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| **May 2023 Newsletter** |

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| **Teach and Treat**Independent Prescribing within community pharmacy is central to the vision and strategy of CPSW.  As part of this Swindon & Wiltshire community pharmacists have had the opportunity to have IP training and support from Medvivo as part of a fantastic HEE South pilot program called Teach and Treat.  Six pharmacists are currently involved, with nine more starting in the next cohort.  This pilot program has been specifically successful in addressing the common problem that community pharmacists have in finding a designated prescribing practitioner (DPP) or designated medical practitioner (DMP). The BSW Pharmacy ICS team recently attended the Clinical Pharmacy Congress where many people came to learn and talk about the project and its success.   If you want to find out more about the work CPSW is doing locally to support Independent Prescribing opportunities please be in touch.  |

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| **MP visit**Graham, one of our CPSW Independent Members, welcomed his local MP David Johnston OBE to Shrivenham Pharmacy this month.  They discussed healthcare in the village, and the pressures and opportunities facing community pharmacy at this time.Inviting local MPs to visit our pharmacies continues to be part of our support for the [**Save Our Pharmacies**](https://cpsw.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cde253b9a7a0d756abff54699&id=75d1ce8abc&e=0f0ce351f5) campaign which has been created by leading national pharmacy bodies, to give new focus to calls for fair pharmacy funding in England.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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| **CPSW Elections**We can now announce that the two individuals appointed as CPSW committee independent members from 1st July 2023 are:-**Anil Kumar Chopra** - Epicare Health Pharmacy, Swindon - New committee member **Patrick Gompels -**D&M Gompels and Spa Pharmacy, Wiltshire - Continuing committee memberThe 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). The name of the full committee membership will be announced in a couple of weeks. |

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| **FAO Wiltshire Pharmacies only** Public Health Services Contract - April 2024Online Stakeholder event: 15th June 12-2pmWe would encourage contractors to attend this event to engage with the public health contracting process and provide valuable feedback.  Please feel free to pass the information on to the most appropriate person in your organisation to attend.  Registration for the online event is available [here](https://cpsw.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cde253b9a7a0d756abff54699&id=6cfcaf7559&e=0f0ce351f5). |

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| **FAO Swindon Pharmacies only**Opportunity to provide your opinion on the new Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2023-2033 for Swindon.  Swindon Borough Council would like to hear your views on this strategy which you can view below.  The information received from the survey will be used to inform and shape the strategy and related work.  You can provide your views by completing the online survey available [here.](https://cpsw.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cde253b9a7a0d756abff54699&id=81928fe42c&e=0f0ce351f5) |

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| **Important PSNC updates**CPSW wanted to highlight the information and briefing from PSNC around the DHSC’s changes to the Pharmaceutical Regulations active from **25th May 2023.**More information available [here](https://cpsw.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cde253b9a7a0d756abff54699&id=4717603b1f&e=0f0ce351f5). |

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| **Training opportunity**NHS England have made available 10,000 module places which will be delivered by CliniSkills until March 2024.  This exciting new training offer will give community pharmacists the opportunity to build on their existing clinical examination and consultation skills - to assess, treat and manage common health problems.The training is designed to be complementary to independent prescribing training and can be completed prior to or after independent prescribing training courses. This offer is available to community pharmacists, including part time staff and locums working in communitypharmacy.  You can find out more information and [register](https://cpsw.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cde253b9a7a0d756abff54699&id=4c46abac95&e=0f0ce351f5) here. |

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| **Did you know?****You can access medicines information specialist support from the** [Specialist Pharmacy Service](https://cpsw.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cde253b9a7a0d756abff54699&id=4ea0ea652a&e=0f0ce351f5)Community pharmacy professionals in primary care across England can contact SPS using the single contact number or email address:**Call us:**0300 770 8564.**Email us:** asksps.nhs@sps.direct(Please note - they cannot answer questions from members of the public). |

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| **Awards!**Do you work for an incredible Pharmacy Team? Or know a technician or pharmacist whose work deserves to be shouted about? 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. Entries for this year’s C+D Awards are open - [click here.](https://cpsw.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cde253b9a7a0d756abff54699&id=b3f45dfd0a&e=0f0ce351f5)The deadline for entries is Thursday, June 1, 2023 - you haven’t got long so start your entry today! More information is available in the [entry guide](https://cpsw.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cde253b9a7a0d756abff54699&id=cf96565761&e=0f0ce351f5). |

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| **Social Media – pharmacy collaboration across BSW**The BSW Pharmacy ICS team have set up a social media platform for people who work within Pharmacy to network, signpost for CPD and also advertise jobs in BSW. This is open for anyone working in Pharmacy in any sector. Give them a follow on Instagram and/or twitter, and let us know if you have any content you would like to contribute from community pharmacy! |

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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=4d25280a1e&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=a1d9219818&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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