



# Daily Update

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020

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

**In today's update: Terms of Service explainer articles; NHSE&I webinar for community pharmacy; Pharmacy Minister letter to pharmacy.**

## **New NHS Pharmacy Regulations: Explainer articles**

Last month new NHS regulations were laid to introduce changes to the Terms of Service for pharmacy contractors. The main changes were listed in a [summary news article](#). However, PSNC's new regs explainer series now aims to provide more detail on each of the new requirements. The following articles have been published in recent days.

### **Regs explainer (#3): NHSmail**

From 9th November 2020, pharmacy contractors must have a premises specific NHSmail account and there must be at least two members of staff that have live personal NHSmail accounts that are linked to the premises specific NHSmail account.

[Learn more about the NHSmail requirements.](#)

### **Regs explainer (#4): Updating DoS profiles**

From 9th November 2020, contractors must ensure they verify and, where necessary, update the information contained in their pharmacy's Directory of Services (DoS) profile at least once in each quarter of the financial year.

[Learn more about the DoS profile requirements.](#)

### **Regs explainer (#5): Health campaigns**

Public health campaigns will now be described as health campaigns and, from 9th November 2020, NHSE&I can ask for additional information about the campaign to help evaluate its impact and to assist with future policy development.

[Learn more about the health campaign requirements.](#)

### **Regs explainer (#6): EPS access**

From 9th November 2020, contractors must ensure their staff have constant and reliable access to the EPS at their pharmacy premises, in so far as that is within their control. Where unable to access the EPS to dispense an EPS prescription, the contractor must take reasonable steps to ensure supply is made in a reasonable timescale.

[Learn more about the EPS access requirements.](#)

Further explainer articles will be published in due course.

## NHSE&I Community Pharmacy Webinar

NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) are holding a webinar for community pharmacy teams on **Thursday 12th November, 6pm to 7pm**. Hosted by Chief Pharmaceutical Officer Dr Keith Ridge and Director of Primary Care Ed Waller, agenda topics include the Flu Vaccination Service and NHS Test and Trace, with speakers from both NHSE&I and Public Health England.

[Please register online](#) and an access link will be shared with you ahead of the event.

## Pharmacy Minister writes open letter to pharmacy teams

Jo Churchill MP, the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State with responsibility for community pharmacy, has written an open letter thanking community pharmacy teams, saying the Government is "hugely grateful" for the work they have undertaken during the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Read the letter from Pharmacy Minister Jo Churchill](#)

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