



Daily Update

Tuesday 29th September 2020

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

In today's update: Over 100 products added to the DND list; Sorting of prescriptions using red separators; RPS workforce wellbeing survey.

Over 100 products added to the DND list

Following applications made by PSNC to the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA), the deduction scale will no longer apply to more than 100 new products added to the DND list. The full list of products that will no longer be subject to the discount deduction scale are listed in our news story below.

[Read our story in full here](#)

Reminder – Sorting of prescriptions using red separators

Contractors are reminded that only prescription items meeting the red separator criteria should be included in the red separator.

The NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) issues contractors with three sets of red separators each month to sort certain paper prescription forms into their relevant exempt, paid or old charge rate groups. PSNC has published an article with more information, including which items should be placed in a red separator.

[Read our story in full here](#)

RPS Workforce Wellbeing Survey

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS) has launched its second annual survey of pharmacists' mental health and wellbeing in partnership with Pharmacist Support.

The survey has been updated due to the significant impact of COVID-19 on pharmacists and their teams. It is open to all pharmacists across the profession, including students, and is not restricted to members of RPS.

[Click here to complete the survey](#)

Have you seen our latest FAQs?

PSNC's website has a large number of answers to queries posed by pharmacy contractors, their teams and LPCs; these are updated on a regular basis. Recent additions include:

Q. Are pharmacy staff eligible for testing, and if so, how is this accessed?

A. Yes, frontline workers, including community pharmacy staff in England, can access free testing for COVID-19, via the Department of Health and Social Care's (DHSC) national testing service. Testing will allow those currently unable to return to work because they or a member of their family or household have symptoms of coronavirus to know whether they do have the virus.

A new portal for booking COVID-19 tests for key workers, including community pharmacy team members, is now available for use by team members and employers: [Essential workers: apply for a coronavirus test \(GOV.UK\)](#)

Keep up-to-date on COVID-19 with our hub page: psnc.org.uk/coronavirus

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