Community Pharmacy BLMK & Northants

Weekly Newsletter – w/c 8 July 2024

National Updates

Flu Vac: PGD and national protocol published.

NHS England (NHSE) have approved the patient group direction (PGD) for use by community pharmacy owners during the forthcoming flu vaccination season.

Pharmacy First Update: A message from Janet Morrison.

Community Pharmacy England (CPE) CEO Janet Morrison has given a video update on Pharmacy First, addressing some of the concerns that pharmacy owners have, particularly around the thresholds for monthly payments.

Labour to form next Government.

The Labour party has won a large majority in the 2024 General Election and will now form the next Government. **Wes Streeting** has been appointed Secretary of State for Health and Social Care in the new Government.

Updated Incident Reporting Approved Particulars.

The Incident Reporting Approved Particulars were due to be updated on NHS England's website this week, but this has now been delayed until the end of July 2024.

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 – Pharmacy First Feedback.
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.

Training & Events

Community Pharmacy Technician: Advancing your role programme.
CPPE are planning to run a live Community Pharmacy Technician: advancing your role webinar on **Thursday 18 July 13:00 – 13:45**, to learn more about the programme and consider applying. **Registration for webinar**.
A full list of CPPE workshops and webinars can be found on the **BLMK-N-LPC website**.

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

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

Medicines

General

July 2024 reimbursement price change for Naltrexone 50mg tablets.

MHRA

Class 3 Medicines Recall: Atomoxetine 10mg, 18mg, 25mg, 40mg, 60mg, 80mg, 100mg Hard Capsules (Accord Healthcare Ltd).
Class 2 Medicines Recall: Itraconazole 10mg/ml Oral Solution (Kent Pharma UK).
Class 4 Medicines Defect Information: Propantheline Tablets 15mg.