Community Pharmacy BLMK & Northants

Weekly Newsletter – w/c 24 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).

Verifying your NHS Profile Manager profile.

Ahead of the **30 June 2024 deadline**, you are reminded to update your NHS Profile Manager each quarter to ensure that your pharmacy's NHS website and Directory of Service (DoS) profile information is up to date.

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**.

New IT to streamline Pharmacy First referrals.

NHS England have announced from 18 June 2024, clinical IT system suppliers will commence the roll out of a new feature enabling Pharmacy First referrals from general practices using EMIS Web local services or PharmRefer to flow into the workflows in pharmacy clinical systems.

Local News

Discharge Medicines Service (DMS)

The Discharge Medicines Service became an **Essential** service within the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF) on 15 February 2021.
This service, **which all pharmacy owners have to provide**, was made formal by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care in February 2020.

As a reminder, pharmacies providing the **full service** will be paid a fee of £35.

Where only part of the service can be provided, in certain circumstances defined in the Drug Tariff, pharmacies will be paid a partial payment:

- Stage 1 £12
- Stage 2 £11
- Stage 3 £12

Pharmacy owners will make a monthly claim for completed DMS provisions via the NHSBSA's, Manage Your Service (MYS) portal.

Full information on the service can be found on the **CPE website**, which also includes a **digital guide** for support.

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 are on:

• **Watling Street**	**Wednesday 26 June**	**13:30 – 14:30**
• **One MK**	**Thursday 27 June**	**12:30 – 13:30**
• **East Bedford**	**Thursday 27 June**	**14:00 – 15:00**
• **North Bedford**	**Friday 28 June**	**12:30 – 13:30**
• **Caritas PCN**	**Tuesday 2 July**	**12:30 – 13:30**
• **Unity PCN**	**Wednesday 3 July**	**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**.

Reminders

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**.

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**.

Medicines

General
DHSC's June 2024 Price Concessions - 1st Update.

Medicines Supply Notifications:
Flixotide (Fluticasone) 125 micrograms/dose and 250 micrograms/dose Evohaler.
Two Clarithromycin SSPs extended.
Disopyramide (Rythmodan Retard) 250mg modified – release tablets and disopyramide (Rythmodan) 100mg capsules.

MHRA:
Drug Safety Update – June 2024.
Medicines Defect information: Grepid 75mg film coated tablets (Kent Pharma Livery).