

Welcome to the new committee

The new term of Community Pharmacy Gloucestershire (LPC) started this spring, and the first meeting of the new committee was held on 13th July.

Committee members are elected and nominated to represent contractors in Gloucestershire for a 5 year term.

As a contractor if you have a concern or a representation that you want the committee to take action on, please contact one of the committee members or officers.

CCA representatives

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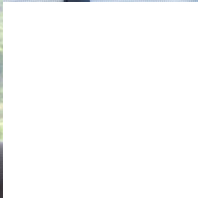
AIM representatives

Peter Badham

Steve Ireland

Rebecca Myers

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Upcoming training and deadlines

New start date for Flu and COVID vaccination advanced service

11th September 2023

Independent Prescribing in Community Pharmacy Pathfinders webinar

Thursday 14 September, 6.30-7.30pm

How to support your patients through the GLP-1 Agent shortages

Wednesday 20th or Wednesday 27th September (online Teams meeting– more details to follow)

Foundation Training Grant Payments claimed on MYS

Thursday 14th September

DHSC Consultation on pharmacy technicians and PGDs

Closes 29th September 2023

Aspiration payment for the PQS 2023/24 window

9:00 on 4 September 2023 to 23:59 on 29 September 2023

PCN community pharmacy leads conference

28th September all day

Community Pharmacy Gloucestershire AGM

2pm, 15th September

New Educational supervisor training for the community pharmacy workforce

NHS England are pleased to announce new, fully funded educational supervision training for those supervising the community pharmacy workforce.

This training will ensure those involved in educational supervision, including Designated Supervisors (DSs), Pre-registration Trainee Pharmacy Technician education supervisors and Designated Prescribing Practitioners (DPPs), are confident to provide support and developmental aid to the pharmacy workforce within community pharmacy.

This new training offer provides 500 places exclusively for prospective DPPs and 500 places for other educational supervisors, including DSs, previously pre-reg tutors.

To register for the Educational supervisor training for the community pharmacy workforce, visit the [ProPharmace website](#).

To find out more about NHS funded training for community pharmacy professionals visit the [Community Pharmacy Training web page](#).

Community pharmacy technician: advancing your role

This new NHS England fully funded training programme will help pharmacy technicians develop the skills and confidence to deliver effective clinical services in community pharmacy. This is to ensure that they have the right post-registration training to enable confident, safe working practices and career development.

Launching in September, up to 840 pharmacy technicians will be able to apply for the training.

To register and find out more about the programme visit the [CPPE website](#).



Preparing to train as an independent prescriber.

This programme aims to build the confidence and competence of pharmacists who are planning to apply and train as independent prescribers and is open to pharmacists from all sectors of practice, including community pharmacists who are planning to commence their independent prescriber training with a Higher Education Institute (HEI).

The *Preparing to train as an independent prescriber* learning programme launches on the 12 September. You will need to book onto one of the mandatory online workshops to guarantee your place and gain access to the e-course.

The two workshop dates available for this pilot cohort are as follows:

Thursday 21 September, 7-9pm

Monday 23 October, 7-9pm

More dates will be released in due course for further cohorts of this programme.

We have a number of vacancies in Gloucestershire for Community Pharmacy PCN leads, and we need local community pharmacy leaders to support.

Vacancies are currently in Tewkesbury/Newent, Stroud and Gloucester city

Please consider applying for this role that will also build

your networking and leadership skills -and you will be supported in this new opportunity with learning, development and mentoring. Funding for this role has been agreed at £300 per day or £150 per half day, with a commitment of just 1 day a month necessary.

Please contact Sam.bradshaw@cpglos.uk for more info.

Hypertension Case Finding Service– We are starting to see practices requesting to know which pharmacies are providing the hypertension service and ABPM. If your pharmacy is participating in this service then please make sure you let your local practice know– and agree how you would like the practice to refer patients to you.

Our PCN leads will be working on the Hypertension service with an aim to increase referrals to community pharmacy going forwards.

GLP 1 agonist shortages

There are very limited, intermittent supplies of all glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonists (GLP-1 RAs)

Supplies are not expected to stabilise to meet full market demand until at least mid-2024.

The supply issues have been caused by an increase in demand for these products for licensed and off-label indications

Pharmacies are asked that where they cannot supply medication to patients, or find an alternative pharmacy that has stock – to refer patients back to their GP.

Current guidance is NOT to switch brands of GLP1 RA's or to double up on the lower strengths– but for clinicians to review

patients and come to agreement with the patient on how to proceed with their treatment.

There will be an online training evening towards the end of September for Pharmacists and pharmacy teams– please check emails for more details.

We will also be emailing out some bag leaflets that have been approved by the ICB that you can use to attach to prescriptions or bags to remind you of the action to take with these patients.

Please be advised that the following branded generics switched are being made by the ICB, against our advice.

You will see more items being prescribed for these branded lines– so please run down generic stock so you are not left with medication on the shelf going out of date.

If you have problems getting the branded item– please flag to us at CPG so that we can push back to the ICB.

Felodipine– prescribed as **Delofine**

Vitamin B12– prescribed as **CyanocoB12**

Glycopyrronium bromide prescribed as **Assicco**

Flu season is nearly upon us and this year as well as the NHS flu service, pharmacies in Gloucestershire are being given the opportunity to support GCC Occupational Health Services by administering flu vaccines to council employees– including fire and rescue staff and local teachers.

Pharmacies will need a private flu vaccination PGD and be signed up to the PHES contract to take part in this service– and expression of interest should be sent to sam.bradshaw@cpglos.uk as soon as possible if you want to participate.



Sarah Scott, Executive Director of Adult Social Care and Public Health Gloucestershire County Council, getting her flu vaccine from Dhiran Vadhia, Stroud Road Pharmacy (October 2022)

CPCS and Pharmacy UTI service

We still have quite low uptake on the locally commissioned UTI service. This service is a bolt on service for referrals through CPCS (from NHS111 or from GPs). If your pharmacy has not yet signed up to deliver this service then please contact Sam for more information.

If you have signed up and completed the training and paperwork– please make sure you let your local surgeries know that they can refer UTI patients to you for assessment.

As a reminder– when a pharmacist receives CPCS referral for a minor illness, they are being asked to **complete a clinical assessment** of the patient. The NHS111 operative or receptionist making the referral is NOT a clinician– so the pharmacist is responsible for clinically screening the patient. You WILL get patients referred to you that cannot be dealt with in the pharmacy so you will need to refer them either back to the GP or to Out of hours after you have assessed them e.g. patients with blood in their urine, red flag symptoms, signs of infection. The pharmacist's job is to make sure they are getting appropriate treatment for their assessed symptoms, whether that is by recommending self care, selling an OTC medication, using a PGD or referring the patient to a GP or other setting.