



Daily Update

Monday 6th 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: support for individual staff risk assessments; weekly news updates.

Support for individual staff risk assessments

Following NHS England and NHS Improvement's [request for the urgent completion of staff risk assessments to take into account the COVID-19 outbreak](#), further support is now available to help community pharmacy contractors to undertake the necessary individual risk assessments.

NHSE&I have arranged a webinar on risk assessments in community pharmacy. Keith Ridge and Ed Waller will be hosting this webinar on **Wednesday 8th July from 7pm-8pm**.

[Join the risk assessments webinar at 7pm on Wednesday](#)

The National Pharmacy Association (NPA) has developed a pack of individual risk assessment resources, with input from PSNC. The pack contains information to be issued to staff members alongside guidance on undertaking the assessments for employers.

[View the NPA COVID-19: Individual risk assessment pack](#) (member login required)

Further information and guidance on individual staff COVID-19 risk assessments is available from our [PPE, staff safety and security webpage](#).

Weekly News Updates

As we are all working in a fast-moving situation with new information and guidance being published on a regular basis, to help contractors and LPCs keep track of things, alongside these daily updates we are also publishing weekly news round-ups. These are published every Monday and include all the key news and guidance from the previous week.

[Click here to find the latest news round-up](#)

Have you seen our latest COVID-19 related FAQs?

PSNC's COVID-19 hub has an [FAQs page](#) with a large number of answers to queries posed by pharmacy contractors, their teams and LPCs; these are being updated on a regular basis. Recent additions include:

Q. How am I supposed to protect my staff from catching COVID-19?

Contractors are advised to ensure that:

- Patient information posters for NHS settings are displayed so they can be seen before patients enter the premises.
- A **risk review** for their pharmacy is completed and steps put in place to mitigate any risks identified;
- All pharmacy staff practice good hygiene and avoiding direct or close contact (closer than one metre when providing health care) with any potentially infected person.
- Users of the pharmacy should be advised to keep a distance of at least two metres from other people.
- Appropriate PPE is used.

PHE have advised that full height screens installed on medicines counters would provide helpful protection for staff and PSNC advises pharmacy contractors to consider installing these wherever possible.

[Find answers to more of your questions here](#)

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

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