

## Weekly News Digest - 14th March 2024

### [Pharmacy First Data](#)

NHSBSA are working with IT system suppliers to resolve issues with Pharmacy First data and do not anticipate discrepancies will affect payments for the Pharmacy First service. Pharmacy owners should continue to work with their Pharmacy First IT system supplier helpdesk to escalate any discrepancies and should **not** confirm their claims in MYS until the issue has been resolved. Any pharmacy owners that have submitted their claims with incorrect information should email the MYS team ([mys@nhsbsa.nhs.uk](mailto:mys@nhsbsa.nhs.uk)) for further guidance.

### [2024/25 Flu Letter](#)

DHSC/NHS have published the 2024/25 flu vaccination letter. Only pregnant women will be eligible for vaccination from 1st September 2024, with the vaccination of other adult cohorts starting in October (exact date to be confirmed). There are no changes to eligible groups or recommended vaccines. [Click here](#).

### [PharmOutcomes Multi-factor Authentication Issues](#)

PharmOutcomes have issued an FAQ for pharmacies still experiencing problems with MFA, including links to fallback paper forms. Please contact the support desk through the PharmOutcomes website or call 0345 450 6279 if you continue to have issues. [Click here](#).

### [2024 Pharmacy Pressures Survey](#)

CPE are keen to hear from Pharmacy Owners and Pharmacy Teams in this year's pressures survey, the results of which will be used directly in their negotiations. The survey should take no more than 10-15 minutes to complete, and closes on 2nd April 2024. [Click here](#).

### [New IP Supervision Resource for Prospective DPPs](#)

A new resource is available for clinicians considering becoming DPPs, and employers aiming to support DPP capacity in their workforce. The resource consists of a suite of web pages, frameworks, real-life examples and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). It also includes information for prospective DPPs from professions other than pharmacy, wishing to support a pharmacist IP learner. The resource aims to reduce barriers to the DPP role by ensuring those eligible understand the role, its expectations and where to find advice and training. [Click here](#).

### [UKHSA Antibiotic Use and Resistance Survey](#)

The UK Health Security Agency has launched a survey to assess patient-facing healthcare professionals' knowledge and perceptions about antibiotic use and resistance across the UK. The survey, which runs until 18th March 2024, provides pharmacists and pharmacy technicians with another individual action that they can take to support the fight against Antimicrobial Resistance. [Click here](#).

### [BOB Medicines Optimisation Bulletin \(BOB MOB\)](#)

The March BOB newsletter, which provides National and System updates, as well as events news and training resources, is now available – [click here](#).

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## Training & 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](mailto:office@cptv.org.uk).

### [Let's Talk About Vaccines](#)

**18.00-20.30, 19th March** - this 2.5hr online interactive training session is being offered by BOB ICB to help healthcare staff across Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West build confidence, skills and knowledge to open up discussions with patients about vaccination decisions. For information about this, and their new 2-day "Change Coaches" course, [click here](#).

### [BOB ICS Polypharmacy Community of Practice](#)

**13.00-14.00, 20th March** – this will be the 5th meeting of the group, focusing on bone health and the prescribing bisphosphonates, which is open to all interested health professionals in the BOB ICS area, whose purpose is to foster a system-wide culture of collaboration, learning and innovation to reduce problematic polypharmacy for those most at risk from harm. [Click here](#).

### [Data Security and Protection Toolkit \(2023/24\) Workshop](#)

**19.00, 20th March** - this CPE webinar aims to help community pharmacy owners to complete the Data Security and Protection Toolkit for 2023/24. Hear from representatives CPE and the NHS DSPTK team, who will discuss the Toolkit questions, talk delegates through the available guidance materials, and answer questions about making the declaration. [Click here](#).

### [Polypharmacy Training](#)

**12.00-13.30, 5th April or 21st May** - Health Innovation Network (formerly OAHSN) are running this 1.5hr webinar on polypharmacy and reducing the risk of harms from medicines for healthcare professionals. Choice of two dates available. [Click here](#).

### [CPPE Workshops](#)

The CPPE Workshop calendar for April to June 2024 has been released. This includes the following new topics:

- NHS Pharmacy First: Clinical assessment – essential skills online workshop
- Lewy body dementia
- Optimising adherence to medicines in asthma
- Supporting people living with dementia
- Neurology in primary care
- Preparing to train as an independent prescriber

For the full calendar and booking links, [click here](#).

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