

To: All Thames Valley Pharmacies

Weekly News Digest – 15th February 2024

- **Pharmacy First**
 - there are still some spaces available on our BOB blended learning Pharmacy First training, which includes a face-to-face ENT session on 17th March in High Wycombe. To book [click here](#) and use code CPTV (in caps). (Once you have selected your session, go to the basket in the top right to check out.)
 - as new questions arise, the CPE Pharmacy First FAQs are being updated – [click here](#)
 - CPE have produced a new resource which lists all the patient-facing leaflets/website links listed in the PGDs and treatment protocol (excluding the marketing authorisation holder's patient information leaflets as hard copies will be available within the medicine's packaging and copies available online from [medicines.org.uk/emc](https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc)) – [click here](#)
- **LPC Independent Committee Member Vacancy** – a reminder that we have 5 excellent candidates for the independent LPC committee vacancy – Mitesh Aggarwal, Khal Khaliq, Ronak Patel, Vikash Patel and Taofik Shodunke. For personal statements of the candidates [click here](#). We would encourage all independent contractors to vote by 5pm on 23rd February - [click here](#)
- **Community Pharmacy Technician training** – making to most of your pharmacy team is going to be vital to the success of Pharmacy First. The Community Pharmacy Technician: Advancing your Role programme is a fully funded course that helps community pharmacy technicians develop the skills and confidence to deliver effective clinical services in community pharmacy. To find out more, join a CPPE information session (see events below), or [click here](#)
- **Trainee Pharmacist Recruitment** - foundation trainee pharmacists for the 2025-26 training year can **only** be recruited through Oriel, and the deadline for applications is 1st March 2024. As most foundation trainee pharmacists from 2025 on will register as independent prescribers, key GPhC learning outcomes related to prescribing will need to be evidenced in the training year. Employers must confirm trainees will have access to a Prescribing Learning Environment, Designated Supervisor and Designated Prescribing Practitioner. For more information visit the [HEE website](#) or if you have any questions about Oriel registration, forming partnerships, training and support to become a DPP, etc, please contact:
Frimley ICB - Soobia Israr, Pharmacy Workforce Transformation Lead - soobia.israr@nhs.net
BOB ICB - Debbie Street, Workforce Lead - debbie.street@ouh.nhs.uk
- **Data Security & Protection Toolkit** – updated guidance is now available to support contractors with this year's toolkit, which must be completed by 30th June 2024 – [click here](#).
- **Consultation on Pharmacy Supervision** – the DHSC consultation on proposals to update legislation around the supervision of activities by a pharmacist in a pharmacy closes on **29th February**. To find out more about the proposed changes and respond to the consultation, [click here](#).
- **BOB ICS Primary Care Strategy** – BOB ICS have developed a draft Primary Care Strategy and are keen to hear from Community Pharmacy colleagues with feedback and ideas to help refine this draft strategy further so that it works for the people who live and work in BOB. To view the draft and share your views [click here](#)

- **Tegretol MR** – if you are unable to access supplies of 200 or 400mg Tegretol MR tablets through your wholesaler, please contact the Novartis Customer Care Department on 0845 7419442 who will be able to arrange a direct supply to the pharmacy if necessary.
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Events

- **PharmOutcomes Pharmacy First Webinar** – **Wednesday 28th February, 19.00-20.00** - this webinar will guide you through the Pharmacy First referral process to demonstrate: How the Pharmacy First service works vs CPCS; The GP referral process; PharmOutcomes pharmacy referral management support; How to manage urgent medicines supply; How to view the patient GP record in PharmOutcomes and an overview of the writeback process into the GP record. To register [click here](#)
- **Pharmacy First Training (including face-to-face ENT session)** (BOB ICB) – **Sunday 17th March 2024** – BOB ICB and the LPC have arranged this ECG-led blended learning programme, including a face-to-face ENT session, for Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West pharmacies. ENT sessions will be held at the Holiday Inn High Wycombe on 17th March. To book [click here](#) and use code CPTV (in caps). (Once you have selected your session, go to the basket in the top right to check out.)
- **Let's Talk About Vaccines** – **Tuesday 19th March 2024, 18.00-20.30** - this training session from BOB ICB looks to help build confidence, skills and knowledge to open up discussions with patients about vaccination decisions. The 2.5-hour online, interactive session is free to health, social care and voluntary sector staff across Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West. Daytime sessions are also available. [Click here](#)