applications to open new pharmacies
- Applications to relocate existing pharmacies
- Fitness to practise notifications (including changes to Directors or Superintendent Pharmacists)

Applications to amend pharmacy opening hours should continue to be sent to [Sally Dutton via email](#).

2. August Bank Holiday – Last Minute Changes....

The following pharmacies will now be open on the August Bank Holiday Monday (29.08.2016):

- Lloyds, Portishead (within Waitrose store) 0900-1800
- Lloyds, Ilfracombe, 21 High St. 1000-1600 (**In replacement of the Medical centre at Ilfracombe as was originally scheduled**).
- Ideal pharmacy, Warmley 0900-1300
- Boots, Wadebridge 1000-1600

3. Lloyds Pharmacy acquisition of Sainsbury's pharmacy business

Please note that with effect from the 1st September 2016 all Sainsbury's Pharmacies will become part of Lloyds Pharmacy Ltd.

4. Public Health Campaign 2016-17: 'Be Clear on Cancer' (BCOC) Respiratory Symptoms Awareness.

The BCOC campaign is now well underway and will be running until the 09th Sep 2016. Consequently, the **deadline for campaign evaluations to be completed on PharmOutcomes will be the 23rd Sep 2016**, 2 weeks after the close of the campaign.

The evaluation process will be completed entirely electronically this year for all Public Health campaigns. You are NOT required to submit to us paper copies of evaluations nor a copy of the BCOC 'record sheet'. Please use this [LINK](#) to see the record sheet originally sent to all pharmacies in July.

Please note, evaluations have been transferred to PharmOutcomes for the ease of use and benefit of pharmacies. Consequently, there will be no grace period provided to pharmacies at the end of the contractual year 16-17 should pharmacies not participate in the evaluations on PharmOutcomes at the close of each campaign.

5. 2016/17 NHS Flu Vaccination documentation.

The service specification and Patient Group Direction for the 2016/17 NHS Flu Vaccination have been published at www.england.nhs.uk/2016/08/seasonal-vaccination.

The service begins on 1 September 2016. Before they begin to provide the service, pharmacies must register their details via an online registration form that will be on the NHS Prescription Services website shortly at www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/PrescriptionServices/5244.aspx. Once registered, pharmacies can complete and submit a payment claim form to NHS Prescription Services with their monthly submission.

Further information regarding this years' service is available on the [PSNC website](#). NHSE has developed an e-learning package which can be accessed online [HERE](#).

6. Pharmacy Opening Hours over the Christmas & New Year Period 2016-17.

If your pharmacy* wishes to change their core or supplementary hours across the Christmas and New Year period the relevant template must be completed and returned by email to [Sally](#) giving at least 90 days' notice.

Please note that it has been agreed for **Boots pharmacies that all requests are submitted by the Area Managers and not via individual pharmacies.*

All information including the necessary forms are now available on our [web site](#) for your convenience.

7. Event - Antimicrobial resistance (AMR): Working together to stem the tide (29th November 2016).

NHS England and Public Health England present this free event for the South (South West) region to help local areas tackle the challenge of AMR.

This event is a key opportunity for the health and social care community across the region to understand the priorities going forward and explore the shared roles and responsibilities to help support the implementation of local policies and AMR plans.

Registration and coffee will be from 09:30 to 09:55 on the 29th November 2016 and the event will run from 10:00 to 16:00. The event will take place at Taunton Racecourse, Orchard Portman, Taunton TA3 7BL.

To see full details about the programme and to book your place, please visit the [event website](#) or if you have any questions about the event, please send an email to: events@phe.gov.uk

8. AVON LPC: Annual General Meeting – Submit your Nominations Now for the New Award Recognising Collaboration between Community Pharmacies and General Practises...

Nominations are being sought for a new award recognising excellent collaboration between community pharmacies and general practices across Bristol, North Somerset, South Gloucestershire and BANES. The winner will be announced as part of Avon Local Pharmaceutical Committee's new awards ceremony on 12th October in Keynsham. The closing date for nominations will be the 10th September. More details are available here: <http://psnc.org.uk/avon-lpc/avon-lpc-awards-2016/gp-pharmacy-integration/>

9. **SOMERSET Community Pharmacy Strategy Event - A call to action!**

Somerset LPC request you 'save the date' for either the 27th or 28th of September 2016.

Please see the attached flyer for more information and contact details.

10. **Job vacancies x 2 positions (University of Bath).**

The University of Bath are looking to expand their existing team in order to support their prescribing programme and have two 0.5 FTE vacancies – one permanent and one for a fixed term of 2 years. Details as follows:

- Teaching Fellow -Pharmacist Prescribing Programme (Part Time 0.5FTE) – Permanent
<https://www.bath.ac.uk/jobs/Vacancy.aspx?id=8496&forced=1>
- Teaching Fellow -Pharmacist Prescribing Programme (Part Time 0.5FTE) - Fixed Term Contract for 2 years
<https://www.bath.ac.uk/jobs/Vacancy.aspx?id=8494&forced=1>

Closing date for applications to both of these posts is Sunday 4th September 2016.

➡ **Links of the week:**

PSNC Concessions Announcement (24.08.16): [Click here to view an online version](#)

PSNC News Alert (23.08.16): [Click here to view an online version](#)

➡ **What's coming up: August to November 2016...**

	August	September	October	November
	PH Campaign BCOC – Respiratory Symptoms		PH Campaign Stoptober	Preparation for Stay Well this Winter campaign coming up in December begins....
Week1	August Bank Holiday rotas have been circulated and are available on our website	Flu Vaccination service 16-17 commences... The terms and fees for the recommissioned service will remain the same as in 2015/16. For further information on the service visit the flu vaccination section on the PSNC website .	Flu Vaccination service 16-17 continues.... MUR & NMS RETURNS (For second quarter 16-17) due now! See our website for the relevant return forms.	Flu Vaccination service 16-17 continues....
Week2		Ensure all Christmas hour changes are submitted now!		
Week3		BCOC campaign evaluations DUE on PharmOutcomes.		
Week4	29th BANK HOLIDAY	Look/listen out for info on your campaign packs re. Stoptober.		

If you have any articles you would like us to include in the weekly E-Communication then please send to our generic [mail box](#).

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](#) and we will add them to our distribution list.

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