



# Daily Update

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 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: flu vaccination service specification published; PSNC statement on future of pharmacy representation; CEO Blog; CPN magazine.**

## Flu vac: service spec published and new flexibilities agreed

NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) have today published the [service specification for the 2020/21 Community Pharmacy Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Advanced Service and the associated national Patient Group Direction \(PGD\)](#).

These documents, alongside the amendments to the Secretary of State Directions (also signed today), formally start the countdown to the commencement of what is expected to be the largest ever community pharmacy flu vaccination programme on Tuesday 1st September 2020.

PSNC has successfully negotiated key flexibilities to help contractors to offer the service in a COVID-safe way, allowing for vaccinations off-site and outside the consultation room. Pharmacies can also now vaccinate care home staff at their place of work and use a verbal consent model.

Contractors should note, however that, unless they are already eligible for vaccination due to being in a clinical-risk group, people aged 50 to 64 years **cannot be vaccinated as part of the NHS service until an announcement is made by NHSE&I, probably in November or December.**

[Learn more about the flu vaccination service launch](#)

## PSNC issues statement on future of pharmacy representation

PSNC has today [published a statement on the future of pharmacy contractor representation](#), reflecting on how best to start the process of addressing the findings of an independent review.

The independent review into contractor support and representation, which PSNC initiated in 2019 working together with LPCs, concluded in summer 2020 with the publication of a report setting out 33 recommendations for the future workings of PSNC and LPCs.

After agreeing that they recognised at least some of the issues identified and that there was merit in at least some of the recommendations, LPCs and PSNC have been considering some

key questions on the next steps, and today's statement outlines PSNC's answers to these questions. We hope this will provide some transparency about our current thinking and also reassure contractors and LPCs that no decisions will be made without the broad consent of the sector.

### **Contractors: have your say**

Don't forget, there is still time to have your say on the future of pharmacy representation. To share views, contractors are advised to first watch the on-demand webinar that talks through four questions that PSNC and LPCs are considering over the summer:

[Click here to view an on-demand version of the webinar](#)

Please submit comments to [review@psnc.org.uk](mailto:review@psnc.org.uk) no later than **COP Monday 31st August**.

## **PSNC CEO Blog**

In this month's blog, PSNC Chief Executive Simon Dukes explains why he has taken the unprecedented step of asking contractors to reconsider free provision of non-CPCF services.

[Read the August 2020 CEO Blog](#)

## **August CPN**

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

- Funding negotiations continue;
- COVID-19 SOP updated;
- Flu vaccination flexibility; and
- Prescription charge exemptions.

[Read August's CPN magazine](#)

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