



Daily Update

Thursday 3rd 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: new CPCS training workshops; further extension for Fluoxetine SSPs.

CPCS training now available for community pharmacists

New continuing professional development (CPD) for pharmacists is now available to community pharmacists to help further embed community pharmacy in urgent care pathways and help improve the care of patients presenting with minor illness.

This programme of workshops aims to support community pharmacists in effective patient-facing consultations and clinical assessments for a range of common minor illnesses. The CPD is being delivered in partnership with the Royal Pharmaceutical Society, Royal College of General Practitioners and the Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education (CPPE).

The workshops build on those provided since last October by CPPE, providing pharmacists with the opportunity to refresh and update their practical clinical assessment and examination skills, including how to carry out an effective remote consultation and communicate more effectively with GPs.

[Learn more about the CPCS workshops](#)

Further extension to SSP05 and SSP06

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has announced extensions to the Serious Shortage Protocols (SSPs) for Fluoxetine 10mg tablets (SSP05) and Fluoxetine 40mg capsules (SSP06).

SSP05 for Fluoxetine 10mg tablets will now last until **31st March 2021**, whilst SSP06 for Fluoxetine 40mg capsules has been further extended to **25th September 2020**.

[Further information and guidance on these SSPs](#)

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. I want to develop my own promotional materials for the Flu Vaccination Service, am I allowed to do this?

Yes; however, contractors must ensure they comply with the requirements of the [Terms of Service](#) relating to promotion of services funded by the NHS and If the NHS logo is used in materials related to the service, this must comply with [the guidelines for use of the NHS identity by community pharmacies](#).

The [Flu Vaccination – promoting the service to patients](#) page on the PSNC website provides links to resources from PSNC, Public Health England, NHS Employers and vaccine manufacturers, which contractors can use if they do not want to develop their own materials.

Q. Can a contractor provide a patient with any kind of free gift if they have a flu vaccination under the Advanced Service?

No. The [Terms of Service](#) state that a pharmacy must not offer any gift or reward to any person as an inducement to receive any Advanced Service.

Q. Will pharmacies be sent promotional materials?

Pharmacy teams may receive promotional materials from their LPC or other local organisations. PSNC promotional materials will not be sent to pharmacies but are freely available to download from psnc.org.uk/flu

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