

To: All Thames Valley Pharmacies

Weekly News Digest – 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024

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- [Pharmacy First Resources](#) - your LPC-funded Virtual Outcomes online training suite now includes a set of Pharmacy First resources made up of:
  - An Introduction and Service Overview module for the whole pharmacy team
  - A module on each of the 7 Clinical Pathways, averaging 7-10 minutes each, detailing what pharmacists and team members need to know about each condition and pathway.To access, [enter your pharmacy ODS code here](#).
- [Contraception Service](#) – the slides and on-demand versions of the recent CPE Pharmacy Contraception Service Webinars - Getting Going with the Service (held 10th Jan 2024) and Initiating Contraception (held 5th Dec 2023) - are now available – [click here](#).
- [Hypertension Case-Finding Service](#) – the slides and an on-demand version of the CPE’s Hypertension Case-Finding Service Webinar, held on 3rd January, is now available – [slide pack, webinar recording](#).
- [Pharmacy First & the Year Ahead Poll](#) – a reminder that CPE are asking independent and non-CCA multiple pharmacies to complete a short survey to inform discussions at the next full CPE committee meeting at the end of January. Please respond by midnight on **21<sup>st</sup> January 2024**. [Click here](#).
- [LPC Independent Member Vacancy](#) – following recent changes to contractor composition, we now have a vacancy for an LPC Committee member representing independent contractors. Further details and a self-nomination form are available on our website. The deadline for submissions is 12 noon on Wednesday **31<sup>st</sup> January 2024** and we would like to encourage all independent contractors to consider standing. [Click here](#).
- [Supervised Consumption and Needle Exchange Oxfordshire](#) – a reminder that the deadline to upload service activity data for the October-December 2023 quarter is **28<sup>th</sup> January 2024**. Please ensure all data is uploaded to PharmOutcomes before this date to ensure payments are made in full for these services.
- [Trainee Pharmacist Recruitment](#) - all trainee pharmacists for 2025/26 must be recruited via the National Recruitment Scheme, Oriel, which opened for employers on 11th January 2024 and closes 1st March 2024. To support pharmacies in preparation for 2025/26 foundation training, and in registering training programmes on Oriel, the NHS England WT&E South East pharmacy team are hosting a series of ad-hoc online support sessions throughout January and February. For details and dates [click here](#).

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## Events

- [Category M Webinar – 19.00, 23<sup>rd</sup> January](#) – CPE will be running this webinar to explain the complexities of the Category M pricing system, the impact on individual pharmacies, and the challenges posed by growing prescription volumes. [Click here](#).
- [Pharmacy First ENT Clinical Assessment Skills Training \(BOB ICB\) – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024](#) – a choice of sessions throughout the day – High Wycombe Holiday Inn, Handy Cross, HP11 1TL – BOB ICB and the LPC have arranged this ECG-led blended learning training, including a face-to-face ENT session, for Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West pharmacies. [Click here](#)