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Public Health Campaign for Pharmacies in Staffs and Stoke

All pharmacies to promote oral health during August. HLPs to promote for August and September



Staffs & Stoke Pharmacies

www.staffsandstokepharmacies.co.uk



Butt Lane Pharmacy, Oral Health Display

Hello and welcome to the LPC newsletter.

The Flu Vaccination Service is now live! Are you ready? For information about the flu service see details below in the newsletter. If you missed the PSNC Flu Service webinar you can still view this on the PSNC website or access [Webinar](#) (click through for the on-demand recording) now.

North Staffs and Stoke LPC have a new office email address; office@northstaffslpc.co.uk.

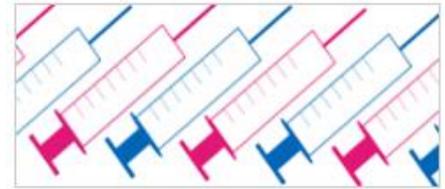
Chief Officer Tania Cork also has a new email address; taniacork@northstaffslpc.co.uk Please update your email contacts with the new email addresses.

You have been sent an invitation to three upcoming training events. These have been funded by your LPC and unless you use these free training and learning opportunities we will no longer be able to support them. Last chance to book onto the EPS Phase 4 training event. Details below in newsletter and on the LPC website.

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National Flu Vaccination Service – are you ready?

August 31, 2016 #getreadyforflu

The national Flu Vaccination Service starts Thursday 1st September, so for those of you who have received stock of flu vaccinations and are planning to start vaccinating from tomorrow here's a reminder of all the things that community pharmacy contractors must have done prior to providing the service.

You must have:

- a Standard Operating Procedure (detailing all the requirements of the amended Directions) and a needle stick injury procedure in place, and have ensured all staff involved in the service have received appropriate training in regards to these procedures;
- ensured your consultation room meets the requirements specified in the service specification;
- notified NHS England of your intention to begin providing the service by completing the notification form available on the NHS Business Services Authority (NHS BSA) website – This must be done annually therefore even if a contractor provided the service in 2015/16 they must complete this sign-up process again;
- ensured all pharmacists providing the service from your pharmacy are competent to do so, which includes them having completed the Declaration of Competence for the service and therefore having signed a copy of the Patient Group Direction, which is also signed by the Authorising Manager;
- advised pharmacists providing the service that they should consider being vaccinated against hepatitis B and have advised them of the risks if they decided not to be vaccinated
- an anaphylaxis pack must be available in the pharmacy and all staff must know where this is and what to do if a patient has an anaphylactic reaction (an anaphylaxis card is available on the PSNC website which can be kept by the phone to guide staff on calling an ambulance if a patient has an anaphylactic reaction to a vaccination).

We would also recommend that the following have been completed prior to providing the service.

You should have:

- ensured all members of the team have reviewed the paperwork for the service so they understand what needs to be completed;
- ensured all members of the team have reviewed the IT platform for recording patient questionnaire details so they can help patients use this (if, for example, being used on a tablet device in the pharmacy), explain to patients how to use it if they choose to access the IT platform at another time or so team members can input data directly from paper copies of the patient questionnaire;

printed copies of:

- the Record & Consent Form (please note, if you are using a web-based platform such as PharmOutcomes or Sonar to record patient details you will not need to print blank copies of the consent form as the systems will allow you to print copies with the patient details pre-populated which can then be used to obtain patient consent);
- the GP Practice Notification Form (this is not required if you are using a web-based platform to notify GPs);
- the Patient Questionnaire (for patients who choose to fill in the questionnaire on paper rather than using the IT platform available from NHS England); and
- have made arrangements for the removal and safe disposal of any clinical waste related to the provision of the service. **Go to PSNC website for more information, click [HERE](#).**



CheckRx launched to help contractors use Px report



CheckRx, a new service for all pharmacy contractors, has been launched by PSNC Data Systems at www.checkrx.net.

CheckRx, a companion service to Check34, turns the complex data in the monthly Px report from the NHS BSA into business friendly information that can be used by subscribers to better understand how they have been paid for dispensed items.

For a chosen month CheckRx can provide detailed information on:

FP34 payment data (script type, basic prices, fees paid, expensive items, etc.)

Drug Tariff splits of items dispensed (Part VIII Category A/M/C split, Part VIIB, appliances, ACBS, etc)

Brand/generic analysis and product usage by volume, value or number of items

Clinical/therapy area split (by item/patient)

CheckRx also provides basic competitor analysis, allowing you to benchmark your performance for items dispensed, MURs and NMS against other pharmacies. It also shows which GP practices your scripts come from, and the total of your Electronic Prescription Service (EPS) nominations.

While the data in the Px report is confidential to the pharmacy concerned, the competitor data is taken from publically available information on NHS Digital (previously HSCIC).

CheckRx is a companion service to Check34. While Check34 provides trend analysis of pharmacy's NHS dispensing business over a period of up to 24 months, CheckRx allows contractors to look in detail at the items dispensed each month.

CheckRx is a subscription service. The cost per pharmacy for a year's subscription is £144+VAT. The NPA has entered into an arrangement with PDS which will enable NPA members to subscribe at a reduced price of £120. The NPA will also be handling subscriptions for non-NPA members.

Independent contractors wanting to subscribe to CheckRx can do so via the NPA website at: npa.co.uk/checkrx, or by emailing checkrx@npa.co.uk

Company Chemists' Association (CCA) members who want to find out more about CheckRx can email CheckRxadmin@psnc.org.uk or contact PSNC Data Systems on 0203 1220 813 for more information Find out more about CheckRx, and FAQs about how to access your Px report and drop it into CheckRx, at: psnc.org.uk/checkrx



PSNC and Pharmacy Voice, with the support of the RPS English Pharmacy Board, have today published their vision for the future of community pharmacy. The Community Pharmacy Forward View sets out the sector's ambitions to radically enhance and expand the personalised care, support and wellbeing services that community pharmacies provide. In the scenarios outlined in the document, pharmacy teams would be fully integrated with other local health and care services in order to improve quality and access for patients, increase NHS efficiency and produce better health outcomes for all. The Community Pharmacy Forward View sets out the organisations' shared ambition for the sector, focused on three key roles for the community pharmacy of the future:

1. As the facilitator of personalised care for people with long-term conditions;
2. As the trusted, convenient first port of call for episodic healthcare advice and treatment; and
3. As the neighbourhood health and wellbeing hub.

To Read More Click [HERE](#)



CPPE e-learning on influenza now available

The Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education (CPPE) has released the latest e-learning programme, [Influenza](#), which aims to improve the knowledge and skills of pharmacy teams to deliver an integrated, person-centred flu vaccination service.

The programme features video activities to promote understanding of effective consultation skills with patients that the learner can apply to their practice. It also provides a comprehensive overview of the virus, describes the impact of flu on public health and the types of flu vaccinations available.

This e-learning, which is estimated to take two hours to complete, will support competence development to provide the [Flu Vaccination Advanced Service](#) and is a recommended learning activity in CPPE's [Declaration of Competence](#) for this service.

NPA - National Pharmacy Association

EVENT: Dispensing incidents & learnings webinar

Date: Tue 13-Sep-2016

Time: 7.30 pm

Location: Online Providing an essential update on patient safety issues in community pharmacy, Chief Pharmacist Leyla Hannbeck will take you through the common types of dispensing error, look at the causes of errors and provide top tips for minimising errors.

This free webinar is highly recommended for all pharmacists and pharmacy teams across the UK, to help maximise patient safety in your pharmacy. For more information and to register visit: <https://lnkd.in/dB64FU2>

CCGs to merge Office Space

From 12th September, North Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Clinical Commissioning Groups will be located at the following address: Smithfield 1 Building, Leonard Coates Way, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, ST1 4FA

Telephone: 01782 298002



EPS Tokens submission

From 1st September 2016, the Pricing Authority will start to scan the EPS tokens submitted by pharmacies, to support the NHS Business Services Authority's (NHSBSA) Prescription Exemption Checking Service. Although EPS tokens will be scanned they will still not be used for reimbursement purposes so please do not endorse any information on these tokens as it will not be seen.

Remember that you are only required to send all chargeable and only the non-age exempt EPS tokens to the Pricing Authority.

The following steps may help when submitting your tokens in the end of month prescription bundle:

All EPS tokens should be kept separate from prescriptions;
All EPS tokens that are submitted should be signed by the patient/representative to capture payment/exemption declaration;

You do not need to submit any age exempt EPS tokens; and
EPS tokens do not need to be sorted into prescriber order.

The Payment Authority is sending out a factsheet to all pharmacies with their September submission documents to relay this message



Upcoming Training Events

You can book your place via the LPC website;
www.northstaffslpc.co.uk

Tuesday 6th September

EPS Phase 4

In 2016, EPS will move into Phase 4, don't get left behind, find out latest news.

- The Medical Institute Hartshill
- 7.00pm Arrive & Buffet
- 7.30pm Start

Deadline Friday 2nd September

Book Your Place [HERE](#)

Tuesday 13th September

Respiratory and Adult Safeguarding

Respiratory Conditions and new inhalers currently being prescribed in Staffs & Stoke.

Adult safeguarding, human trafficking and modern day slavery.

Book Your Place [HERE](#)

Wednesday 21st September

Substance Misuse- Illegal Highs- STOKE ONLY

Definition of what Novel Psychoactive Substances are, categorisation, trends, risks to users and current legislation /policy will be discussed and examined in this seminar. Training Outcomes and Overview.

Book Your Place [HERE](#)

Unless we have greater attendance rates for these training events we will no longer be able to offer any more in the future, so use them or lose them!



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PHARMACY COMMITTEE 

Public Health England campaigns this Autumn



Helping you to improve health outcomes in your area.

Stoptober

Stoptober – the 28-day national stop smoking challenge – is set to return for its fifth year. Stopping smoking for 28 days means people are five times more likely to quit for good. The campaign will launch on 20 September, to give people time to get ready for the challenge that starts on the first day of October. For pharmacies, Stoptober is a good platform to have conversations with customers and patients to encourage them to quit smoking. It provides you with an engaging way to discuss support options and tailor advice. Public Health England has developed a new pharmacy toolkit for 2016 to help you remind smokers that you are there to help.

Stay Well this Winter

Following the success of last year's campaign, which drove an estimated 1.1 million extra visits to pharmacy, NHS England and Public Health England will again launch a joint national initiative in October to help at-risk groups prepare for the winter months. The campaign will encourage parents of 2-7 year olds, pregnant women, those with long-term health conditions, e.g. asthma or heart disease and people over 65s to get the free NHS flu vaccination, and take simple, easy-to-achieve action that may avoid admission to hospital e.g. speak to your pharmacist at the first signs of feeling unwell.

Public Health England will distribute pharmacy toolkits to all independent pharmacies via wholesalers, with the help of the Healthcare Distribution Association.

You do not need to order the kits – you will start to receive the kits for both campaigns from 19th September.

