

Healthcare Together

Delivering Successful Tenders



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Healthcare Together have reviewed nearly 16,000 tender opportunities since we launched in September last year which equates to nearly 250 opportunities per week. We continue to regularly review the service updating categories and search codes to ensure we are capturing all opportunities. These include any service which the pharmacy team could provide in their premises in addition to outreach or bespoke services to prisons, hospitals or other establishments. We regularly review the parameters of the service and if you feel our service could be improved, drop us a line and we will endeavour to further improve the service.

Scanning service facts for last three months

- July saw the largest amount of alerts seen this year, with the highest amount of opportunities seen in June and July
- Market engagement events rose in August compared to July, representing nearly 50% of activity
- Local authorities continue to be the biggest commissioner type representing on average 55% of all opportunities. However CSU opportunities rose dramatically in July and August increasing from 3% to 21%
- Tendering opportunities (ITT) in August were very low 25% , the lowest seen all year

Focus on variation in local authority commissioning of community pharmacy public health services

BMJ Open has recently published the results of a study which evaluated the variation in local authority (LA) commissioning of community pharmacy public health services in England in 2014/15. Through the freedom of information requests to Local commissioners in addition to data compiled through the PSNC and PharmOutcomes information for the study was obtained.

There were 833 reported commissioned services with four types being commissioned by over 90% of local authorities which included emergency hormonal contraception (EHC), smoking cessation support, supervised consumption of methadone or other opiates and needle and syringe programmes.

Frequency on the use of services was also gathered in the study which showed that supervised consumption and needle and syringe programmes were the most frequently used services. Over 4.4 million individual supervisions and over 1.4 million needle packs were supplied in community pharmacy.

This study showed the significant variations in the delivery of public health services in community pharmacies, but also highlighted that the services are not always commissioned in relation to need. For more information about this study visit: <http://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/7/7/e01551>

What's new?

The Provider company networking event- sharing best practice in September has been postponed due to several diary clashes- we will endeavour to get a new date to you shortly.

Contact us: Get in touch with us to see how we can support you enquiries@healthcaretogether.co.uk or visit the website www.healthcaretogether.co.uk

