Community Pharmacy BLMK & Northants

Weekly Newsletter – w/c 16 September 2024

National Updates

'Huge potential' for community pharmacy recognised in NHS review.

Both the huge potential for expanding the clinical role of pharmacists and a growing concern for community pharmacy's resources have been recognised in an independent investigation to the NHS.

New MYS route for Temporary Suspensions Notifications.

NHS England has announced that notifications of unplanned temporary suspensions of services (closures) can now be made via the Manage Your Service (MYS) portal.

MPs back pharmacies at Parliamentary drop-in-event.

Community Pharmacy England met with 45 MPs and parliamentary staff at the Houses of Parliament on 10 September to discuss the critical pressures on community pharmacies and their important role in local healthcare.

Engaging with Politicians.

CPE works with politicians at a national level to champion community pharmacy and to advocate for our policy and funding asks. In addition, they support LPCs and pharmacy owners who receive queries from politicians or have any questions about this work and provide a wide range of resources to help engagement with politicians at a local level proactively. You can find your local MP on the UK Parliament Site.

Save Our Pharmacies Campaign.

The National Pharmacy Association (NPA) is holding a second day of action on **19 September 2024** across community pharmacy in support in support of the Save Our Pharmacies campaign.

An evaluation of oral anticoagulant safety indicators by England's community pharmacies.

In 2021-22 and 2023-24, two national audits were incentivised in the Pharmacy Quality Scheme to understand the impact community pharmacy teams have on improving anticoagulant safety. Full outcomes are available here.

Local News

FAO Northants Discharge Medicine Service:
We have been receiving some valuable insights and feedback on your experiences of working with hospitals on DMS referrals. We have already had great interest from the Hospital teams in learning more, se we need more surveys to be completed, so we can improve things for you.

Please can Northants pharmacies complete the **survey word document** and email back to margieo'connell@nhs.net by **25 September 2024**.
The aim of the survey is to get a picture from pharmacies as to the volume of DMS they see and what experiences that have in undertaking the service.
The intention of the outcomes of the survey is to feed into discussions with Northants Hospitals and the ICB as how to improve the quality of information on discharge and improve interface ways of working in Primary Care.

Training & Events

Pharmacy Show: 13-14 October 2024 – NEC Birmingham.
The Pharmacy Show 2024 is **free** to attend for UK Registered healthcare professionals and those working in leadership/managerial roles within community pharmacy. Click here to **register** for the event.

Reminders

Reminder: Flu Vac – are you clear when it starts?
Pharmacy owners are reminded that while the flu vaccination service can now be provided to pregnant women, vaccination of all other eligible adult cohorts for the 2024/25 campaign **cannot** commence until **Thursday 3 October 2024**.

Medicines

General:
Retrospective reimbursement price adjustments for Nutrison water for gastroenteral feeds- update.
Oestrogel and Testogel – reimbursement price changes for August 2024.
September 2024 Price Concessions 1st Update.

MHRA:
Class 3 Medicines Recall: Evorel Sequi (Theramex HQ UK Ltd).

Serious Shortage Protocol:
Expiry of nine Quetiapine SSPs (SSP062 – SSP070).

Medicine Supply Notifications:
Isosorbide mononitrate 60mg modified-release tablets and capsules updated.
Trandolapril 2mg and 4mg capsules.

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