



Daily Update

Friday 31st July 2020

This daily update contains important information for community pharmacy teams about the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In today's update: Pandemic Delivery Service extended for local outbreak areas; COVID-19 self-isolation period increased; monthly PSNC communications; upcoming claim deadlines.

Pandemic Delivery Service extended for patients in local outbreak areas

Due to the emergence of local outbreaks in various areas across England, the Secretary of State has decided that the pandemic delivery service requirements **should continue to apply from 1st to 31st August 2020, but only for shielded patients who live in the following local outbreak areas:**

- The original Leicester lockdown area, announced on 29th June 2020;
- Blackburn with Darwen; and
- Luton.

This change to the service requirements was announced in [a letter published by NHS England and NHS Improvement today](#) and the service is initially being commissioned for one month. Further announcements may be made depending on Government advice and decisions.

The Terms of Service requirements therefore continue to apply to all contractors in England, but as they only relate to shielded patients living in the three local outbreak areas, it is very unlikely that contractors, other than those located in and close to the three areas, will need to provide support with delivery of prescriptions to those shielded patients.

PSNC has therefore agreed that contractors located in the three local outbreak areas will continue to receive the Essential service payment in August 2020, but the payment will cease, as previously planned, for all other contractors.

[Learn more about the service extension for local outbreak areas](#)

Self-isolation period extended to 10 days

The UK Chief Medical Officers have announced an extension of the COVID-19 self-isolation period from 7 to 10 days. Those in the community who have symptoms, or a positive result for the virus, will now need to extend their period of self-isolation from 7 to 10 days as part of a focus to extend risk minimisation measures.

[Read the announcement here](#)

Monthly PSNC communications

This month's blog from PSNC Chief Executive Simon Dukes explores how coronavirus has changed patient behaviours, sharing just a few of the remarkable stories captured as part of the PSNC Pharmacy Advice Audit.

[Read the July 2020 CEO Blog](#)

The July 2020 edition of PSNC's regular Community Pharmacy News (CPN) magazine is now available. This issue of CPN features:

- PSNC begins negotiations on community pharmacy costs and funding throughout the pandemic;
- 2020/21 Pharmacy Quality Scheme announced;
- Preparing for the Flu Vaccination Service; and
- Guidance on dispensing unlicensed medicinal products.

[Read July's CPN magazine](#)

Reminder: Upcoming payment claim deadlines

Community pharmacy contractors must claim for the Advanced Service – Community Pharmacy Home Delivery Service and the £300 payment for the adjustments to social distancing (i.e. installation of bollards, physical barriers or screens) by **11.59pm on 5th August**.

Pandemic Delivery Service: with the guidance for shielding patients now being eased, contractors are reminded that they must submit their claims for payment for delivering medicines to those patients via the Manage Your Service (MYS) portal by the end of 5th August. Claims for this service will not be accepted after that date.

Social distancing adjustment payment: any contractors who temporarily closed their pharmacy for more than two weeks since 31st March 2020 but made adjustments for social distancing prior to or shortly after the closure, will need to claim the £300 payment using the appropriate **NHSBSA claim form** by the end of 5th August.

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