

Community Pharmacy Bulletin



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Coming Up

	August	September	October
Week 1	<p>Public Health England COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign materials to be removed from display 1 August 2021</p> <p>-----</p> <p>PSNC Covid -19 Cost Claims workshop 2 August 2021 7.30pm</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Expressions of Interest for Christmas and New Year Applications 2 August 2021</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Paediatric Respiratory Illness Virtual Event 4 August 2021 12.30pm – 1.30pm</p>		<p>Supplementary Application for New Year's Eve (31 December 2021) deadline 3 October 2021</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Core and Supplementary Applications for New Year's Day (1 January 2022) deadline 2 October 2021</p>
Week 2			

	August	September	October
Week 3			
Week 4	Aligning the Upper Age for NHS Prescription Charge Exemptions with the State Pension age consultation closes 26 August 2021 11.45pm	Supplementary Application for Christmas Eve (24 December 2021) deadline 25 September 2021 ----- Core and Supplementary Applications for Boxing Day (26 December) deadline 27 September 2021	
Week 5	August Bank Holiday 30 August 2021		

Headlines from the Week

NHS England

- None

NHS England South West Regional Team

- None

PSNC Bulletin

- [COVID-19 Cost Claims: Urgent action required](#)
- [Flu Vaccination Service PGD published and change to service specification](#)
- [CPCS IT changes from October 1st](#)
- [Class 2 MHRA medicines recall notice](#)
- [New Pharmacy Quality Scheme for 2021/22 announced](#)

Community Pharmacy Seasonal Influenza PGD Published

(taken from the Primary Care Bulletin – 12 August 2021 (Issue 147))

The [2021-22 Community Pharmacy Seasonal Influenza PGD](#) was published on 6 August to accompany the previously published Seasonal Influenza Advanced Service Specification. Community pharmacies may wish to become involved in this service, which remains separate from the COVID-19 vaccination Local Enhanced Service. We are still awaiting JCVI recommendations about whether influenza and COVID-19 vaccinations can be administered at the same time and will update you as more information becomes available. Information regarding the Influenza PGD for general practice will follow through the usual communication routes.

Updated PHE Guidance on NHS Staff and Student Self-Isolation and Return to Work Following COVID-19 Contact

As of 16 August 2021, the government is changing the requirements to self-isolate following a positive COVID-19 contact. This [letter](#) provides details of how this change will impact staff and students working in the NHS.

GPhC Warns About Provision of Online Services

The GPhC has written to pharmacy owners and pharmacy professionals, reminding them of the need to follow its guidance on providing pharmacy services at a distance, including on the internet. This is not about distance selling pharmacies, it is about any pharmacy dispensing controlled drugs prescribed by EEA prescribers working alone or for online prescribing services.

The [letter](#) sent by the GPhC's Director of Insight, Intelligence and Inspection highlights that since April 2019, the GPhC has taken enforcement action against over 40 pharmacies concerning the provision of online services. The majority of the pharmacies involved were working with online prescribing services that were prescribing medicines liable to misuse and overuse on the basis of online questionnaires. According to the letter, a significant minority of pharmacies and pharmacy professionals are not meeting standards and following guidance.

If you have any queries please contact england.southwestcontrolleddrugs@nhs.net.

Funding to Support Pre-Registration Pharmacy Technician Training Placements

Following successful single sector and cross sector Pre-registration Pharmacy Technician (PTPT) training placements in 2020/2021, Health Education England (HEE) have secured funding to support the growth of the pharmacy technician workforce in 2021/2022.

Funds will be available to further support expansion of PTPT training capacity in community pharmacy or as part of a cross sector apprenticeship programme (see attached flyer for information).

We would like to invite you to join a webinar on Monday 23 August 2021 where information regarding training programme requirements and the funding application process will be shared. Please see the attached flyer "PTPF Apprenticeship Webinar Aug 21" for details of the webinar or click on the [here](#) to complete the registration form to attend.

Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) – Fluoxetine 10mg Tablets

This is to inform you that because of ongoing supply issues, the Serious Shortage Protocol currently in effect for fluoxetine 10mg tablets (SSP05) is being varied to extend the end date, which was previously Friday 13 August 2021.

The end date for SSP05 will now be Friday 12 November 2021.

If you have any questions regarding the SSPs please contact the NHS Prescription Service:

Email: nhsbsa.prescriptionservices@nhsbsa.nhs.uk

Telephone: 0300 330 1349

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To access the latest information about SSPs (including supporting guidance), please visit the following [link](#)



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Funding to support pharmacy technician training

HEE Stakeholder Engagement Webinar

Monday 23 August 2021 (10am to 11.30am repeated at 7pm to 8.30pm)

Health Education England are delighted to announce funding to support the training of pre-registration trainee pharmacy technicians (PTPTs) as part of either a cross sector integrated programme or single sector training within community pharmacy. We are looking to work with employers to support their development of pre-registration trainee pharmacy technician apprenticeships nationally across England.

How much funding is available?

- **£46,099** per PTPT over the 2-year apprenticeship training period.
- Funding is intended to contribute to the cost of developing and running a two-year programme and may be used to contribute towards the cost of salary, educational supervision or establishing educational infrastructure.
- The apprentice can be someone new to your team or an existing team member to upskill.

What do I need to do to be eligible for funding?

- Be able to provide educational supervision from a GPhC registered pharmacy professional.
- Complete a short on-line application with an overview of your proposed training programme.
- **Cross-sector applications** must have formed a partnership that includes a minimum of two healthcare settings, at least one of which must be responsible for delivery of day-to-day patient facing pharmacy services. Ideally, we would like to see partnerships that include general practice and primary care networks to continue workforce growth in this sector.

What other support is provided by HEE?

- Support from a dedicated HEE pharmacy programme facilitator to support you develop your training programme and provide guidance throughout the 2-year training period.
- Employer network meetings to share experience, practice and resources
- A range of resources such as examples of job adverts, job descriptions and learning plans

Please follow the link below to register to attend the webinar on 23 August

[Link to online registration form](#)