

Weekly News Digest - 23rd May 2024

[Pharmacy Advice Audit](#)

CPE are asking pharmacies to take part in an advice audit, to capture healthcare advisory work not being covered by Pharmacy First, and gather critical evidence to help make the case for increased funding for the sector. From Monday 3rd June, pharmacies are asked to select just one day within a two-week period and record data about patients seeking informal advice (outside of the Pharmacy First service). The audit has been designed to be as straightforward as possible, for full details [click here](#).

[27th May Bank Holiday Opening](#)

Posters and a link to a map showing Thames Valley pharmacies open on the late May Bank Holiday are available on [our website](#). Please ensure your DoS and NHS Profiles are up to date, and that you display the relevant poster to direct patients if you are closed on Monday 27th May. [Click here](#).

[Hypertension & Contraception Training](#)

The LPC has organised a half day training session on 30th June to support contractors to deliver the NHS Hypertension Case-Finding and Pharmacy Contraception services. Topics include: Hypertension - best practice/NICE guidance, pulse checks, readings, thresholds, ABPM, management; Contraception - consent, health history & risk assessment, COC vs POP, contraceptive options. To book use the code CPTVHCT - [click here](#).

[Promoting the Hypertension Case-Finding Service](#)

CPE has published a resource to help pharmacy owners and their teams maximise the potential of the Hypertension Case-finding Service. Pharmacy owners are encouraged to review their current marketing strategies and complete a checklist of suggested actions and activities for enhancing existing service marketing and promotion efforts. [Click here](#).

[SCR Switch-Off](#)

The Summary Care Record application (SCRa) has been replaced by the National Care Record Service (NCRS). From Monday 3 June, users will no longer be able to access SCRa and will instead be redirected to NCRS. NHS England anticipates minimal impact for users and all existing smartcard credentials and access rights will continue to function on the new system. [Click here](#).

[Updated Schedule of Payments](#)

The Pharmacy Schedule of Payments has been updated following the introduction of the Pharmacy First service in April 2024. NHSBSA has since revised its guidance document to provide pharmacy owners with a clearer understanding of their Schedule of Payments - [click here](#).

[Type 2 Diabetes Healthy Living Programme](#)

Healthy Living is a free NHS online structured education programme designed to help patients learn more about and live well with type 2 diabetes. The easy-to-use programme includes information and advice about type 2

diabetes including topics such as: eating well, becoming more active, and looking after your body and mind. Signpost patients via the [Healthy Living website](#) or order a [free resource pack](#).

[Hub & Spoke Dispensing](#)

DHSC has confirmed plans, pending parliamentary approval, to make 'hub and spoke' dispensing models available to all community pharmacies. Two models have been proposed which they believe will increase efficiency and free up pharmacists' time for more clinically focused tasks. To find out more, [click here](#).

[BNF & BNFC App](#)

The British National Formulary (BNF) and British National Formulary for Children (BNFC) App provides free access for NHS users to the latest drug information quickly, offline and on-the-go. To download the app for iOS or Android [click here](#), or to access online [register here](#).

[NHS App - Quick Poll](#)

NHS England & CPE are asking pharmacies to complete a brief survey to understand the potential benefits of planned prescriptions functionality in the NHS App. This should take approximately 2-3 minutes and will help provide insights into patient queries about electronic prescriptions, helping shape future priorities. [Click here](#).

[Data Security & Protection Toolkit](#)

The deadline for community pharmacy contractors to complete the 2023/24 Data Security and Protection Toolkit is **30th June 2024**. For CPE guidance including: 5 steps to completing the DSP; Question by question guidance; and information on batch submission, along with a link to the recent information webinar, [click here](#).

Training & Events

[Navigating Difficult Conversations](#)

12.30-14.00, 5th June 2024

The Pharmacy First service sees pharmacists having to have sometimes challenging conversation with patients. This SPS event explores why conversations with patients and colleagues can be challenging, and speakers will share insights and strategies to enhance confidence. [Click here](#).

[Community Pharmacy PCN Lead Training](#)

10.00-16.00, 17th June 2024

Full day training event for newly appointed Community Pharmacy PCN Leads in BOB (Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire & Berkshire West). For details of the new PCN Lead roles in the BOB ICB area, [click here](#).

[Polypharmacy Training](#)

12.00-13.30 on 27th June, 11th July, 12th or 26th September 2024

Health Innovation Network (formerly OAHSN) are running this 1.5hr webinar on polypharmacy and reducing the risk of harms from medicines for healthcare professionals. For more details and to register for **one** of the dates, [click here](#).

[Hypertension & Contraception Training](#)

9.00-12.45 or 13.30-17.15, Sunday 30th June 2024 - Holiday Inn High Wycombe

This half day training session will support contractors to deliver the NHS Hypertension Case-Finding and Pharmacy Contraception services. Topics include: Hypertension - best practice/NICE guidance, pulse checks, readings, thresholds, ABPM, management; Contraception - consent, health history & risk assessment, COC vs POP, contraceptive options. To book use the code CPTVHCT - [click here](#).

[Pharmacy First Online Training](#)

Your Virtual Outcomes online training now includes two Common Skin Conditions modules - Acne, and Fungal Infections. To access these, and a wealth of other training resources, simply enter your ODS code [here](#).

[Pharmacy Show 2024](#)

9am – 6pm, 13th October 2024 or 9am-4.30pm on 14th October 2024

The Pharmacy Show champions the sector and invites all pharmacy professionals to come together for a host of education and networking opportunities. Pharmacists and pharmacy staff are entitled to a free ticket. For more details [click here](#).

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