



Daily Update

Wednesday 10th March 2021

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

In today's update: ordering lateral flow devices for staff testing; new PSNC NHS prescription charge cards; pharmacy inclusivity plan; recording of 'Your Representation, Your Say' event now available.

Ordering more lateral flow devices for staff testing

NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) have announced that all primary care contractors, including pharmacy contractors, will be invited this week to place their second round of orders for lateral flow devices (LFDs). This will enable them to test for another 12 weeks, once their first set of tests has run out.

The invitation to place an order will come directly from Primary Care Support England (PCSE) and the ordering and delivery process will work in the same manner as for the first round.

[Learn more about how to order lateral flow devices](#)

PSNC publishes NHS prescription charge cards

Following the [recent announcement](#) of the rise in NHS prescription charges to £9.35 from 1st April 2021, PSNC has designed NHS Prescription Charge Cards to print and display in community pharmacies. PSNC has produced two versions of the 2021/22 charge cards (one colour and one black and white) as downloadable PDFs.

[View the cards and related information](#)

Pharmacy inclusivity plan

A national plan outlining how the pharmacy sector can work together to embed inclusive practice into patient care has been published by NSHE&I, the Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS), and the Association of Pharmacy Technicians UK (APTUK).

The three bodies are urging pharmacy professionals in England to join efforts to deliver the plan, which aims to draw on the benefits of diversity to offer better healthcare provision. In recognition of the disproportionate impact that COVID-19 has had on healthcare staff and communities from Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic (BAME) backgrounds, the plan focuses on addressing vaccine hesitancy and reducing health inequalities.

PSNC, as part of an advisory group of pharmacy partners, has collaborated with the RPS and APTUK on this plan, which builds on a [Joint Statement of Principles published on World Pharmacists' Day 2020](#). This group will continue to work together to put the joint plan into action, keeping its development under review at subsequent meetings.

[Read the Joint Plan for Inclusive Pharmacy Practice in England](#)

Recording of 'Your Representation, Your Say' event now available

Community pharmacy contractors who were unable to attend the 'Your Representation, Your Say' engagement event hosted by the community pharmacy Review Steering Group (RSG) yesterday (9th March 2021) can now view an on-demand version.

The event recording is available to watch on the [Pharmacy Review website](#).

LPC Chief Executives and employees will have the opportunity to hear from RSG members and put forward their views at the [March LPC meeting](#).

[Read more about last night's 'Your Representation, Your Say' event](#)

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