Community Pharmacy BLMK & Northants

Weekly Newsletter – w/c 1 July 2024

National Updates

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

The 2024/25 Community Pharmacy Assurance Framework (CPAF) screening questionnaire is now available for completion until **midnight on Wednesday 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**.

Pharmacy Advice Audit- Submit data by 23:59 on 3 July 2024.

The participation period for Community Pharmacy England (CPE) Pharmacy Advice Audit had been extended to Friday 28 June.
The deadline to complete the data is **23:59 on 3 July 2024** and CPE need your help to gather as much data as possible to use in their ongoing call for increased funding for the sector.

Regulations restricting the sale and supply of gonadotrophin-releasing hormone analogues.

As previously announced, regulations have come into force to restrict the prescribing and supply of puberty suppressing hormones / gonadotrophin releasing hormone (GnRH) analogues to children and young people under 18 for the purpose of gender dysphoria/ gender incongruence.

DMS: Claim period extended to three months.

Following a request by CPE, NHS England and the Department of Health and Social Care have agreed to extend the claim period for the Discharge Medicine Service (DMS) to **three months**; currently claims have to be made by the 5th of the month following that in which the final stage the pharmacy was able to undertake. The extended claim period will commence from **1 July 2024**.

GP Connect: Update Record rolls out to most pharmacies.

EMIS Pinnacle started rolling out the GP Connect Update Record feature to all community pharmacy teams using PharmOutcomes from Friday 28 June 2024. Initially, this covers Hypertension Case-Finding Service and Pharmacy Contraception Service consultations.

Market Exit for moving to Primary Care Support England (PCSE).

From 1 July 2024, any notices of withdrawal should be sent to pcse.marketentry@nhs.net. Any notices submitted prior to 1 July 2024 will still be processed by the ICB and any queries should be directed to the relevant ICB.

Local News

Want to become an LPC Member?

LPC members are at the heart of local community pharmacy planning and in a position to make policies and decisions to benefit contractors. They also have opportunities to make representations at a national level on behalf of the contractors they represent.

We currently have a vacancy on the committee for an Independent Contractor.

If that sounds like something you wish to be a part of, then please contact Anne-Marie King for an informal chat on 07889 412690 or email anne-marie.king@blmk-n-communitypharmacy.org.uk.
Applications will close on **Wednesday 31 July 2024**.

For BLMK only

The Pharmacy First Programme user research team would like to invite community pharmacy staff to offer feedback on the initial experiences of the service in terms of:

- How community pharmacies record a consultation and send the update to the patient's GP.
- How community pharmacies access the patients GP record before a consultation.

It is important to hear directly from those that use the IT systems that support Pharmacy First to inform potential improvements.
To register your interest, please contact either**:** Katherine.Tyte@nhs.net or Marianthi.Vezertzi@nhs.net.

For Northamptonshire

July's Tablet Press from Northamptonshire ICB Medicines Management Team is now live on BLMK-N-LPC website.

Training & Events

Invitation to BLMK Pharmacy First Service Webinar Series

The final BLMK Pharmacy First Service Webinar will be held on:

- **Unity PCN** **Wednesday 3 July** **12:30 – 13:30**

Link for the webinar.

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

Pharmacy Technicians and PGDs.
From **26 June 2024**, new legislation will permit pharmacy technicians to supply and administer medicines under PGDs in the course of their professional practice.
However, while the change means pharmacy technicians can be included in PGDs, it does not mean they are automatically included in existing NHS community pharmacy PGDs.

Pharmacy First Clinical Pathways Consultations.
A reminder that from **1 July 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.

Medicines

General
Drug Tariff Watch July 2024.
DHSC's June 2024 Price Concessions – Final Update.
July 2024 Category M prices announced.

Medicines Supply Notifications:
Updated - Disopyramide (Rythmodan Retard) 250mg modified – release tablets and disopyramide (Rythmodan) 100 mg capsules.