

Weekly News Digest - 30th May 2024

[Pharmacy First Claims and Payment Schedule](#)

If you have not yet submitted your claim for February 2024 Pharmacy First consultations, you must do so by 5th June 2024 to be entitled to payment. For a table showing the date on which pharmacy owners will receive their £1,000 monthly fixed payment (if the threshold of clinical pathway consultations has been met for that month), as well as consultation fees and reimbursement of medicines/appliances supplied, [click here](#).

[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](#).

[CPAF Visits](#)

Following feedback from recent CPAF visits, we have put together a short summary detailing some of the reasons CPAF visits are triggered, and what contractors can do to prepare - [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](#).

[Red Drug Alert - Oxfordshire](#)

The Public Health Drug and Alcohol Team have received reports that some supplies of illicit non-opioid drugs in Oxfordshire have been contaminated with synthetic opioids. Synthetic opioids have high risk of accidental overdose, especially where the person using them is unaware of any opioid content. For patient advice and more information [click here](#).

[Reminder: 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](#).

[Frimley Prescribing Newsletter](#)

The May edition of the Frimley prescribing newsletter, which provides medicines management updates, as well as details of training and events, is now available – [click here](#).

[SPS Spotlight Monthly Digest - May Edition](#)

The SPS Spotlight Monthly Digest provides updates on existing materials and activities from across SPS, and signposts to upcoming events and activities. It includes resources to support healthcare professionals working in all areas of the health system and gathers activity from across SPS groups including: Medicines Advice, Medicines Use and Safety, Quality Assurance, and Medicines Procurement. [Click here](#).

[NICE Update](#)

The May edition of the NICE monthly newsletter for primary care staff is now available. This includes clinical knowledge summaries, links to news, blog posts, and more. [Click here](#).

[MHRA Drug Safety Update](#)

The May edition of the NICE monthly newsletter for primary care staff is now available. This includes links to medicine recalls and healthcare letters for the period. [Click here](#).

Training & Events

[CPPE Workshops](#)

The CPPE Workshop calendar for July to September 2024 has been released. This includes topics such as: Community pharmacy technician advancing your role reflective practice, NHS Pharmacy First: Clinical assessment – essential skills, Optimising adherence to medicines in asthma, Supporting people living with dementia, Atrial Fibrillation: improve detection and person-centred care, and COPD. For a full calendar and booking links, [click here](#).

[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](#).

[CPE Pharmacy Owner Event](#)

19.30-21.00 (buffet from 18.45), 24th July 2024 - Crowne Plaza Gatwick Airport, Crawley RH11 7SX

CPE are holding a series of regional roadshow events across the country. The South East event will be held at the Crowne Plaza Gatwick. This is an opportunity to hear from CPE Chief Executive, Janet Morrison, her team,

and members of the CPE Committee Members about what CPE are doing to help ease the critical pressures community pharmacies are facing, and to ask questions of Janet and the team. [Click 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.](#)

[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.](#)

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