

Pharmacy Bulletin



NHS England and NHS Improvement - South West

Friday 19th July 2019

	July 2019	Aug 2019	Sep 2019	Oct 2019
NHSE – What's coming up...	<p>Planning Commences for the Christmas & New Year Festive Season:</p> <p>Wednesday 25th Dec 2019 Thurs 26th Dec 2019 Wed 01st Jan 2020</p> <p>CPAF Screening Questionnaire Closed 30.06.19</p>		<p>CPAF Verification Visits Commence for select Contractors (notice to relevant contractors will be provided in advance accordingly).</p> <p>2nd Public Health Campaign, AMR, Commences...</p>	<p>3rd Public Health Campaign, Stoptober, commences...</p>
Week1	<p>MUR & NMS Returns via NHSBSA Due (Qtr 1 2019-20): Contractors must submit MUR electronic returns via the NHS BSA Online form within 10 working days from the last day of the quarter the data refers.</p>			<p>MUR & NMS Returns via NHSBSA Due (Qtr 2 2019-20): Contractors must submit MUR electronic returns via the NHS BSA Online form within 10 working days from the last day of the quarter the data refers.</p>
Week2	<p>If not already done so ... Update NHS.UK with August BH Hours (26.08.19)</p>			
Week3		<p>Preparation for 2nd Public Health Campaign 2019-2020 - <u>Anti-Microbial Resistance (AMR)</u>.</p>	<p>Preparation for 3rd Public Health Campaign 2019-2020 - <u>Stoptober</u>.</p>	
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Please find attached a letter re. the supply of vaccines for the forthcoming 2019-20 season.

Sanofi Pasteur have indicated they plan to phase some of the deliveries of the inactivated Quadrivalent influenza vaccines (QIV) for those at risk and under 65 years, with some vaccines being delivered by the end of November ahead of when the flu season usually starts.

All primary care providers who have ordered the QIV Vaccine are encouraged to contact their relevant manufacturer to confirm delivery dates and inform scheduling of appointments: This will enable providers to plan effectively for the forthcoming season.

NHS Flu Vaccination Engagement Training 2019, available now on [VirtualOutcomes](#).

Would you recognise the symptoms of flu?

Do you know which vaccines are being used this year?

What plans do you have in place to target your 'at risk' patients and pregnant women?

Download the course flyer, [HERE](#).

Dispensing Updates...○ **Nardil (phenelzine sulfate) 15mg tablets (MAOI) supply issue**

- Kyowa Kirin, the sole supplier of Nardil (phenelzine sulfate) 15mg tablets in the UK, have informed the Department of Health and Social Care that due to manufacturing delays, Nardil will be out of stock from the beginning of August until at least the end of October 2019.
- DHSC have contacted specialist importer companies, who have advised that unlicensed imports can be sourced from abroad.
- UK Medicine Information have also published guidance on management including the need for specialist referral to mental health teams if unlicensed supplies of phenelzine sulfate 15mg tablets are deemed unsuitable: <https://www.sps.nhs.uk/articles/shortage-of-phenelzine-15mg-tablets-nardil/>

➤ **Local Action required:**

1. Please share this information with relevant networks locally including GP practices, community pharmacies and community mental health services.
2. For patients who do not have sufficient supplies of Nardil (phenelzine sulfate) 15mg tablets for the duration of the expected out of stock period, clinicians should consider prescribing an unlicensed preparation of phenelzine sulfate 15mg tablets as soon as possible in order to avoid abrupt withdrawal. Clinicians will need to work with local pharmacies to understand more about the specific unlicensed products that can be sourced and associated lead times.
3. To minimise the disruption this may cause locally in terms of patients seeking GP appointments, GP practices may want to consider using local IT systems to identify patients who may be impacted by this shortage and to manage these patients by prescribing unlicensed supplies or referring back to a specialist team in good time, where appropriate.
4. Clinicians should refer to the UKMI memo for advice on alternatives: <https://www.sps.nhs.uk/articles/shortage-of-phenelzine-15mg-tablets-nardil/>

○ **'Salbutamol 2mg/5ml syrup'**

- DHSC have been made aware that both suppliers (GSK and Pinewood) are currently out of stock of Salbutamol 2mg/5ml syrup.
- GSK, the main supplier of salbutamol 2mg/5ml syrup (Ventolin) have advised a resupply date of early August 2019.
- Pinewood are long term out of stock due to manufacturing issues and are currently unable to advise a resupply date.
- DHSC have contacted specialist importer companies, who have advised that unlicensed imports can be sourced from abroad.
- UK Medicine Information have also published guidance on other alternative options including the use of salbutamol tablets: <https://www.sps.nhs.uk/articles/shortage-of-salbutamol-syrup-2mg-5ml/>

For the full details of the shortage and for more information see the bulletin (sent to all contractors 05.07.19), attached.

○ **AstraZeneca distribution change**

From 1st July 2019, AAH Pharmaceuticals Ltd will be the sole distributor for all AstraZeneca products to pharmacies in the UK – more info [HERE](#).

○ **Epanutin 50mg Infatabs**

Licensed Phenytoin 50mg Infatabs manufactured by Pfizer is currently unavailable. If a prescriber wishes to consider an unlicensed preparation, the prescription will need to be amended to specify this – more info [HERE](#).

○ **Disopyramide 100mg/150mg capsules**

Sanofi and Mylan, the manufacturers of Disopyramide 100mg and 150mg capsules, are currently experiencing temporary disruptions – more info [HERE](#).

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Bank Holiday Opening Hours...

From this upcoming Bank Holiday August (26.08.19) and thereafter, the hours declared on NHS.UK will be the sole record used to populate the NHS England bank holiday hours. The hours declared on the DoS profile updater will NOT be cross referenced with the NHS.UK entry so contractors need to ensure both entries include the same information.

Any contractors where hours are not declared on NHS.uk will be shown as closed on the NHS England hours circulation.

Available NOW: Data Security & Protection Toolkit Standard (DSPT) 2019-2020...

The DSPT has been reviewed for 2019-20 and is now open and available for submissions, [HERE](#).

Availability of Medical Device Awareness Cards for those with Insulin Pumps, CGM and Flash Glucose Monitoring Devices...

A new Medical Device Awareness Card has been launched, sponsored by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and Airport Operators Association (AOA), which covers insulin pumps, CGMs and flash glucose monitoring devices including the Freestyle Libre.

Due to potential damage, insulin pump and CGM manufacturers advise that the medical devices should not be exposed to x-ray screening or full-body airport scanners. Regulations allow passengers with these medical devices to ask for an alternative security screening process. The new card provides information for both the Security Officer and the passenger and can be downloaded directly from the CAA website, [HERE](#).

Links to the poster:

[Medical Device Awareness Card Poster v.1](#)

[Medical Device Awareness Card Poster v.2](#)

Category M Prices to Increase from August...

- Category M reimbursement prices to increase by £15m a month
- This is intended to help ensure that the overall margin delivered in this financial year is £800m, and should help ease immediate contractor cashflow issues
- Single activity fee to increase by 1p per item

Find more information, [HERE](#), via the PSNC.

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Serious Shortage Protocols (SSPs)...

On Monday 1st July, legislation came into force allowing the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) to issue Serious Shortage Protocols (SSPs).

SSPs are a potential way to help pharmacies manage any serious shortages of medicines that may occur, without needing to refer patients back to prescribers.

If an SSP is issued, community pharmacy contractors must, under their Terms of Service, consider the SSP, so it is important that contractors are aware of the legislation and the new requirements.

Find out more [HERE](#).

To help contractors, PSNC has also issued a useful briefing, [HERE](#), and flow chart, [HERE](#). This briefing explains the legislation and what pharmacies should do if an SSP is issued, including worked examples of the endorsing requirements.

Contractor Notification: Melatonin Oral Solution – Retrospective Price Adjustment...

-Melatonin 1mg/1ml oral solution sugar free (150ml) – is added to Part VIIIA of the Drug Tariff as a Category C line based on Colonis Pharma,
-Melatonin 5mg/5ml oral solution and Melatonin 5mg/5ml oral suspension – are deleted from Part VIIIB.

Find all the details, including payment, [HERE](#).

CORNWALL: Nitrofurantoin PGD

The Nitrofurantoin PGD for the treatment of uncomplicated urinary tract infections in women has been updated and is to be used from 1st July 2019.

There are quite a few changes from the previous PGD following the advice from Public Health England and the updated NICE guidelines. The main differences are listed within the Signing Sheet document.

Community pharmacists will no longer be asked to dip stick urine for women presenting with two or more symptoms but will now only supply dependent on symptoms and age.

ACTION: Please read the PGD and then either email or send a copy of the completed signing sheet to the NHS Kernow Prescribing Team. **The PGD checklist and Signing sheet are available on line on the Cornwall LPC website, [HERE](#).**

'Pharmacy playing a pivotal role in prevention and public health'...

Community pharmacies are one of the most frequented health care settings in England, with 1.2 million health-related visits every day. Alongside their role optimising the use of medicines, community pharmacy teams are increasingly delivering a wide range of public health interventions.

A new post has just been published on the [Public health matters blog](#) which explores how pharmacy teams can play a role in prevention through opportunistic interventions and commissioned services for six public health challenges, namely:



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- Cardiovascular Disease (CVD)
- Smoking
- Sexual Health, reproductive health & HIV
- Healthy Ageing
- Mental Health
- Vaccination

For all the details, further information, references and resources, read the full blog, [HERE](#).

BRISTOL: Closure of Bishopston and Northville GP practices...

The current contracts to provide GP services at Bishopston and Northville practices expire on 30 September and the CCG has been working with patients, staff and local providers to explore options for service provision after this date.

Having engaged widely on several options, including consideration of the viability and long-term sustainability of each, the CCG has confirmed that all patients will now be supported to re-register at a suitable neighbouring practice, with Bishopston and Northville practices closing on 30 September. There is capacity for all patients to register with other practices in their area and no patient will be without a GP.

Letters confirming the changes have been issued to patients and further information, including patient FAQs, are available on the practices' websites. The CCG is holding a series of drop-in sessions for patients during July and August, and details of these events have been shared directly with patients and via practice waiting room posters.

CORNWALL: Community Pharmacy Emergency Supply Service - Summer Holiday In-Hours Extension...

...Will run from Monday 1 July through to Friday 27 September. During this time, pharmacists working in participating pharmacies will be able to supply a sufficient quantity of medication to Cornish residents (up to five days treatment) and to visitors to the area, (up to 14 days treatment) both in and out of hours.

The Emergency Supply Service (in-hours and out-of-hours) is only available for UK registered patients.

See link to the Cornwall LPC website, [HERE](#).

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NHS England and NHS Improvement – South West

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In addition, if you know of any colleagues who would like to receive a copy of the E-Communication each week please send an e-mail with their name, place of work and e-mail address to our generic [mailbox](#) and we will add them to our distribution list.

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Please see our [website](#) “NHS England South West (South & North) Community pharmacy” for more information and any blank templates, forms and documents.

For reference available documents are, Contact Details (UPDATED MARCH 2019); Forms for requesting changes to Core or Supplementary hours; Blank unplanned closure form; links to the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments (PNAs); links to LPCs; MUR guidance, MUR/NMS blank templates; Significant Incident reporting form; Serious Difficulty application form; and log for 100-hour pharmacies.

...NEWLY ADDED TO THE WEBSITE – Forged Prescription and Medicine Shortage Guidance...

E: england.pharmacysouthwest@nhs.net | W: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/south/info-professional/pharm-info/sw-pharm/> | A: Peninsula House, Kingsmill Rd, Saltash, PL12 6LE.



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Protecting and improving the nation's health

To: GPs and Community Pharmacists

Cc: CCG Flu Leads

17 July 2019

Dear Colleagues

Re: Flu vaccine supplies

Each year, the World Health Organisation (WHO) through its Global Influenza Programme makes recommendations on what influenza viruses should be included in vaccines for the forthcoming season.

This year, the WHO delayed its recommendation on one of the strains of the virus, by a period of four weeks, from February, into March.

The [WHO's](#) final recommendation for vaccine manufacturers - to include the use of the A/Kansas/14/2017 (H3N2) virus strain, in response to a recent increase in the proportion of viruses detected which would not be effectively dealt with by its existing vaccine strains - was published on the 21 March 2019.

Manufacturers are responsible for informing providers of any expected changes to delivery schedules.

We understand from manufacturers that the delayed WHO recommendation on vaccine strain has had an impact on their vaccine supply. Sanofi Pasteur have indicated they plan to phase some of the deliveries of the inactivated Quadrivalent influenza vaccines (QIV) for those at risk and under 65 years, with some vaccines being delivered by the end of November ahead of when the flu season usually starts.

We are therefore encouraging all primary care providers who have ordered the QIV vaccine to contact their relevant manufacturer to confirm delivery dates and inform scheduling of appointments.

This will enable providers to plan effectively for the forthcoming season.

Yours sincerely,

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To: PHARMACYSOUTHWEST, England (NHS ENGLAND & NHS IMPROVEMENT - X24)
Subject: *ACTION REQUIRED* Medicines Shortage Notification* Salbutamol 2mg/5ml syrup

Good afternoon.

REF: *ACTION REQUIRED* Medicines Shortage Notification* Salbutamol 2mg/5ml syrup

Dear Colleagues,

Please be aware that there is an important drug supply issue affecting:

'Salbutamol 2mg/5ml syrup'

- DHSC have been made aware that both suppliers (GSK and Pinewood) are currently out of stock of Salbutamol 2mg/5ml syrup.
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Local Action required:

1. Please ensure that information about this supply issues is cascaded to all relevant networks.
2. For patients who do not have sufficient supplies to last until early August, clinicians should consider prescribing alternative options during this time including unlicensed supplies of Salbutamol 2mg/5ml syrup. Clinicians will need to work with local pharmacies to understand more about the specific unlicensed products that can be sourced.
3. Clinicians should refer to the UKMI memo for further advice if an unlicensed supply of Salbutamol 2mg/5ml syrup is considered unsuitable.

If you have any queries please contact genericmedicineshortages@dhsc.gov.uk

We hope this information is helpful and thank you for your assistance with this issue.

Yours sincerely

Pharmacy Team Southwest on behalf of DHSC

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w. www.england.nhs.uk and www.improvement.nhs.uk



