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| **Autumn 2023 Newsletter** |

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| CPSW were excited to hear about the conclusion of the [Recovery Plan negotiations](https://cpsw.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cde253b9a7a0d756abff54699&id=a62b44886a&e=0e67bb3669) this month, with the announcement arriving the day of our CPSW November Committee meeting – so there was plenty to discuss!We now have some of the key information available about Pharmacy First, including the newly published [service specification and clinical pathways](https://cpsw.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cde253b9a7a0d756abff54699&id=88aef3cd48&e=0e67bb3669) and the new service specification details and funding confirmed for the [Contraception](https://cpsw.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cde253b9a7a0d756abff54699&id=76c111872b&e=0e67bb3669) and [Hypertension](https://cpsw.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cde253b9a7a0d756abff54699&id=e92edbb0f3&e=0e67bb3669) Services.  Please feel free to be in touch with us at CPSW as you engage and prepare for the implementation of these services.  We welcome your ideas and feedback as we continue to support you as contractors.   We have already been working with local stakeholders around the impact that the new services will have for community pharmacy, and both the public and the wider health system.  We are also exploring the opportunities for collaboration, signposting and commissioning that may now also be available following the implementation of these new and extended national services.If there are specific training needs that you feel will be necessary for your pharmacy team then please be in touch so we can feed that into our local, regional and national conversations.  |

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| **Celebrating Success**Two of our pharmacies in Swindon and Wiltshire won an award at the Pharmacy Business Awards this year. Patrick Gompels, D&M Gompels in Melksham, Wiltshire won 'Pharmacy Business of the Year' andAnne Edwards, Jephson Pharmacy in Wroughton, Swindon won ‘Pharmacy Assistant of the Year’.**CPSW would like to say congratulations to both individuals and pharmacy teams.**We recognise that there is significant pressure in community pharmacy currently and pharmacy teams are all working incredibly hard at this time, so it is great to be able to celebrate recognition of this work.  Do you work for an incredible Pharmacy Team? Or know a technician or pharmacist whose work deserves to be shouted about? **Watch out for local and regional award opportunities and why not nominate someone!**  |

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| **BSW System Engagement**Within Swindon & Wiltshire community pharmacists have a great opportunity to be part of a fantastic program called Teach and Treat, with IP training and DMP/DPP support provided by Medvivo. The program information was recently presented by Caroline Quinn and Helen Wilkinson (BSW ICB Community Pharmacy Clinical Lead) at The Pharmacy Show and Clinical Pharmacy Congress North, and then also with a poster at the RPS Conference; where many people came to learn and talk about the project and its success.     |

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| This is also a good opportunity to introduce you to Caroline Quinn (above left), who is the BSW ICS Pharmacy Workforce Lead.  As a CPSW committee we work closely with Caroline on many of the changes, challenges and enablers relating to the community pharmacy workforce.  If you have any questions about the pharmacist education and training reform, local community pharmacy workforce initiatives or multi-sector trainee opportunities please be in touch with caroline.quinn2@nhs.net.   |

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| **Did you know:-**The [Pharmacy Workforce Wellbeing Roundtable Report](https://cpsw.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cde253b9a7a0d756abff54699&id=22810770f2&e=0e67bb3669) has been published by the Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS) and Pharmacist Support following a roundtable discussion held with pharmacy stakeholders in May, examining the impact of workforce wellbeing on pharmacy teams and how it can be addressed.We know that the Winter period can be a stressful time for many different reasons.  Your mental health and wellbeing is so important.  As you and your pharmacy teams are daily looking out for others, also remember to look after yourselves during this time.   More information on the report and support available can be found [here](https://cpsw.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cde253b9a7a0d756abff54699&id=7213f0dd0c&e=0e67bb3669).  The [Looking After You confidential coaching support](https://cpsw.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cde253b9a7a0d756abff54699&id=69502da840&e=0e67bb3669) offers are also still available for everyone working in primary care, which now includes a [team virtual away day](https://cpsw.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cde253b9a7a0d756abff54699&id=23b2c47c4b&e=0e67bb3669). |

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| Important CPE Updates **Vision**‘A Vision for Community Pharmacy’ was published in October 2023 and describes how Nuffield Trust and The King’s Fund foresee a transformation of the community pharmacy sector. The report not only sets out how community pharmacies’ role in healthcare could be expanded over the next decade, but also explores the barriers to achieving this, and the enablers which will help make progress towards it.  More details (and short read summaries!) are available [here](https://cpsw.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cde253b9a7a0d756abff54699&id=4c5bc1359f&e=0e67bb3669).  Community Pharmacy England will use the report’s recommendations as part of their work to improve the future direction of community pharmacy, which will be vital for negotiations on the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF) for 2024/25 and beyond. CPSW will be considering and using the report to provide evidence-based information to feed into local stakeholder discussions and strategic decision making. |

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| **NHSBSA ‘Hints & Tips’ Dispensing Contractors**The NHSBSA produces a quarterly newsletter called “Hints & Tips for dispensing contractors”.  The latest edition includes advice on what to include in the red separator, tips to avoid referred back prescriptions, new awareness campaign to help people save money on prescriptions, and more.  You can read the newsletter [here](https://cpsw.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cde253b9a7a0d756abff54699&id=70c833773d&e=0e67bb3669). |

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| **Research**Community pharmacists are able to get involved with NICE research to help interpret evidence and develop guidance in a way that is relevant for the frontline. This can be a great opportunity to share your knowledge and experience in a new setting, and support the agency to develop practical guidance that is usable in real life. To find out more about how to get involved with NICE research you can visit their [website](https://cpsw.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cde253b9a7a0d756abff54699&id=e0e06e5c25&e=0e67bb3669).  |

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| **Don’t forget**To build resilience in the COVID antiviral supply chain, CPE recommend pharmacies maintain one or two courses in stock, depending on usual demand, to dispense against prescriptions immediately. Alliance Healthcare are also increasing holdings in service centres.  These measures will help reduce waiting times for patients presenting time sensitive prescriptions.  Pharmacies are reminded that these products are supplied without charge from government stockpiles, so there is no financial impact if the product is held and exceeds shelf life. There is also no single order surcharge for these products.  |

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| **Come and join us!**We have loved having local pharmacy contractors join us at both our in-person committee meetings this Autumn.  Our next meeting is Thursday January 18th at the BSW ICB Offices in Chippenham.  Drop us an email if you would like to attend – we would love to see you there. |

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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=f5666042ea&e=0e67bb3669) 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=f2f932be82&e=0e67bb3669)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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