

Weekly News Digest - 20th June 2024

[NHS Flu & Covid Vaccinations 24/25](#)

NHS England has announced the start date for the flu vaccination campaign will be **3rd October**. (Apart from pregnant women who will be eligible from 1st September.) CPE have produced [a poster](#) to help pharmacy teams explain the change to patients. The Covid vaccination programme is also expected to start in early October, expressions of interest should be submitted on MYS by 27th June 2024. [Click here](#).

[PCN Leads](#)

Community Pharmacy PCN Leads are now in place in almost all PCNs in the BOB (Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West) ICB area. To check which PCN your pharmacy is in, and find out who your PCN Lead is, go to: <https://cptv.org.uk/contractorfaqs/primary-care-networks-pcns/>

[Pharmacy Advice Audit](#)

The deadline for completing CPE's advice audit to capture healthcare advisory work not being covered by Pharmacy First, has been extended to **28th June**. If you have not already done so, please record data on one day regarding patients seeking informal advice, and submit the results on PharmOutcomes. For full details [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](#).

[Oxfordshire Take-Home Naloxone \(THN\) Service](#)

Oxfordshire pharmacies are being invited to participate in a Take-Home Naloxone (THN) pilot programme commencing in July 2024, please see the [Service Specification](#) for full details. Only pharmacies that hold a current contract with Oxfordshire County Council for Supervised Consumption or Needle Exchange are eligible to participate, however, pharmacies that do not hold a current contract can apply to provide one or both of these services if they wish to participate in the THN programme. For further information, or to register your interest, email lfy.Enemuo@Oxfordshire.gov.uk.

[Pharmacy First - Incorrectly Rejected Referrals](#)

Some pharmacies are incorrectly rejecting Pharmacy First referrals from GPs/111, for example, where patients don't meet the eligibility criteria for the clinical pathway strand, or have a more serious condition, thereby missing out on consultation fees. For details [click here](#).

[NHS Prescription Pre-Payment Certificates \(PPCs\)](#)

Following some confusion regarding the scope of PPCs, NHSBSA have clarified as follows: the 3 and 12 month PPCs cover **all** NHS prescriptions, including hormone replacement therapy (HRT) items. Patients who hold a valid PPC are entitled to receive all their NHS prescriptions without additional charges. If a patient does not have a valid PPC and is prescribed HRT, they may save more with the HRT PPC. For full details [click here](#).

Training & Events

[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 access the booking page use the code CPTVHCT, select a session, and check out using the basket in the top right of the screen - [click here](#).

[Via Working Together Webinar](#)

19.00, 11th July 2024 - online

Via would like to invite all pharmacists, technicians, pharmacy assistants and locums involved in providing substance misuse services (Supervised Consumption, Needle Exchange and/or Take-Home Naloxone) in West Berkshire, to join a "Working Together Webinar". Please RSVP with your name, pharmacy and contact details to Jon.Nicholas@viaorg.uk.

[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](#).

[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](#).