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| **April 2023 Newsletter** |

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| **CPSW have an updated vision and strategy for 2023/24!** Our new CPSW vision is: ***A network of pharmacies, supported by Pharmacist Independent Prescribers, integrated into the wider healthcare system and focused on delivering accessible holistic healthcare services that meet and respond to the needs of their local communities*** Want to know how we are currently working to achieve this vision for contractors across Swindon and Wiltshire? You can have a read of our new Strategy – [Click here](https://cpsw.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cde253b9a7a0d756abff54699&id=42ace2a393&e=0f0ce351f5).  Any questions please be in touch, or why not join one of our committee meetings to find out more about the work that we are doing, and allow the opportunity for discussion, feedback and sharing of ideas.    |

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| **CPSW Elections** If you are an independent contractor, nomination details for the election were sent out last week.  There are two places available on the committee for independent contractors.  Please be in touch if you have any queries, **and note that the deadline for nominations is Wednesday 3rd May at 12 noon**.  Any nominations received after this will not be eligible for consideration. The other eight places on the LPC will be filled by nominations from the Company Chemists’ Association (CCA) and Association of Independent Multiple Pharmacies (AIMp) ready for the new committee to start on 1st July 2023 (as per the new constitution).  |

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| **Local services** Is your pharmacy signed up to deliver local services? Minor ailment PGDs, supervised consumption, EHC….you can check out [our website](https://cpsw.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cde253b9a7a0d756abff54699&id=719970eb84&e=0f0ce351f5)to find out about the many different services commissioned across Swindon & Wiltshire currently.  Please be in touch with us directly to find out more about the local services that you can get involved with.  **Or if you recognise a need within your local community that you think could be an innovative idea for a future service - we would love to hear from you!** |

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| **Research Opportunities***(1) University of Bath are* looking for ***pharmacy staff who work in a UK healthcare setting,***to participate in a survey to establish what factors are most important to them in their job and career. **This project aims to:**explore factors that influence the recruitment and retention of pharmacy staff in job roles in UK healthcare settings and estimate how these influence career decisions.**What will you be asked to do:**The study involves participation in an online survey. **The** **survey closes 11pm, Monday 8th May 2023.** **Findings will be used to:**support pharmacy employers to respond to the needs of pharmacy staff when recruiting to and retaining them in roles.  [Click here](https://cpsw.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cde253b9a7a0d756abff54699&id=22bca4ff25&e=0f0ce351f5) to read the Participant Information and to take part in the survey (15-minutes to complete). Your consent to participate in the study will form the first part of the survey and your responses will be anonymous.  **As CPSW we would encourage you all to take part in this really important piece of research to help understand and support our local community pharmacy workforce.**-----------------------------------**(2) Calling all Pharmacy Technicians (current or former), Pre-registration Trainee Pharmacy Technician, Pharmacy Technician Manager/Employer or Trainer!**Health Education England are inviting you to participate in an important study concerning the training, role and employment of pharmacy technicians, to support future workforce development.[Click here.](https://cpsw.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cde253b9a7a0d756abff54699&id=8060bc1bd3&e=0f0ce351f5) |

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| **Important Local Information** Please be aware that the Boots Pharmacy at Great Western Hospital is an hospital outpatient pharmacy and cannot dispense FP10s.  Please do not direct patients there for that purpose.  |

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| **Did you know?**Pharmacy technicians are now able to perform blood pressure checks as part of the Hypertension Case-Finding Service and deliver the Smoking Cessation Service (SCS).The Drug Tariff has been amended, where necessary, to reflect this and includes the amendments to The Pharmaceutical Services (Advanced and Enhanced Services) (Amendment) (England) Directions 2023.The service specifications are in the process of being updated – so watch this space! |

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| **Independent Pharmacies – an opportunity to enter national awards!**  Do you work for an incredible Pharmacy Team? Or know a technician or pharmacist whose work deserves to be shouted about?**Find out more and enter**[here](https://cpsw.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cde253b9a7a0d756abff54699&id=07f30d7994&e=0f0ce351f5)**.  The closing date for submitting your entry is July 17, 2023!** |

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| **Communication**Are you a new contractor or member of staff working in Community Pharmacy in Swindon & Wiltshire? Join our new CPSW [Telegram group](https://cpsw.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cde253b9a7a0d756abff54699&id=734965baaf&e=0f0ce351f5) to keep up to date and in touch with CPSW staff and committee members.***Do you want to know more about Swindon & Wiltshire LPC and the work we are doing?***Why not visit our website and find out…[About us – Community Pharmacy Swindon & Wiltshire](https://cpsw.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cde253b9a7a0d756abff54699&id=0b0b562a12&e=0f0ce351f5)If you wish to attend an LPC meeting to discuss an issue, or have an item included in the agenda, please feel free to contact us./var/folders/jt/ssf8xjds2p9ghbc3vkj05ypw0000gn/T/com.microsoft.Word/WebArchiveCopyPasteTempFiles/dfdfb1c2-b609-4c0f-93db-dc8a051c75d8.jpg |

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