

To: All Thames Valley Pharmacies

Weekly News Digest – 22nd February 2024

- **[Pharmacy First Campaign Materials](#)** - following the launch of NHS England's 'Think Pharmacy first' campaign on Monday, campaign materials are available for pharmacies to use including:
 - [A campaign toolkit](#)
 - [Social Media assets](#)
 - [Posters](#)

CPE have also produced a range of promotional materials which are available on their Pharmacy First page, under the 'Promoting the service to the public' section. [Click here](#).
- **[LPC Independent Committee Member Vacancy](#)** – a reminder that voting for the independent vacancy on the LPC committee closes at 5pm tomorrow, **Friday, 23rd February**. We have 5 excellent candidates – Mitesh Aggarwal, Khal Khaliq, Ronak Patel, Vikash Patel and Taofik Shodunke – and would encourage any independent contractors that have not yet done so, to register their vote - [click here](#)
- **[Bank Holiday Hours](#)** - please ensure that your DoS and NHS.UK profiles are updated with your opening hours for the upcoming Easter Bank Holiday dates (29th/31st March & 1st April). This can be done via the new NHS Profile Manager - [click here](#).
- **[Pharmacy First Training](#)** - there are still a few 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.)
- **[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**. Designated Supervisor requirements have changed – [click here](#). 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
- **[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](#)
- **[NHS App](#)** – the NHS are undertaking research to find out how well the NHS App is meeting the needs of pharmacies. Please take a moment to complete the survey [linked 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 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](#)

- [MHRA Drug Safety Update](#) – the February edition of the Medicines & Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) monthly newsletter is now available - [click here](#)
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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](#)