

Community Pharmacy Somerset



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[Drug Tariff Watch: February 2019 2nd Update.](#)

[Drug Tariff Watch: March 2019 changes](#)

[Book now for PSNC's Price Concessions Webinar](#)



[MHRA Drug Safety Update – Feb 2019](#)

To see the latest MHRA Drug Safety Update in full, visit the [GOV.uk](#) website.

IMPORTANT - [MHRA DRUG ALERTS](#)

Metoprolol supply issues. Specialist Pharmacy Service (SPS) website [HERE](#).

Shortage of Carbagen (carbamazepine) tablets. [HERE](#) on the SPS website.

[PSNC Briefing 010/19: Reclassification of gabapentin and pregabalin as CDs \(February 2019\)](#)



[Quality Payments: Updated gateway criteria report available on NHSBSA website.](#)

[Quality Payments: Have you had an email about the WES gateway criterion?](#)

[Quality Payments: New resources on LASA medicines](#)

[Quality Payments: Have you accessed the SCR portal?](#)

[Ask PSNC: Quality Payments FAQs4](#)



Clinical Governance Deadlines Fast Approaching – Actions Required by 31 March 2019

Community pharmacy contractors are reminded that three key actions relating to the clinical governance aspects of the terms of service are required no later than **31st March 2019**.

[PSNC Briefing 064/18: Completing the Data and Security \(IG\) Protection Toolkit](#)



[Prescription charge to rise to £9.00.](#)

The Government has announced an increase to the NHS prescription charge of 20 pence, to £9.00 per prescription item. This change will come into effect from 1st April 2019.



[NHS Prescription Services 'Hints & Tips' – Issue 34](#)



NHS England update on recommended flu vaccines for 2019/2020.

January 23, 2019

Following on from a [previous letter](#) sent by NHS England, Public Health England and the Department of Health and Social Care, NHS England has today (23rd January) published an update on vaccines for the 2019/20 Flu Vaccination Service. Please access the [PSNC](#) website to view all the new information.

A summary table detailing indicative age groups, licensure status and NHS cost per dose is included as an annex in the letter. [Click here to view the letter](#)

[Are you checking your flu vaccination payments?](#)



Just Ask: Could it be Sepsis?

Sepsis is a 'silent killer' that can happen as a response to any injury or infection, anywhere in the body. We spoke to Melissa Mead from the UK Sepsis Trust who explains how important it is for all healthcare professionals to be able to recognise the signs and symptoms of sepsis. [Just Ask: Could it be Sepsis?](#)



The October Drug Tariff [Part VIIA – Quality Payments Scheme \(England\)](#) has some updates to the quality criteria that relate specifically to learning:

On the day of the review, **80% of all registered pharmacy professionals working at the pharmacy have satisfactorily completed the CPPE Risk Management training**; and the pharmacy has available for inspection at the review point, at premises level, an example of a risk review that the pharmacy team at the premises have drawn up for a risk in that pharmacy that has been identified and prioritised with identified risk minimisation actions that the pharmacy team is taking. On the day of the review the pharmacy is a Healthy Living Pharmacy level 1 (self-assessment) and; **80% of staff working at the pharmacy (including pharmacy professionals) that provide healthcare advice to the public have successfully completed the CPPE children's oral health training assessment**. You and your team will be more likely to achieve a pass on the assessment by watching the video presentation *Children's oral health* first (unless you have already familiarised yourself with Public Health England's guidance on children's oral health), so please encourage all your team to complete this to maximise this learning opportunity. Visit the [CPPE Pharmacy Quality Payments Scheme webpage](#) for links and information about accessing these programmes and assessments, and the steps that need to be taken to meet these quality payments criteria. Please see attached **CPPE Quality Payments learning resources document** which highlights resources that can be used to support the community pharmacy quality payments scheme for your whole team.

Healthy Living Pharmacies

Healthy Living Pharmacy teams may wish to host a health awareness event/campaign on obesity and/or cancer as part of their ongoing health promotion activities. More information on hosting a health awareness event/campaign relating to those topics can be found on the [PSNC health promotion ideas page](#).



Community pharmacy training funded by PhIF

Health Education England (HEE) is offering a range of training courses to help community pharmacy professionals improve their clinical and leadership skills fully funded through the Pharmacy integration Fund (PhIF). With courses available across the country, this opportunity is open to all pharmacists and pharmacy technicians working in a community setting. HEE have produced two briefings which provide further information about the training available. The briefings, which contain details of how to sign up, can be viewed via the links below:

PhIF training for community pharmacists

- [Postgraduate courses for pharmacists leading to a postgraduate education award, such as a Certificate in Clinical Pharmacy](#)
- [Mary Seacole Leadership Programme for community pharmacy](#)

PhIF training for community pharmacy technicians

- [Mary Seacole Leadership Programme for community pharmacy](#)
- [Accuracy checking pharmacy technician \(ACPT\) programme for all pharmacy technicians in community settings and in the Health and Justice sector across England](#)

Recommended learning and development programmes for Feb 2019



CPPE Atrial fibrillation (AF) detection in community pharmacy e-learning: you need to become service ready

This programme will equip pharmacy professionals with the knowledge of current AF services available in community pharmacy and support pharmacy professionals to consider their learning and development needs in order to carry out an AF detection service.

On completion of all aspects of this learning programme you should be able to:

- Outline what atrial fibrillation is and how it is diagnosed and managed
- Discuss what atrial fibrillation detection initiatives are already happening in community pharmacy
- Explore what learning resources are available to support the delivery of an atrial fibrillation detection service
- Develop an action plan to become service ready.

Training Events

See attached LPC training plan and visit the LPC events pages at: <https://psnc.org.uk/somerset-lpc/our-events/> for further details.

CPPE Mental health and wellbeing study day. Sun 28 Apr 2019 (9:45am – 4:45pm) - Holiday Inn, Deane Gate Ave, Taunton. TA1 2UA.

This study day focuses on mental health conditions commonly presenting in primary care. It will enable you to support patients with a mental health condition to optimise their medicines. For information about other learning opportunities from CPPE, please visit: www.cppe.ac.uk

[CPPE Asthma focal point workshops \(7:30-9:15pm\).](#)

[Wed 08th May 2019 – Exeter Court Hotel, Exeter, EX6 7UX](#)

[Mon 13th May 2019 - Holiday Inn, Deane Gate Ave, Taunton TA1 2UA. Available for booking.](#)

Atrial fibrillation virtual meetings

You are invited to attend the following two meetings virtually via WebEx:

Thursday 28th February 2019, 1-2pm - Stroke Prevention in AF - Practical Considerations. Dr Guy Furniss – Consultant Cardiologist Musgrove Park Hospital.

Friday 29th March 2019, 1-2pm – Enhancing Identification and Treatment of Nonvalvular Atrial Fibrillation (NVAf) Patients at Risk of Stroke: The Role of NOAC's. Dr Dumin – Stroke Consultant Musgrove Park Hospital. See the attached flyers for further details and to book a place email John Jacobs at: john.jacobs2@pfizer.com

REMINDER - Main point of contact with regards to using the **PharmOutcomes** service is our own LPC Engagement Officer, Yvonne Lamb [07932952497](tel:07932952497) yvonne.somersetlpc@gmail.com

Kind regards
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Somerset LPC - Information on all our news and events can be found via our website and Calendar:
<http://psnc.org.uk/somerset-lpc/new/>

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