



Local Pharmacy Catch-up

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Pharmacy in North Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent working as part of the NHS, with CCGs and the public health department to deliver services for our local communities.

A Word from the Chair

Hello and Welcome to the November issue of the LPC newsletter.



As we approach the busiest time of year in pharmacy I would like to thank you for taking the time out to read this newsletter. Firstly, I am delighted to announce that Clare Stott (Independent) has been elected to vice chair of North Staffs and Stoke LPC. Clare has been an active member of the LPC for several years and will bring a wealth of experience to the role.

In recent months the LPC has had some productive dialogue with NHS111 to enable pharmacy to be included in its referral pathways. From mid-December adult patients will be directed to pharmacy if they call in with certain conditions. This will save about 2000 GP appointments per year. Please make your teams aware that you may get calls from NHS 111 checking if a patient can come and purchase treatment from your pharmacy.

The implementation and roll out of summary of care records (SCR) is imminent and will be happening in this area between December 15 and April 16. This will help pharmacists to sort out prescription queries without having to contact the GP surgery and improve patient care. More information about SCR can be found on the hscic website.

Finally, the LPC office and Tania receive several phone calls on a daily basis from pharmacists with queries. Many of the answers to these can be found on the LPC website. We are sending every pharmacy a 2016 calendar with our website details to encourage more of you to use the website as your first port of call for everyday queries.

Wishing you a happy Christmas and new year.

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

*Regards
Nita.*

Click [HERE](#) to book onto the event.



North Staffs & Stoke LPC and South Staffs LPC held successful Think Pharmacy Event!

Read on for more details

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Access to Supervised Opioids in Police Custody

Please find below a link to a recent Public Health England publication in relation to inconsistencies in how people in police custody access their doses of methadone and buprenorphine.

Even though it is not common that methadone and buprenorphine doses are needed for a patient in custody, procedures need to be in place to manage this. Healthcare professionals, commissioners and regulators have written this briefing to help other healthcare professionals, including community pharmacists and police custody teams, give people safe access to these medicines.

The link is:
<http://www.nta.nhs.uk/uploads/access-to-supervised-opioids-for-people-in-police-custody.pdf>

which takes you straight to the document otherwise it can be found within the "Other publications" on the main NTA site here:

<http://www.nta.nhs.uk/prison-based.aspx>.

Controlled Drugs News



From 30th November 2015 health professionals obtaining supplies of schedule 2 and schedule 3 controlled drugs in the community must use a mandatory requisition form. The scope of the form includes pharmacy to pharmacy transfer of stocks. The new approved requisition form, in electronic format, is available [here](#).

Additionally, the Home Office has approved new wording for instalment prescribing. The new wording can be used immediately and can also be 'mixed and matched' to express the prescriber's intention. However, as usual, where this intention is not clear it may be necessary, subject to the professional judgment of pharmacy teams and dispensers, to contact the prescriber. The new wording may be found at Annex A of the [Home Office Circular \(027/2015\)](#).

Sam Travis, Accountable Officer NHS North Midlands informs you of the introduction of a new web-based controlled drug reporting tool. The aim of this reporting method is to make your statutory obligation to report controlled drug concerns/ incidents much simpler and consistent.

This will mean that trends can be identified more easily and learning from incidents shared in a timely manner. The online tool has been 'live' across parts of the country including Greater Manchester for over two years. Organisations are required to record their concerns via the website address www.cdreporting.co.uk.

Within the North Midlands locality we will be going 'live' with the online system on the 7th December 2015 and would therefore ask that the web address www.cdreporting.co.uk is added as a safe site within your IT network to enable your pharmacies to access it. All reporters of controlled drug concerns / incidents will need to register on the website. There are training videos available on the website that show you how to submit an incident/ raise a concern or request the destruction of controlled drugs.

Once you have registered on the online tool you will receive a notification confirming this and you are then able to access the reporting elements of the website. If you go to the 'dashboard' section of the site a drop down box will appear from where you can select the option you need.

The tool will be available for use from December 7th and this will be our preferred method of reporting from that date. We realise that some contractors will need time to get used to this method of reporting and there may be local IT glitches to iron out and SOPs to modify.

However, from the 1st March 2016 we will only accept incidents reported via www.cdreporting.co.uk.



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Flu Vaccination GP Notifications

The Area Team for Staffordshire have been receiving a number of reported incidents from local practices stating that some of their patients have been vaccinated in the pharmacy but they have not been notified either electronically or paper.

May we remind you that you must send notification to the patients GP within 48 hours of administering the vaccination.

Here is a quick reminder of the correct procedure:

- the patient's name, address, date of birth and NHS number (where known);
- the date of the administration of the vaccine;
- the applicable Read V2, SNOMED CT or CTV3 codes; and
- any adverse reaction to the vaccination and action taken/recommended to manage the adverse reaction.

PharmOutcomes is set up to notify the above information by email to the GP practice's registered nhs.net email address, and contractors are NOT required to provide any further information about flu vaccination provided under the NHS service.

One further point - PharmOutcomes has identified a few practices as not having a registered nhs.net email address; these were recorded for all practices in Shropshire & Staffordshire last winter however it is possible that some may have changed - if you encounter this message then notification will need to be sent fax or by hand to the practice within the required 48 hours. You may also find practices outside of Shropshire & Staffordshire also don't have registered addresses.

Please notify the LPC any practices this happens for and we will pass the information on to NHS England.

You can find more information regarding the Flu Service from the PSNC website: psnc.org.uk/flufags

Pharmacy have made a huge contribution to vaccinating the population! Well Done!

Information from Pharmoutcomes shows these results so far...



Physiotherapist Prescribers

It has been reported to the LPC that a few local community pharmacies in Staffordshire have refused to dispense a prescription for antimicrobials issued by a Physiotherapist.

Can we remind you that physiotherapists are able to undertake the independent prescribing course and prescribe antimicrobials.



Funding for students and Pre-Reg's

Funding is available for students or pre-reg's who wish to attend pharmacy-related conferences. Priority would be given to those who have had a poster accepted or are giving a presentation but other requests would be considered. As the funding is coming from Shropshire and Staffordshire funds the pre-reg's need to be working within one of these counties. All applicants must complete the form attached to this newsletter or [DOWNLOAD HERE](#). Small grants of up to £50 will be made subject to availability and approval.



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4 EPS News



Do you want to keep up to date with the latest EPS News?

Sign up to receive the EPS News Bulletin:

<http://systems.hscic.gov.uk/eps/contacts/signup>

Latest Surgeries to go Live

Loomer Road Surgery, Loomer road, Chesterton	11/11/2015
Kingsbridge Medical Practice, Kingsbridge Avenue, Clayton.	25/11/2015
Lyme Valley Medical Centre, Lyme Valley Road, Newcastle-Under-Lyme	16/12/2015
Goldenhill Medical Centre, High Street, Goldenhill.	23/11/2015
Chadalavada, Woodland road, Abbey Hulton	25/11/2015
Potteries Medical Centre, Beverley Drive, Bentilee.	16/12/2015
Five Towns GP Surgery, Shelton Primary Care Centre, Norfolk Street, Shelton	28/01/2016
Maheepathi, Dunrobin Medical Centre, Dunrobin Street, Longton	11/02/2016

Antimicrobial Resistance and Community Pharmacy

Antimicrobial resistance is a massive issue, the usefulness of antibiotics is under threat and community pharmacies are ideally placed to give advice to the public about this problem. We should be discouraging them from asking for antibiotics for self-limiting conditions. We are asking our pharmacists to talk to their teams to update their knowledge on when NOT to suggest going to the GP for a prescription. Green snot does not mean get an antibiotic, sore throats are most often viral, green rubbish on the chest doesn't mean "get antibiotics" unless your patient has COPD so please get the message right and advise people to self-treat. Check out the leaflet on our website that GPs are using to explain to patients why they are not giving them an antibiotic prescription – let's make sure we are giving the same message. Why not make use of the new Pharmacy First Common Ailments service (details below), which would allow you to supply simple medicines for these conditions and so hopefully reduce the number of patients going to the GP for antibiotics. Antibiotic Awareness Day is November 18th and is a European wide initiative. Locally the CCGs have purchased posters that will be sent to pharmacies as well as to GP practices and we ask you to display these in a prominent place. More information is available on the website at:

<http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/EAAD/Pages/Home.aspx>

Across Staffordshire and Shropshire all healthcare professionals are being encouraged to become an Antibiotic Guardian – this is really easy, just visit the website and click on the appropriate link, there are pledges for the public too so why not get the whole team to take the pledge and see if you can get your customers to join in too – it is everyone's problem after all – <http://antibioticguardian.com>

You can print out your certificate and display it with pride. The pharmacy LPN and NHSE are hoping to supply every pharmacy with some balloons to emphasise the message so please display your posters and pledges and blow up your balloons so that community pharmacy are part of this massively important campaign and we make a real statement on November 18th.





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On behalf of North Staffs & Stoke LPC and South Staffs LPC, we would like to thank all those who attended the Think Pharmacy Event and made it such a success!

A special thanks to the speakers and chairs of the day, Nigel Ratcliffe and Manir Hussain you did a fantastic job in showcasing all the capabilities of community pharmacy.



Tania Cork
Chief Officer
of North
Staffs &
Stoke LPC.

Healthy
Living
Pharmacy
Stand

Alistair Buxton,
Director of NHS
Services PSNC.

Talking about NHS
services in
Pharmacy.



The Think Pharmacy Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent Events are being supported by educational grants or purchase of display space by the following pharmaceutical companies, for which the LPCs are very grateful: Astellas Pharma Ltd; Apodi Limited; Teva UK Limited; Pfizer Ltd; Boehringer Ingelheim Ltd; Bayer PLC; Astra Zeneca UK Ltd; Lundbeck Ltd; Leo Pharma; Lilly UK; Ipsen Ltd UK.

Continence Advice Service

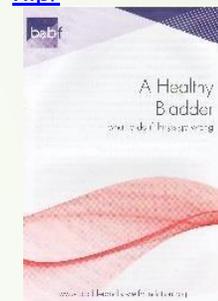
If you are a Healthy Living Pharmacy and have not signed up for the continence advice service, you can still do so.

Contact HLP Facilitator for more information:

Elissa Pateman,
hlp.ssot@gmail.com

It is a very simple advice service where any pharmacy staff member can conduct a short questionnaire with a customer that presents with any continence related product, such as; pads, pants, intimate wash. You will be paid for having a short conversation about how to manage continence problems or be referred to another healthcare professional for advice. You can find out more about the service on the LPC website:

<http://www.northstaffslpc.co.uk/services/continence-advice-service-in-hlp/>





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Drug Tariff Price Concessions



Price Concessions for October 2015.

Drug	Pack size	Price concession
Celiprolol 200mg tablets	28	£19.83
Celiprolol 400mg tablets (new)	28	£39.65
Cimetidine 400mg tablets	60	£8.00
Clindamycin 150mg capsules	24	£13.25
Co-proxamol 32.5mg/325mg tablets	100	£49.50
Diclofenac Sodium 50mg gastro-resistant tablets	28	£2.66
Flecainide 50mg tablets (new)	60	£5.05
Ferrous Sulfate 200mg tablets	28	£2.99
Lamotrigine 5mg dispersible tablets sugar free	28	£8.25
Lercandipine 10mg tablets	28	£6.25
Lercandipine 20mg tablets	28	£9.85
Mefenamic acid 500mg tablets	28	£12.00
Nefopam 30mg tablets	90	£25.00
Procyclidine 5mg tablets	28	£14.00
Trazodone 50mg/5ml oral solution sugar free (new)	120ml	£135.00

Recent Department of Health, Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) and Public Health England (PHE) guidance "[Widening the availability of Naloxone](#)" published on 10th November 2015 explains changes to the Human Medicines Regulations 2012 (the Regulations) which widened the availability of Naloxone when used for the purpose of saving life in an emergency.

Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency

Drug Safety Alerts

Mirabegron (Betmiga ▼): risk of severe hypertension and associated cerebrovascular and cardiac events
Mirabegron is now contraindicated in patients with severe uncontrolled hypertension; advice about regular monitoring is being introduced because of cases of severe hypertension.

<https://www.gov.uk/drug-safety-update/mirabegron-betmiga-risk-of-severe-hypertension-and-associated-cerebrovascular-and-cardiac-event>

Letters sent to healthcare professionals in September 2015

A letter was sent to healthcare professionals about mirabegron for symptomatic treatment of urgency, increased micturition frequency, or urgency incontinence.

<https://www.gov.uk/drug-safety-update/letters-sent-to-healthcare-professionals-in-september-2015>

[Pioglitazone Accord 30mg Tablets - Accord Healthcare Limited \(CLDA \(15\)A/10\)](#)

Accord Healthcare Limited is recalling a specific batch which has inadvertently been distributed in the UK, because it is labelled for the Portuguese market.

Alert type:

Drug alert: company-led

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CPPE Upcoming Events



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The CPPE autumn 2015 learning campaign is all about acute kidney injury (AKI). We have joined forces with the UK Renal Registry and their [Think Kidneys](#) programme to highlight the risks of acute kidney injury and encourage pharmacy professionals working in all sectors of practice to think about how you can help prevent AKI.

Get involved with the campaign and take part in our challenges. There are six to choose from but why not have a go at them all?

- Watch the Think kidneys – talk kidneys animation (there is a [community practice video](#) and a [hospital practice video](#)) and reflect on simple steps you can take that make a big difference.
- Have a go at our [special edition e-challenge that's all about kidneys](#) (available from 28 October).
- Join our AKI [@WePharmacists Twitter chat](#) at 8:00pm on Thursday 12 November, using the hashtags #CPPEAKI and #thinkkidneys.
- Read our AKI articles in Pharmacy Magazine and Training Matters, and organise a team meeting to discuss how you can work together to prevent AKI.
- Listen to our [podcast](#) and create a poster for your pharmacy/practice.
- Pledge to make a difference and [register your intentions on the Think Kidneys website](#).

We've dedicated a web page (www.cppe.ac.uk/aki) in our [Focusing on clinical pharmacy and therapeutics pathway](#) to this campaign and we'll be updating it regularly over the next six weeks with more details about the challenges.

Let us know how you're getting involved in the campaign by posting your messages and photos on Facebook and Twitter, using the hashtags #CPPEAKI *and* #thinkkidneys.

Forthcoming Local Workshops - these events are open to all GPhC registrants and can be booked via the [CPPE website](#) - please note that food is served at 7pm and the learning event starts at 7.30pm
Consulting with Older People 7.30 – 9.30pm: Keele Hall 9th February 2016, Lichfield 11th February 2016
Parkinson's Disease Focal Point 7.30 – 9.30pm: Lichfield 3rd November 2015, Telford 3rd March 2016 with the Keele date yet to be confirmed.

Alcohol identification & brief advice 7.30 – 9.30pm: Staffordshire University Octagon Building Board Room 2nd March 2016 ☒

Polypharmacy Focal Point dates from April 2016 to be confirmed.
Any questions about CPPE contact me Gillian.hall@cppe.ac.uk or for problems booking an event via the website contact CPPE 0161 778 4000 or try live chat

