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| **March 2023 Newsletter** |

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| **Save Our Pharmacies**A [**Save Our Pharmacies**](https://cpsw.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cde253b9a7a0d756abff54699&id=2b47f64d2a&e=0f0ce351f5) campaign website has been created by leading national pharmacy bodies, to give new focus to calls for fair pharmacy funding in England.It is the latest output of a [**joint programme of work**](https://cpsw.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cde253b9a7a0d756abff54699&id=a66ac9e49a&e=0f0ce351f5) being coordinated by PSNC, CCA, AIMp and the NPA.  Posters will arrive at your pharmacy in the next couple of weeks - please support and share widely with the public.In response to this campaign locally, CPSW were thrilled to welcome the South Swindon MP, the Rt Hon Sir Robert Buckland, to one of our Swindon pharmacies on Friday 17th March.  It was a great opportunity to be able to share the value and impact of pharmacy to the local community, and to discuss the significant funding pressures that are facing community pharmacy at this time.  Thanks to Robert Buckland for his support. If you would like to arrange for your local MP to visit your pharmacy please be in touch with us at CPSW. |

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| **Delegated commissioning**From 1st April 2023, BSW ICB will take on the delegated responsibility for pharmaceutical functions (at the same time as dental and ophthalmic, and following primary medical services last year)NHS England still retains overall accountability for the discharge of these delegated functions, under the Health and Care Act 2022. More information on the detail of this is available [here](https://cpsw.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cde253b9a7a0d756abff54699&id=220fc65703&e=0f0ce351f5).As part of our ongoing work with the BSW ICB, the LPC have met this month with both the Director of Primary Care and the ICB executive team to discuss community pharmacy within this new framework, and the local opportunities for collaboration and commissioning.  If you have any questions around this work or how these changes may affect your pharmacy then please be in touch.   |

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| **Elections**As per the new constitution, the current term of office of the members of the Swindon & Wiltshire Local Pharmaceutical Committee expires on 30th June 2023.  We have therefore started the processes ready for the allocation and election of members. If you are an independent contractor more details on election nominations will be sent out in April 2023. Please look out for these communications, and consider in advance any nominations that you may want to make.   |

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| **Research Opportunities****---------------------------------------**Pharmacy Research UK (PRUK) have recently launched their [awards and bursaries for 2023](https://cpsw.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cde253b9a7a0d756abff54699&id=58922c590e&e=0f0ce351f5), with a deadline of 19thApril. They support a **number of smaller grants** to develop research capacity and enable small scale research projects that may not be eligible for funding from other bodies. Pharmacists registered in the UK are eligible to apply for these awards.The **Research Training Bursaries** (interest in developing research skills) and the **Research Development Awards**(developing research in pharmacy practice) might be of specific interest to community pharmacists. ------------------------------------Calling all Pharmacy Technicians! Please consider completing this survey on registered pharmacy technician experiences of peer discussion. Click [here](https://cpsw.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cde253b9a7a0d756abff54699&id=8ecdd5827f&e=0f0ce351f5) to access the 10 minute online questionnaire.  |

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|  **Awards**We recognise that there is significant pressure in community pharmacy currently and pharmacy teams are all working incredibly hard at this time. We therefore wanted to highlight the opportunity to nominate team members for an award. The 2023 submissions for The Recognition of Excellence Awards are now open , hosted by *Training Matters* magazine for pharmacy support staff. It is the 10th anniversary of the Awards, and there are 10 categories that can be entered.  Find out more and nominate one of your team[here](https://cpsw.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cde253b9a7a0d756abff54699&id=2bbaed9f86&e=0f0ce351f5) before Friday 7th April. |

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| **Did you know?**You can secure free access to a range of high-quality digital resources via NHS Open Athens. This extensive NHS-funded library collection includes e-books, journals, clinical decision support, study aids, databases and more. The account is available to trainee and registered pharmacists and pharmacy technicians, working in community pharmacy.  You can find out more and sign up [here](https://cpsw.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cde253b9a7a0d756abff54699&id=8dfe2252b3&e=0f0ce351f5). |

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| **We need you!**Would you like to join us at one of our committee meetings? We would love to have more contractors join us at our in-person meetings to share the work that we are doing, and allow the opportunity for discussion, feedback and sharing of ideas. The details are available [here](https://cpsw.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cde253b9a7a0d756abff54699&id=ab27af5eeb&e=0f0ce351f5), and they usually take place at the BSW ICB Offices in Chippenham.  If you would like to join us please email to book a convenient date. |

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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=ec971d2545&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=9477645990&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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