



Daily Update

Tuesday 13th October 2020

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

In today's update: Brexit Forum reconvened; dm+d and EPS factsheet.

PSNC reconvenes Community Pharmacy Brexit Forum

PSNC has reconvened the Community Pharmacy Brexit Forum which brings together more than 20 organisations across the pharmacy, wholesale and wider primary care sectors to discuss Brexit matters.

On 8 October the Forum met to discuss medicines supply, with members concerned about the potential impact of Brexit on patients, particularly with COVID-19 challenges likely to continue and winter pressures at this time of the year.

Members were also concerned about the lack of clarity around supplies of medicines from Great Britain to Northern Ireland after 31 December 2020, and the potential for prescribing periods to be extended ahead of the Brexit deadline. They stressed that as far as possible, prescribing and dispensing should operate on a business as usual basis, and this should be widely communicated.

The Forum heard from both the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and NHS England & NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) about the preparations being made to manage any potential risks to supply and to deal with medicines shortages.

The group will meet again closer to the Brexit deadline and will continue to monitor Brexit matters and to raise issues with DHSC and NHSE&I on behalf of community pharmacy.

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dm+d and EPS factsheet

PSNC has produced a factsheet which provides pharmacy teams with information about how the NHS medicines database impacts on EPS and explains how system suppliers synchronize to dm+d data and how dm+d medicine entries are updated.

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