Community Pharmacy BLMK & Northants

Weekly Newsletter – w/c 10 June 2024

National Updates

2024/25 Community Pharmacy Assurance Framework (CPAF) screening questionnaire.

Pharmacy owners should soon receive confirmation from NHSBSA that the 2024/25 screening questionnaire will be available for completion from **1 July 2024 until midnight on Sunday 31 July 2024.**

As a result of NHS regulations introduced at the end of 2020, completion of CPAF is now a requirement of the Terms of Service. **Therefore, pharmacy owners must complete the screening questionnaire and, if required, the full CPAF questionnaire**.

The short screening questionnaire consists of 10 questions. Pharmacy owners who use the NHSBSA **Manage Your Service (MYS)** portal will be required to complete the questionnaire on the portal. Those who are not yet signed up to MYS will be able to complete the questionnaire online.

LFD service: updated service spec.

The service specification for the **Lateral flow device tests supply service for patients potentially eligible for COVID-19 treatments** (LFD service) has had some minor amendments made to it following discussions between CPE and NHS England.

NPA Save our Pharmacies Campaign

The NPA is running a **#saveourpharmacies** campaign in the run up to the general election to make the funding crisis in community pharmacies a key issue in the election campaign.

To achieve this they are running a "Day of Action" on **Thursday 20 June**.

NPA have sent out campaign packs to all independent pharmacies across the UK.

Legislation paves way for Pharmacy Technicians to supply medicines under PGDs.

New legislation has been introduced to permit technicians to supply and administer medicines under Patient Group Directions (PGDs).

Amendments to the Human Medicine Regulations were laid before Parliament at the end of May and are due to come into effect from **26 June 2024**.

New animation explains Pharmacy First to the public.

CPE have launched a new video animation targeted at patients and the general public. Pharmacy owners and their teams can make use of this animation to communicate the benefits and scope of the Pharmacy First Service to their patients.

GP Connect: Update Record rollout.
Update Record is a new feature that **CPCF IT system suppliers** are adding to their systems, with Cegedim and Positive Solutions already live.
The system will initially support community pharmacies to share information with GP practices about consultations performed under the Pharmacy First, Hypertension Case Finding and Pharmacy Contraception Services.

Hypertension Case-Finding Service (#4): ABPM
This is the fourth in a series of articles to help pharmacy owners and their teams to maximise the potential of the Hypertension Case-Finding Service.

Pharmacy IT workstreams update published.
Community Pharmacy England has released a summary of the meeting of the Community Pharmacy IT group held in June 2024.

General Election Campaign update.
CPE has issued the following responses to **Liberal Democrats Manifesto** and **Conservative Party manifesto**.

Local News

Pharmacy Advice Audit.
Pharmacy owners and their teams are reminded that the Pharmacy Advice Audit is now underway, and we need as many of you as possible to take part before **16 June 2024**.
CPE's **audit** will gather evidence to support the case for increased funding for the sector – and capture healthcare work not being covered by the Pharmacy First Service. By recording information about patients seeking informal advice from your pharmacy over the course of a single day, you can help demonstrate how the sector is supporting communities across the country.
As a reminder it can be completed **on any day between 3 and 16 June** and should be conducted across the full opening hours of the pharmacy on that chosen day.

Training & Events

Invitation to BLMK Pharmacy First Service Webinar Series

The BLMK Pharmacy First Service Webinar Series is a local initiative aimed at fostering collaboration and successful implementation of the Pharmacy First Service within primary care networks (PCNs) and community pharmacies in the integrated neighbourhoods.

The next cohort of webinars now starting for Milton Keynes are on:

• **East MK**	**Wednesday 12 June**	**12:30 – 13:30**
• **Southwest**	**Thursday 13 June**	**12:30 – 13:30**
• **Nexus**	**Tuesday 18 June**	**12:30 – 13:30**
• **The Bridge**	**Wednesday 19 June**	**12:30 – 13:30**
• **The Crown**	**Thursday 20 June**	**12:30 – 13:30**
• **Ascent**	**Tuesday 25 June**	**12:30 – 13:30**
• **Watling Street**	**Wednesday 26 June**	**13:30 – 14:30**
• **One MK**	**Thursday 27 June**	**12:30 – 13:30**

Please note that attendance at the scheduled webinar for your PCN is required as a priority. However, if you miss your session, you can attend the same webinar at a neighbouring PCN on a different date. **Link for the webinar.** A list of the full dates and times can be found on the **BLMK-N-LPC website -Training and Events.**

Pharmacy Owners Events Programme.
As part of CPE's commitment to engaging with pharmacy owners, they will be holding a series of regional roadshow events across the country in **July 2024**. The events will be held in the evening and are free to attend for pharmacy owners only. Places are made available on a first come first served basis. A full list of dates and times can be found on the **CPE website**.

An online webinar to discuss the prevention and treatment of acute UTI's in Primary Care.
On **Tuesday 25 June 2024 1-2pm**, NHS England East of England will be holding a webinar for Primary Care colleagues for treating patients with acute UTI's.
Full information to access the webinar can be found on the **BLMK-N-LPC website**.

Reminders

Pharmacy Advice Audit starting from Monday 3 June 2024.
From **Monday 3 June 2024**, pharmacies are asked to select just **one** day between the **3 and 16 June 2024**, to record data about patients seeking informal advice (outside of the Pharmacy First service). The audit has been designed to be as straightforward as possible, with guidance below: **Team Guide** – This sets out the criteria for inclusion, what needs to be recorded and how to reflect on your pharmacy's results. **Audit Template** – This provides a simple way to record the required data, making things smoother to add data onto your IT platform.

Pharmacy owner views sought on the pressures of their business.
Community Pharmacy owners are being asked to share information on the pressures on their businesses, as well as key messages for the new government, ahead of the next full CPE committee meeting at the end of June.
June 2024 Committee Opinion Poll (for independents and non-CCA multiples only).
The survey will close at **11:59pm on Sunday 16 June 2024.**

NHSE opens EOI process for future C-19 vacs service campaigns.
On 30 May 2024, NHS England (NHSE), announced the start of a new expression of interest (EOI) process for pharmacy owners that wish to take part in future COVID-19 vaccination service campaigns between September 2024 and March 2026.
The EOI is available on the NHS Business Services Authority's Manage Your Service (MYS) portal. **The deadline for submissions is 11:59pm on 27 June 2024**.

Data Security and Protection Toolkit.
CPE has published guidance to help community pharmacy owners complete the latest toolkit. The toolkit is used to make a pharmacy's information governance (IG) declaration and must be completed by **Sunday 30 June 2024**.

Medicines

General:
Improved prices and final price concessions for May 2024.

Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP):
Expiry of SSP059 Monomil XL 60mg tablets.

Medicines Supply Notifications:
Clomethiazole 192mg capsules.
Co-trimoxazole 40mg/200mg/5ml oral suspension sugar free.
Imiquimod (Aldara) 5% cream and podophyllotoxin (Warticon) 0.5% solution and 0.15% cream.
Quetiapine 150mg, 200mg, 300mg tablets.

MHRA:
MHRA Class 3 Medicines Recall: Atomoxetine 10mg, 18mg, 25mg, 40mg Capsules (Neuraxpharm UK Ltd).
MHRA Class 2 Medicines Recall: Lamotrigine Desitin 10mg/ml oral suspension (Destin Pharma UK Ltd).
MHRA Class 4 medicines defect information: Paracetamol 500mg, 1000mg film coated tablets (Dawa Limited).