# Community Pharmacy Somerset

Weekly Bulletin w/e 15.2.2019 by Somerset LPC.

## Pregabalin & Gabapentin – prescribing by EMIS GP practices.

**Changes** to general practice clinical systems will have to be made ahead of 1st April 2019, when pregabalin and gabapentin will be classified as Schedule 3 Controlled Drugs (CDs); see below for more information on this change. PSNC has been informed by NHS England that the EMIS general practice clinical system has started to make this change at GP practices and the software in all EMIS practices **will be updated by 15th February 2019**. Once the software is updated, repeat prescriptions for pregabalin and gabapentin which have previously been issued as EPS scripts, will revert to being issued via paper FP10 prescriptions. On 12th February 2019, NHS England issued the following briefing note on Rescheduling of Gabapentin and Pregabalin as Schedule 3 Controlled Drugs. Full info at PSNC website - **HERE**

Quality Payments: Declarations can now be submitted

Quality Payments: Deadline for requesting editing rights for your NHS website profile

Quality Payments: Have you had an email about the WES gateway criterion?

Quality Payments: New resources on LASA medicines

Quality Payments: Are you meeting the NHS website gateway criterion?

Quality Payments: Have you accessed the SCR portal?

Ask PSNC: Quality Payments FAQs4

Drug Tariff Watch: February 2019 changes.

Reminder: End of January payment

January 2019 Price Concessions/NCSO – 2nd update

MHRA Drug Safety Update – Jan 2019

To see the latest MHRA Drug Safety Update in full, visit the GOV.uk website.

Class 4 MHRA Drug Alert – Amoxicillin 500mg capsules BP (Accord)

## 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. These include the following:

Data Security and Protection (formerly IG) Toolkit;

Community Pharmacy Patient Questionnaire (CPPQ); Clinical Audit

PSNC's Toolkit completion webinar is also available on-demand.

For an overview of the actions required, please see our news story of 10 January 2019.

Department of Health & Social Care

[Interruption to supply of Clexane 40mg/0.4ml solution for injection pre-filled syringes]

NHS Business Services Authority

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

UKFMD Working Group for Community Pharmacy

[Interim guidance on FMD alerts published.]

**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?**

**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

### Access to suicide prevention e-learning via CPPE

Health Education England and Public Health England have a new suicide prevention course, ***we need to talk about suicide: helping everyone to feel more confident to talk about suicide***. This is accessible through the e-Learning for Healthcare (e-LfH) portfolio through the CPPE website.

Suicide is a sensitive subject and one that many people find difficult to discuss. However, two-thirds of people who take their own lives are unknown to mental health services. This e-learning course has been developed by a range of experts to help reduce the stigma around suicide and create confidence in discussing it.

This programme is aimed at non-mental health practitioners and is designed to be as accessible as possible. Through four interactive video scenarios, this course aims to help learners identify warning signs and support on how to speak to someone that may be having suicidal thoughts. It gives the learner an opportunity to reflect on their learning, rather than taking a formal assessment. The entire course takes around 60-90 minutes to complete and can be broken up into smaller sections.

## 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**

**Save the date!**

**CPPE Asthma focal point workshop. Mon 13th May 2019 (7:30-9:30pm) - Holiday Inn, Deane Gate Ave, Taunton TA1 2UA.** Available for booking from mid-February.

**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 yvonne.somersetlpc@gmail.com

**Kind regards**
**Mary.**

**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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