



Daily Update

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

In today's update: Drug Tariff to go fully paperless; FreeStyle Libre 2 Sensors; medicine supply updates.

Drug Tariff to go fully paperless from April 2021

From April 2021, the Drug Tariff will no longer be printed and distributed by the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA). **March 2021 will be the final month in which a printed Drug Tariff will be circulated to community pharmacies.**

Digital formats (an electronic and PDF version) of the Drug Tariff will continue to be available via the [NHSBSA website](#) three working days before the 1st of each month and, from January 2021, a link to the PDF copy will be sent to registered pharmacy email addresses.

The PDF format is a duplicate of the printed Drug Tariff which can be downloaded and used offline (for example on a smartphone or tablet device). Pharmacy teams not currently using the PDF version should familiarise themselves with this format ahead of the move to digital only versions. PSNC advises downloading a PDF copy each month to ensure that it can be easily accessed.

[Read more about the change here](#)

FreeStyle Libre 2 Sensors added to DND list

The new FreeStyle Libre 2 Sensors recently launched by Abbott Diabetes Care Ltd will be added to the Appliances section in Part IXA of the November 2020 Drug Tariff and included in the list of Drugs for which Discount is Not Deducted (DND).

As there is no discount offered by the manufacturer for purchases of the FreeStyle Libre 2 Sensors, following representations by PSNC to avoid contractors dispensing this appliance at a loss, the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) agreed to its addition to the DND list.

[Learn more about the new sensors](#)

Medicine Supply Notifications

The DHSC has also released some medicines supply notifications which community pharmacy teams may need to be aware of. Please click the links following for more information:

[Haloperidol 5mg/5ml oral solution sugar free \(Thame Laboratories\)](#)

[H2-antagonists \(Cimetidine, Famotidine and Nizatidine\)](#)

[Nalcrom \(sodium cromoglicate\) 100mg capsules](#)

[Prednisolone 5mg suppositories \(RPH Pharmaceuticals\)](#)

[Zonisamide 25mg, 50mg and 100mg capsules](#)

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 the following FAQs on **the Pharmacy Quality Scheme and the Primary Care Networks (PCN) domain**:

Q. How can I find out how to contact my PCN?

If a contractor wants to contact their PCN, they should contact the Pharmacy PCN Lead who will represent all contractors within a PCN, and therefore be able to communicate directly with the PCN on the contractor's behalf. If they do not know who the Pharmacy PCN Lead is, or a Pharmacy PCN Lead has not yet been appointed, the contractor should contact their LPC.

Q. Could the LPC appoint an LPC representative as the Pharmacy PCN Lead for a PCN?

Contractors, not LPCs, must appoint the Pharmacy PCN Lead. All contractors in the PCN that wish to engage in the process should be able to nominate themselves or one of their employees to stand to be the Pharmacy PCN Lead. Contractors will then decide who should be appointed as the Pharmacy PCN Lead. This may be an LPC member, but there should be no assumption that an LPC member is a default lead.

Q. Does the Pharmacy PCN Lead need to be a pharmacist?

No, however due to the likely clinical focus of the potential collaboration within PCNs between community pharmacies and general practices, a pharmacist or pharmacy technician may be best placed to act in that capacity.

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