

# 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><a href="#">PSNC Covid -19 Cost Claims workshop</a> 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><a href="#">Paediatric Respiratory Illness Virtual Event</a> 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			
Week 3			

	August	September	October
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

- [Making a start on the 2021/22 PQS](#)
- [Requirement to submit NMS quarterly information returns](#)
- [August 2021 Price Concessions 1st Update](#)
- [Self-isolation rules for fully vaccinated](#)
- [Patient Safety Culture Survey](#)
- [Volunteers needed to test referrals into the NHS Digital Weight Management Programme](#)

## Directory of Services (DOS) and NHS.uk Profiles



Community pharmacies are reminded to ensure that they update their opening hours for the August Bank Holiday on 30 August 2021 on Directory of Service (DOS) and [NHS.uk profiles](#).

## NHS CPCS IT Systems: Funding Model Extension and Update on Expansion of System Suppliers

(taken from Primary Care Bulletin – 19 August 2021 (Issue 148))

Since the launch of the Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS) in October 2019, two assured CPCS IT solutions have been nationally procured to support community pharmacy contractors with the delivery of the service.

The national procurement model was extended to October 2021 amid pandemic pressures and will be extended for a further six months until 1 April 2022 providing a benefit for contractors and funded by NHS England and NHS Improvement.

From April 2022 the approach will change, as the cost of CPCS IT solutions transfers directly to community pharmacy contractors.

From mid-November 2021, contractors will be able to transition to their own contractual arrangements with one of four assured IT providers:

- Cegedim
- PharmOutcomes
- Positive Solutions
- Sonar Informatics

A buyer's guide will be made available to support contractors to make well-informed decisions when choosing an IT solution.

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## PWDS/HEE GP Pharmacy Technician Medicines Optimisation Training Programme (GPPT)

Pharmacy Workforce Development South (the South West provider arm for the HEE South School of Pharmacy) are excited to announce the launch of the new PWDS/HEE GP Pharmacy Technician Medicines Optimisation Training Programme (GPPT) to **non PCN ARRS funded** Pharmacy Technicians working in primary care.

Pharmacy Workforce Development South are currently accepting for expressions of interest for a cohort scheduled to begin on **12 October 2021** and trainees will be required to attend a virtual programme induction event on this day. This cohort will consist of **some fully funded places**. 'Expressions of interest' will be provided with an application for to complete and return by 17 September 2021.

The GPPT programme is designed to support safe practice and professionalism in primary care, provide education and training that meets the requirements of the APTUK/PCPA National Competency Framework for Primary Care Pharmacy Technicians and further the professional development of pharmacy technicians working in primary care. The programme supports pharmacy technicians to transfer, develop and embed relevant skills for primary care practice. The programme supports the demonstration of the competence required for pharmacy technicians to undertake safe, effective and autonomous practice within the scope of the pharmacy technician primary care role.

The attached documents, "GP Pharmacy Technician Programme EOI Flyer", "GPPT – October 21 Cohort and EOI info" and "HEE and PWDS GPPT FAQ Aug 21" provide more details. Please contact Mary Carter (Training Programme Director) at [mary.carter1@nhs.net](mailto:mary.carter1@nhs.net) if you have any questions.

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