

To: All Thames Valley Pharmacies

Weekly News Digest – 29th February 2024

- **[Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Recruitment](#)** – a reminder that you must register with the National Recruitment Scheme (Oriol) by 11.59pm tomorrow, **1st March 2024**, to recruit a foundation trainee pharmacist for the 2025-26 foundation training year. [Click here](#).
- **[Pharmacy First Campaign Materials](#)** - following the launch of NHS England's 'Think Pharmacy first' campaign, promotional materials are available for pharmacies to use including social media assets and posters – [click here](#). 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 Election](#)** – voting is now closed for the independent vacancy on the LPC committee. Congratulations to Khal Khaliq who will become our fifth independent committee member. The LPC would like to thank all the candidates for standing, and all those that took the time to vote. [Click here](#).
- **[Shortage of Salbutamol nebuliser liquid](#)** – following the Medicines Supply Notification issued on 14th February 2024 reporting a shortage of salbutamol nebuliser liquid in 2.5mg/2.5ml and 5mg/2.5ml strengths, providers have been advised to liaise with local pharmacy teams and urgently order unlicensed imports, transition patients off nebulisers, and consider alternative inhalation methods. [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](#).
- **[NHS App](#)** – the NHS survey investigating how well the NHS App is meeting the needs of pharmacies closes tomorrow, **1st March 2024**. Please take a moment to complete the survey [linked here](#).
- **[NHS England, Workforce, Training & Education \(WT&E\) Newsletter](#)** – Health Education England (HEE) merged with NHS England and NHS Digital in Spring 2023. This, their third newsletter, covers topics such as Foundation Training Year Recruitment, New Designated Supervisor requirements for 2025/26, a course provision update and a new multi-professional IP supervision resource. [Click here](#).

Events

- **[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. The training is now fully booked but if you would like to join the waiting list for cancellations, please email Amanda on office@cptv.org.uk.
- **[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](#)