Community Pharmacy BLMK & Northants

Weekly Newsletter – w/c 17 June 2024

National Updates

Extension to Pharmacy Advice Audit.

The participation period for Community Pharmacy England (CPE) Pharmacy Advice Audit has been extended to **Friday 28 June**.

Pharmacies are asked to select just **one** day between the **3 and 28 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.

Flu Vaccinations – Start date 3 October 2024.

NHS England has announced that the start date for the Flu vaccination service for the 2024/25 campaign will be Thursday 3 October 2024.

Pharmacy First – To reject or not to reject.

Some LPC's have been reviewing Pharmacy First data and have identified referrals from GP practices where a pharmacy has rejected a Minor Illness consultation which could have been completed and claimed.

Pharmacy teams are reminded that GP practices can refer patients for two strands of the service:

- Minor illness consultations (previously CPCS)
- Clinical pathway consultations.

GP practices **cannot** refer patients for the Urgent supply of medicines/appliances strand of the service.

CPE response to Labour Party Manifesto.

CPE has issued a statement in response to the Labour Party Manifesto.

Local News

NHS England, Workforce, Training and Education
The following information and training are available:
NHS England Foundation Trainee Pharmacist Programme 2025/26 Training Offer.
E-portfolio Access 2020/25.
Becoming a DPP.

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:

• **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.**

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.**

Pharmacy First: CPPE launches Common clinical conditions e-learning.
The Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education (CPPE) has launched a Common clinical conditions e-learning programme.
This e-learning programme is designed to help update pharmacy professionals' knowledge and skills to help with the management of common clinical conditions and minor ailments that may present themselves in community pharmacy.

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**.

Reminders

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.

Pharmacy First Clinical Pathways Consultations.
A reminder that from **1 June 2024**, as part of the monthly £1000 claim, the minimum number of clinical pathways consultations will remain at **10**. Only clinical pathway consultations that cross the gateway point and reach an outcome set out in the pathway (without onward referral to another pharmacy), will count towards meeting the monthly minimum number of consultations for the block payment.

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**.

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.

Medicines

Medicines Supply Notifications:
Erythromycin 250mg gastro-resistant tablets.
Humalog (insulin lispro) 100 units /ml solution for injection 10ml vials.
Triamcinolone acetonide suspension for injection vials (Kenalog 40mg/1ml and Adcortyl 50mg/5ml).

MHRA:
MHRA Class 4 medicines defect information: Oxcarbazepine Mylan 150mg, 300mg, 600mg Film-Coated Tablets (Mylan).
Class 3 medicines recall: GoResp Digihaler (Teva UK Ltd).