



Community Pharmacy Academy

9th July 2024

Welcome to this Academy update webinar. We hope that you are well and thank you for joining us.

I'm Mike from Pharmacy Complete and I'm joined by Alison and Artur from Community Pharmacy Hampshire & IOW. We will be adding links to information in the chatbox as we go so watch out for those.

This evening we will be joined by Hayley Wickens for a presentation on pharmacogenomics. We will also provide you with our usual round-up of any national and local matters impacting on community pharmacy.

I suppose the big news is that we have a new government in power and a new secretary of state for health and care in the form of Wes Streeting. He has appointed Karin Smyth as the minister for health. Both have historically has made positive noises about community pharmacy's role in population health. Watch this space!

OK, on with the show and a reminder that we will be recording this webinar so that others who couldn't make it this evening can watch. Details will be sent out later this evening and be on the LPC's website in due course

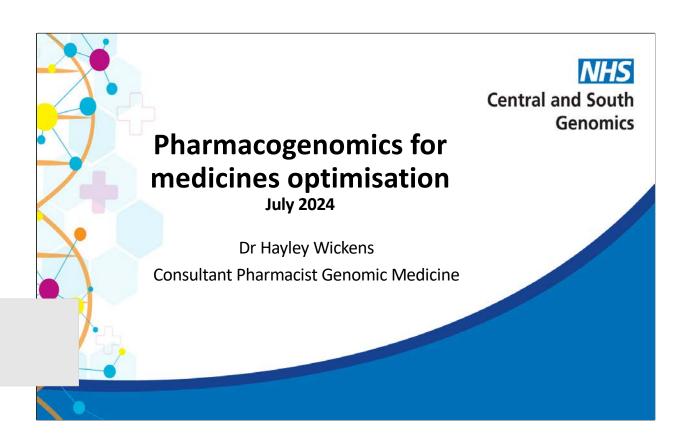
I'm sure that you are all used to Zoom meetings now but:

Mute & Video - please keep your video on to be part of the event but your microphone muted unless speaking to minimize background noise

Chat – you can post any comments and/or questions here and we will be posting links to various resources

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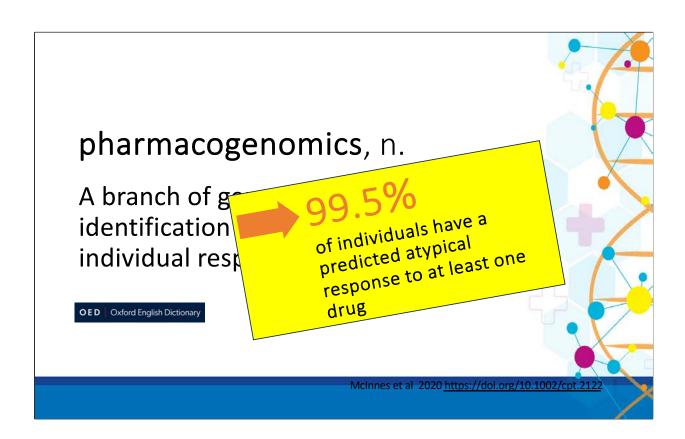
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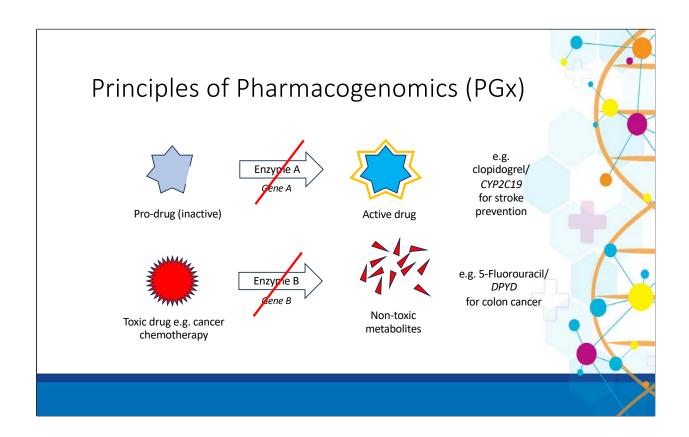


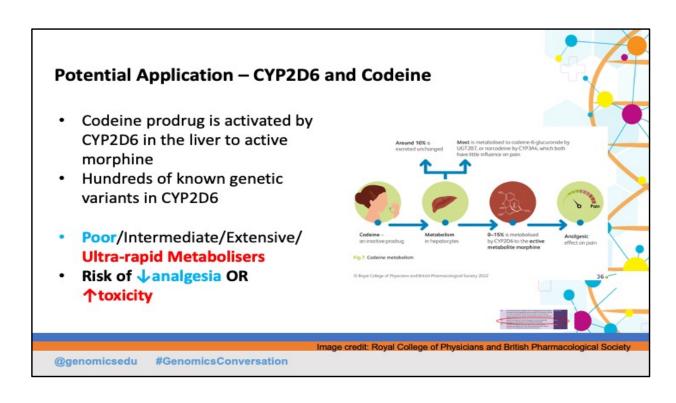
So lets start with a brief presentation on Pharmacogenomics from Dr Hayley Wickens. This is going to be an area of increasing importance in optimising medicines for patients.

Over to you Hayley













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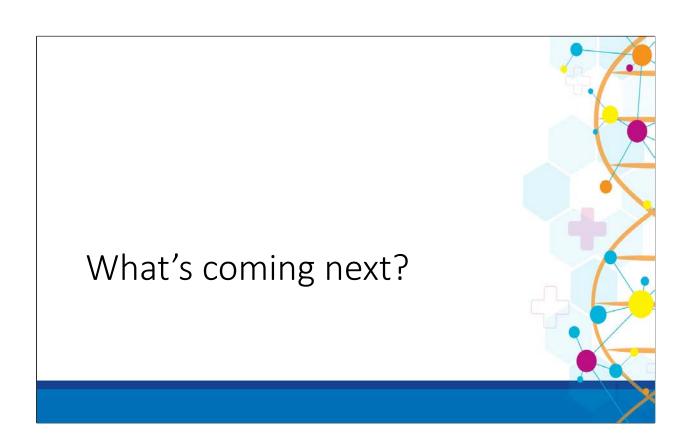


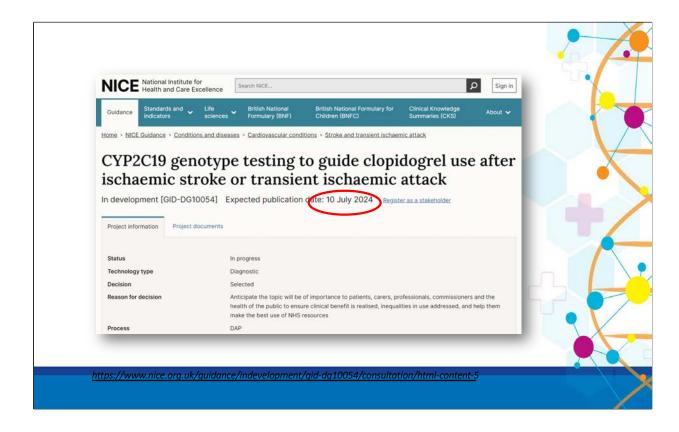
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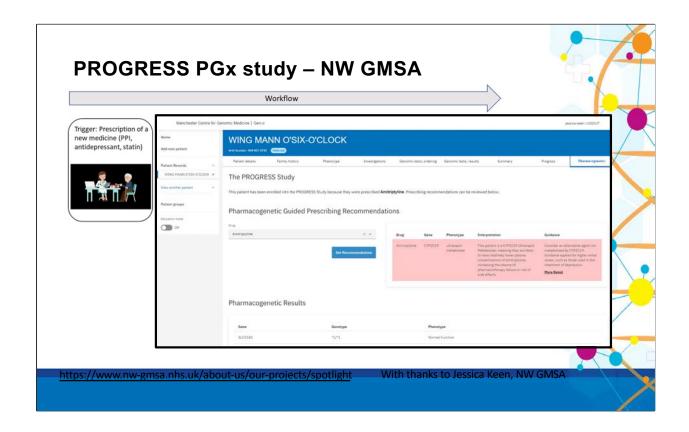


Reduction in ADRs possible with PGx?

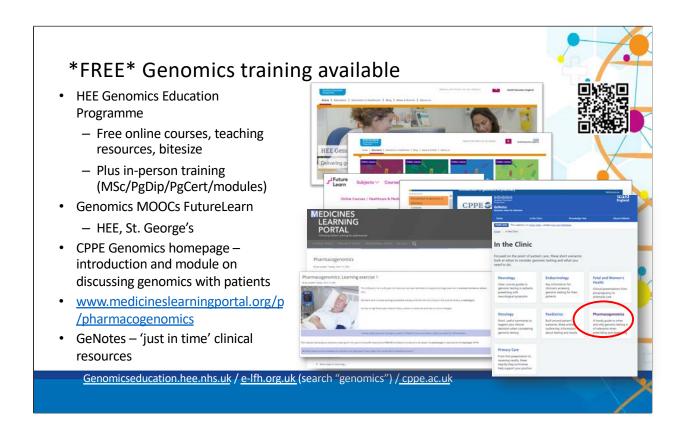
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https://cpsc.org.uk/news/latest-cpsc-news/online-pharmacogenomics-training-module-available-all-pharmacists-and-technicians

https://cpsc.org.uk/news/latest-cpsc-news/cppe-introduction-genomics-training





Thank you Hayley, very informative. We now have an opportunity to ask questions of Hayley

Please ask your questions in the Chatbox



We will now cover some topical matters to keep you uptodate with the ever changing pharmacy landscape starting with the Pharmacy First.

Reviews of some Pharmacy First data and has identified several referrals from GP practices where a pharmacy has rejected a referral where a Minor illness consultation could have been completed and claimed. The data also showed examples of where the rejection message showed that a consultation had taken place, but the referral had been rejected instead of completing a clinical record on the Pharmacy First IT system. This therefore meant the pharmacy owner was not eligible for a consultation fee.

We want to share this with you to ensure patients are seen when appropriate and to maximise the opportunities for pharmacies to provide the service and claim payment.

GP practices can refer patients for two strands of the service:

- 1.Minor illness consultations
- 2. Clinical pathway consultations.

GP practices cannot refer patients for the Urgent supply of medicines/appliances strand of the service.

Key learnings

There is not an exhaustive list of minor illnesses included in the service While the service specification does include a list of minor illness symptom groups identified for referral to a community pharmacist for the Minor illness strand of the service; it is important to note that this list is not exhaustive.

Therefore, if a referral is received for a minor illness that is not included in the list, for example, a verruca or chickenpox, this is not a reason to reject the referral and these patients can be seen under the Minor illness strand of the service.

Patients who are referred for the Clinical pathway strand of the service but do not meet the eligibility criteria should not be rejected; they can instead be seen under the Minor illness strand of the service

For example, if a patient is referred for earache but is an adult, they would not be eligible for the Acute Otitis Media clinical pathway, but the pharmacist could provide the Minor illness strand of the service for this patient.

Patients with symptoms indicative of a more serious illness/red flags should not be rejected

If having spoken to the patient, you suspect the patient does not have a minor illness, but instead has a more serious condition/red flags are identified, this is still classed as a Minor illness consultation and should be treated as such, instead of being rejected.

Appropriate action should be agreed with the patient such as the pharmacist arranging an urgent appointment with the patient's GP, GP out of hours provider or a referral to the emergency department/999.

Patients who are not contactable should not be rejected

If a patient is not contactable, then you are not able to claim for a consultation. However, the referral should be closed on the Pharmacy First IT system, noting the reason for this, rather than the referral being rejected.

There are implications of rejecting appropriate referrals

There will be times when it is appropriate to reject a referral, for example, if a GP practice has referred a patient for a medication review, which is not part of the service. However, there are implications of rejecting appropriate referrals, for example:

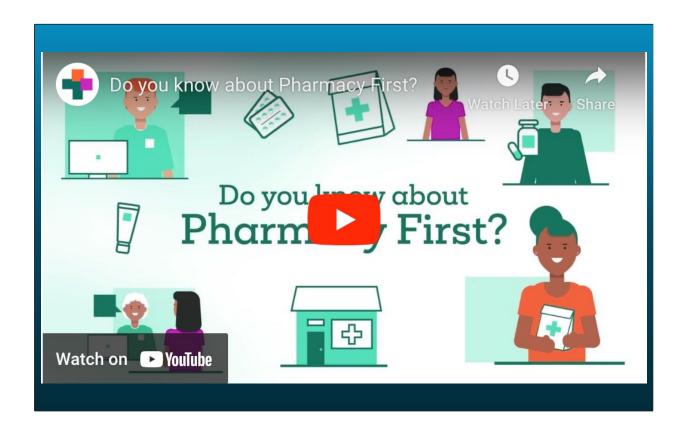
•GP practices may not review rejection messages on the same day. Therefore there is a risk that a patient with a serious condition may be missed or even those with minor illnesses are left not being able to see another healthcare professional.

- •If you are rejecting referrals which are appropriate for the Pharmacy First service, this may affect the GP practice team's willingness/confidence in future to make referrals for the service.
- •You will not be paid for the consultation.

Therefore, it is important to carefully consider whether rejection is the appropriate action to take when you receive a referral.

News article on CPHIOW website: https://cpsc.org.uk/news/latest-cpsc-news/pharmacy-first-referrals-minor-illness

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Community Pharmacy England have produced a short (2min) video to improve public awareness of the Pharmacy First service.

This can be downloaded, together with other digital resources including a silent version with subtitles, from the CPE website. You can use this in your pharmacy if you have a digital screen and/or on your pharmacy website and any social media you use to promote your pharmacy.

https://cpe.org.uk/our-news/new-animation-explains-pharmacy-first-to-the-public/

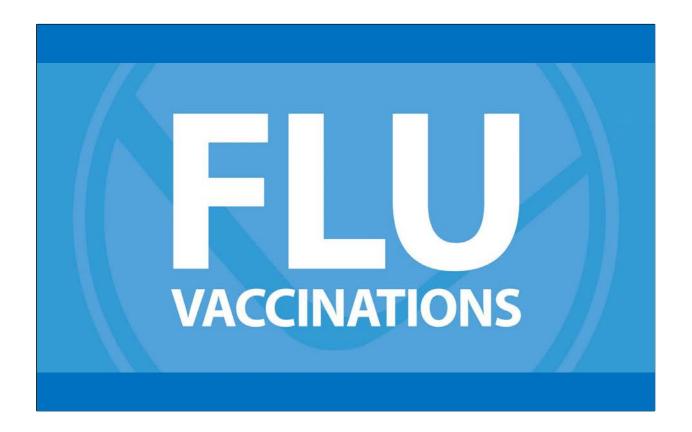
There is also a dedicated version together with other resources aimed at GPs and their practice teams:

https://cpe.org.uk/national-pharmacy-services/advanced-services/pharmacy-first-service/pharmacy-first-information-for-gps/

Reminder of bundling of PFS, PCS and HCFS in March – now is the time to prepare!



An opportunity to share successes and challenges on PFS Please ask your questions and add comments in the Chatbox



NHS England has confirmed that the start date for the full flu vaccination service will be October 3rd. Pharmacies will be able to vaccinate pregnant women from 1st September. Pharmacies will not be paid for any vaccinations administered outside of these authorised dates. They have also released the service specification, protocol and PGD which now includes provision by trained Pharmacy Technicians:

https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/community-pharmacy-seasonal-influenza-vaccine-service/

No decision has been taken on a COVID vaccination programme but those expressing an interest in the 2024/25 programme should plan for this to run alongside the flu programme from 3rd October.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-flu-immunisation-programme-plan-2024-to-2025/statement-of-amendment-to-the-annual-flu-letter-for-2024-to-2025-12-june-2024

ECG Training are hosting face to face vaccination training events for anyone who is either a first time vaccinator or would like a refresher – N.B. doesn't have to be a pharmacist. Events are being held in:

Winchester on:

- •28th July morning and afternoon sessions available
- •18th August morning and afternoon sessions available

Bournemouth on:

- •28th July morning and afternoon sessions available •18th August morning and afternoon sessions available

Book using the link in the chatbox:

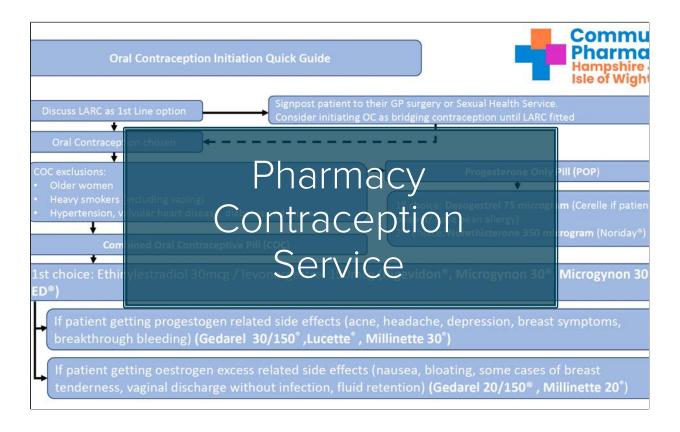
https://ecgtraining.co.uk/product/fullvaccinetraining/



Following guidance from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation, the NHS has set out next steps for delivery of 2 new respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccination programmes from 1 September 2024, for older adults aged 75-79 and during pregnancy for infant protection.

RSV is a common respiratory virus that that can cause serious lung infections. While RSV infection can occur at any age, the risk and severity of RSV and its complications are increased in older adults and in neonates and small babies, and it has a considerable impact on individuals and NHS services during the winter months.

In addition to general practice, a number of community pharmacies will be commissioned to deliver the programme. Further details will be available in due course.



The provision of oral contraceptives via the Pharmacy Contraception Service continues to grow. Some hints and tips for delivering the service:

- •Any break in taking/ using contraception whether one month or five years means the pharmacy should provide the service as an initiation consultation.
- •Make sure to ask 'has there been any change to your medical history since you were last prescribed this'
- •If a patient has any history of getting migraines always use a POP
- •Tie into EHC provision
- Protection awaiting LARC appointment

Alison to talk too

Use the quick initiation guide available on the LPC website to help select the right choice for the patient:

https://cpsc.org.uk/news/latest-cpsc-news/pharmacy-contraception-service



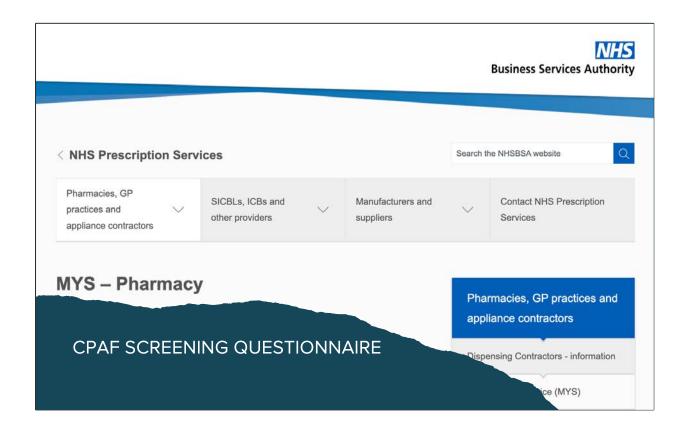
Minor changes to the lateral flow device supply service specification have been made to make the eligibility criteria section clearer to understand.

The changes also emphasise that patients eligible for the service do not need to have symptoms of COVID-19 to obtain a free box of LFD test kits under the service. Wherever possible, eligible patients should obtain LFD tests via the service in advance of developing symptoms.

This is a walk-in service where patients or their representatives can collect one box of 5 LFD tests from a participating community pharmacy on confirmation that the patient is part of the potentially eligible for COVID-19 treatments cohort. Details of those now eligible are on the CPE website.

A new service finder has been launched on the NHS website that lets members of the public and healthcare professionals search for a pharmacy that offers the LFD service. Please ensure that if you provide this service, you include it in your NHS Profile.

https://cpe.org.uk/national-pharmacy-services/advanced-services/lfd-service/



You should have received confirmation from NHSBSA that the Community Pharmacy Assurance Framework (CPAF) screening questionnaire became live on 1 July 2024 and will be available for completion on the MYS portal until midnight on 31 July.

Completion of the screening questionnaire is compulsory, and the results of the questionnaire will form the basis of which contractors will be asked to complete the full CPAF survey and may be visited later.

CPHIOW advice on potential visits:

https://cpsc.org.uk/application/files/1617/1930/9749/CPAF_visit_advise_document_ CPHIOW v1.0 2024.pdf



Legislation enabling Pharmacy Technicians to supply medicines via a PGD came into force on the 26th June 2024. This is a further step towards enhancing the role of registered Pharmacy Technicians and an important aspect of developing the community pharmacy workforce to deliver a wider range of clinical services.

Whilst this requires service specifications and PGDs to be changed to reflect this (the flu one for this autumn already has), however there is an opportunity to commence any required training ahead of those actions.

For those pharmacies still to develop a registered pharmacy technician role in their team, do remember that there are funded apprenticeships available for this.

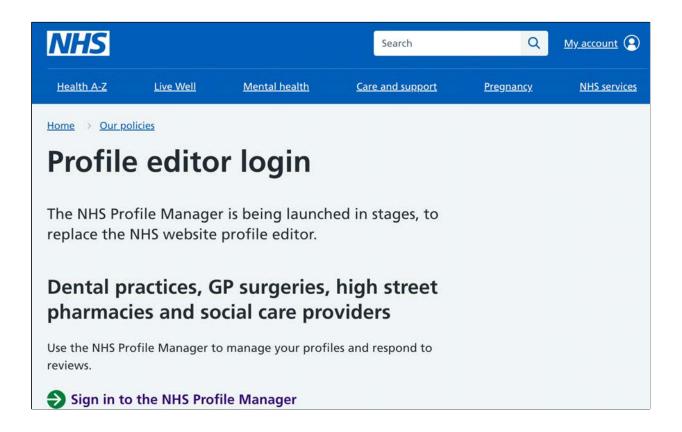
There are some useful resources on the SPS website:

https://www.sps.nhs.uk/articles/pharmacy-technicians-working-under-patient-group-directions/



With that in mind there is an information session to look at how to enhance workforce by training pharmacy technicians and the wider pharmacy team:

https://skills4pharmacy.org.uk/2024/06/27/educating-engaging-transforming-the-pharmacy-workforce-signposting-to-success-with-skills4pharmacy-webinar/



We would like to remind pharmacy owners of the need to update NHS Profile Manager each quarter to ensure that their pharmacy's NHS website and Directory of Service (DoS) profile information is up to date. The latest deadline was 30th June.

The NHS Terms of Service require you to check that your opening hours, contact information, facilities and services information are up to date for each profile, each financial quarter. You should mark each module as verified even if no change is required to the information.



CPE are running a series of pharmacy owner events.

The events will see Chief Executive Janet Morrison and her team, as well as Committee Members. As well as sharing your views, the events will give an opportunity to hear about the Community Pharmacy England strategy with the new government to try to ease the critical pressures you are facing.

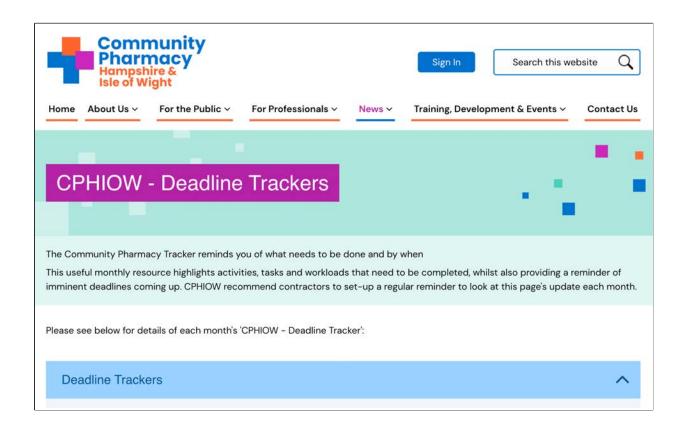
The nearest to us is in Gatwick on 24th July but there will also be one in London on 31st July and an online event on 30th July

Book using the link in the chatbox:

https://cpe.org.uk/our-news/pharmacy-owner-events-programme/



Please ask your questions and add comments in the Chatbox



And finally, remember Alison's excellent deadline tracker which is updated every month

https://www.cpsc.org.uk/news/deadline-tracker



- Next webinar: Tuesday, 17th September @ 8pm
- www.cpsc.org.uk

We are now running bi-monthly meetings so our next meeting will be on Tuesday 17^{th} September at 8pm

Look out for emails from us and the LPC's weekly update every Friday afternoon.