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| February 2023 Newsletter |

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| **IP Pathfinder**We are working closely with the BSW ICB to submit an EOI for the Independent Prescribing Pathfinder Programme. With a strong background of experience from a Swindon CCG commissioned community pharmacy prescribing service, we are really excited about this new opportunity.  If you are an independent prescriber within our area or a contractor who is interested in this project then please be in touch with Helen Wilkinson (BSW ICB CP Clinical Lead) ASAP.   |

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| **Substance Misuse Services**From April 2023 there will be new contracts between the local council and the adult substance misuse service provider.  Within Wiltshire the main provider is remaining the same, and will be Turning Point. In Swindon the provider is changing and will be CGL. We are in discussion with the councils and providers, and there will be information sent to community pharmacies commissioned to provide these services to explain any changes over the coming weeks.   |

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| **PCN leads**As you may know there is no funding allocated to PCN leads as part of the PQS this year.  However in Swindon & Wiltshire we have some PCN leads that have taken up funding offered by the NHSE regional team last year to support the role.  This funding is due to end in April 2023, and we are in discussions with stakeholders as to how we can best support PCN leads after this date to continue the great work that has been started in many areas. If you are interested in becoming a PCN lead within your area please be in touch with carolyn.beale@cpsw.org.uk. There has also been a shift in the PCNs within Swindon again, due to the GWH PCN changes.  Once the changes have been finalised, we will be in touch to confirm which PCN your pharmacy will now align to.  |

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| **MiDoS**Pharmacies across Swindon & Wiltshire have the opportunity to access an IT platform called MiDos. This contains local NHS Signposting information at the click of a button – including:-•          Current opening hours for another pharmacy (due to emergency changes)•          Professional (back-door) telephone numbers to consult a GP •          Details of other NHS services, such as dentists for a patientYou can also use the MiDoS system to update your pharmacy opening hours in the event of an unexpected closure or short term change in service availability (and that will subsequently be used by the team to update the DoS).  MiDoS has been available to pharmacies over the last few years, but you may find that you have lost your login or didn’t originally sign up.  Over the next week or so you will receive a new login from the BSW ICB (Helen Wilkinson) via your pharmacy NHS mail account that will enable access.If you have any questions or feedback on the MiDoS then please let us know at CPSW. |

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|  **Contraception service**The national contraception service has not yet launched, however details of the service have been published. There is therefore an opportunity to familiarise yourself with the new service, and particularly to consider the training requirements, in advance of signing up to provide the service.Details available [here](https://cpsw.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cde253b9a7a0d756abff54699&id=56a7553a48&e=0f0ce351f5). |

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| **Oriel**HEE South West are holding an Oriel Employer Support Session on Thursday (9th February) 7 – 8pm. The aim of this session is to give some tips on Oriel applications and answer any questions employers may have.  If you are interested in attending the session or receiving the recording then please sign up using the [following link](https://cpsw.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cde253b9a7a0d756abff54699&id=f5e54c9297&e=0f0ce351f5).  |

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| **Training**Free MECC training is available for pharmacy teams across Swindon & Wilsthire.  You can find out more information and sign up for training [here](https://cpsw.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cde253b9a7a0d756abff54699&id=563dc26308&e=0f0ce351f5). |

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| **HEE are providing some training for community pharmacists f**ocusing on clinical examination skills.  The aim of this is to increase the confidence of community pharmacists to manage the types of clinical cases that are increasingly presenting in the community pharmacy setting, and it will be an excellent tool to support services such as CPCS.  You can find out more information and register to receive direct updates on when this training will be released [here](https://cpsw.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cde253b9a7a0d756abff54699&id=418d1ca3ee&e=0f0ce351f5). |

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| **PQS**Did you know you can check your pharmacy’s progress on some of the PQS criteria (including the NMS gateway criterion) by visiting the BSA website? [Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) | NHSBSA](https://cpsw.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cde253b9a7a0d756abff54699&id=30c189756f&e=0f0ce351f5) |

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| The Medicines Optimisation Team at the BSW ICB now coordinates and administers the community pharmacy palliative care service commissioned across Swindon & Wiltshire.  The specification has now been updated so that the pharmacies that provide the service will all carry the necessary medications to match the PQS requirement.  You are able to access the up to date list of medications included and the pharmacies providing the service [here](https://cpsw.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cde253b9a7a0d756abff54699&id=5d258faa2b&e=0f0ce351f5). |

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| Useful PSNC updates **PSNC have created a guidance document to explain the common reasons for incorrect/invalid SSP claims and provide top tips to the pharmacy team on how to endorse and declare SSP claims correctly.**[PSNC SSP Claim Tips](https://cpsw.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cde253b9a7a0d756abff54699&id=b42d1e197e&e=0f0ce351f5) |

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| **Free PPE for pharmacy teams extended.** The Government’s scheme providing free personal protective equipment (PPE) to health and care providers, including community pharmacies in England, has been extended for another year.[Find out more](https://cpsw.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cde253b9a7a0d756abff54699&id=e4cfece8ae&e=0f0ce351f5)  |

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| **Constitution**The new Swindon & Wiltshire LPC constitution was approved at a Special General meeting by a ballot of contractors.  This constitution was proposed to reflect the new model constitution recommended by PSNC as part of the response to the RSG proposals.  If you have any questions about the constitution changes or our LPC response to any of the other RSG proposals please be in touch. |

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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=48f64e2a2e&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=5d950ffde8&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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