



Daily Update

Tuesday 4th August 2020

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

In today's update: DHSC plans for end of Brexit transition; Pharmacy Representation Review next steps webinar; RPS inclusion and diversity group.

Brexit: DHSC plans for end of Transition Period

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has clarified its plans for the continuity of supply of medicines and medical goods after the end of the Brexit Transition Period.

In a letter to suppliers of medicines and medicinal products, DHSC's Chief Commercial Officer Steve Oldfield set out the Government's preparations alongside its expectations of the industry in the run up to 31st December 2020. This includes requests to aim to hold six weeks' worth of stock in the UK and to urgently review their own contingency plans for the possibility of a worst-case scenario.

In preparation for leaving the EU (prior to the start of the Transition Period), DHSC developed a multi-layered approach for protecting the supply of medicines and medical goods. These measures have been revisited for the end of the Transition Period, and adapted where necessary.

[**Learn more about DHSC's plans**](#)

Webinar: Next Steps for the Pharmacy Representation Review

PSNC Chief Executive Simon Dukes will be hosting a next steps webinar on the independent review into contractor support and representation on **Monday 10th August at 7pm**.

During the webinar, Simon will talk about the review into the workings of LPCs and PSNC, report on the July PSNC and LPC meeting which discussed the findings, and explain more about the next steps. Contractors will have the chance to share initial reflections and ask questions, and Simon will explain how everyone in the sector can share any further feedback over the summer.

[**Register for the webinar**](#)

RPS Inclusion and Diversity Group

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS) has launched a new group – Action in Belonging, Culture and Diversity (ABCD) – as part of a drive to improve inclusivity across the pharmacy sector.

The action group will work with existing networks and individuals across the pharmacy profession, enabling networking, supporting the RPS Inclusion and Diversity strategy, capturing individual group needs and ensuring intersectionality. Any individual who works in pharmacy, including non-members of the RPS, can apply to join the group.

[Read more and apply to join here](#)

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. I am struggling to obtain generic medicines at a reasonable price, will I be adequately reimbursed?

PSNC is keeping a close eye on the generic medicines affected by recent price hikes and is in discussions with DHSC on protection for pharmacies against sudden price rises. Where purchase prices are reported to be above the listed Drug Tariff prices, PSNC continues to make applications to DHSC for price concessions in the usual way. PSNC relies on contractor reports to make its application and we urge contractors to get in touch with us to report any supply issues by using the [online reporting form](#) to give us an accurate picture of developing issues.

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

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