



# Daily Update

Tuesday 1st 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: guidance on flu vaccination service; further local extension for delivery service; extension of emergency regulations; Jext price increase.**

## Guidance on Flu Vaccination Advanced Service

Following the publication of the [service specification for the 2020/21 Community Pharmacy Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Advanced Service and the associated national Patient Group Direction \(PGD\)](#) on Friday 28th August, the PSNC Services Team has been busy updating our guidance and resources on the service. Contractors may wish to view the following:

### [PSNC Briefing 026/20: Guidance on the 2020/21 Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Advanced Service](#)

This briefing replaces our earlier guidance, with full information on the service requirements, new flexibilities and the practical issues that contractors need to consider before using them.

### [Record keeping and data requirements](#)

From September 2020, the requirement for a patient to sign a consent form has been removed from the service requirements. This page describes what records are required.

### [Vaccinating outside the consultation room & off-site](#)

This page describes the flexibilities and approaches for the 2020/21 Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Advanced Service.

### [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#)

This page contains the answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the Flu Vaccination Service. It will be updated as we receive and address more queries.

Links to all of the above, as well as further information and resources to support the service, are also available at: [psnc.org.uk/flu](https://psnc.org.uk/flu)

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## **Pandemic Delivery Service: further extension for patients in local outbreak areas**

Due to the ongoing local COVID-19 outbreaks in various areas across England, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care has decided that the pandemic delivery service requirements **should continue to apply from 1st to 7th September 2020, but only for shielded patients who live in the following local outbreak areas:**

- Leicester City lockdown area
- Blackburn with Darwen

This change to the service requirements was announced in [a letter published by NHS England and NHS Improvement](#).

Further announcements may be made depending on Government advice and decisions.

[Read more about payments for the extension of this service](#)

## **Extension of emergency regulations**

The declaration of an emergency requiring the flexible provision of pharmaceutical services (direction 2 of the Pharmaceutical Services (Advanced and Enhanced Services and Emergency Declaration) Directions 2020) which was introduced to help maintain pharmacy services during the COVID-19 outbreak, has been extended to 30th November 2020.

This declaration 'activates' certain regulations in the NHS (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 and, for example, enables pharmacies to make temporary changes to opening hours or temporary closures where, first, adequate reasons for the changes are provided to NHSE&I, second, the contractor has given NHSE&I 24 hours' notice of those changes and, third, NHSE&I has agreed to those changes or does not object to them.

Further information about the emergency regulations is available on our [network resilience page](#).

## **Jext® reimbursement due to recent price changes**

For August 2020, 'Adrenaline 150micrograms/0.15ml (1 in 1000) solution for injection pre-filled disposable devices' was granted a price concession of £34.30 (per device) by the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC). However, as price concessions only apply to generic prescriptions, PSNC requested DHSC reimburse all branded prescriptions for Jext® to be reimbursed at the same price in August, and the request was granted.

[Learn more about the Jext price adjustment](#)

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. How do contractors inform NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) that they intend to provide the Advanced Service?**

There is no requirement to notify NHSE&I that you intend to provide the service.

**Q. My pharmacy doesn't have a consultation room; can I provide the Flu Vaccination Service?**

No. Having a consultation room is a prerequisite for provision of the Flu Vaccination Service. The consultation room, which will be used to undertake vaccinations, must comply with the minimum requirements set out below:

- the consultation room must be clearly designated as an area for confidential consultations;
- it must be distinct from the general public areas of the pharmacy premises; and
- it must be a room where both the person receiving services and the pharmacist providing those services are able to sit down together and talk at normal speaking volumes without being overheard by any other person (including pharmacy staff), other than a person whose presence the patient requests or consents to (such as a carer or chaperone).

The consultation room must also meet the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) [Standards for Registered Premises](#).

**Q. We are a distance selling pharmacy without a consultation room; can I provide the Flu Vaccination Service to patients in their own homes?**

No. Community pharmacy contractors must have a consultation room that meets the requirements outlined in the service specification, even if they intend to vaccinate off-site only.

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