



# Daily Update

Friday 6<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: COVID-19 vaccination programme; November Drug Tariff correction; more Terms of Service explainer articles.**

## **PSNC discussing pharmacy involvement in COVID vaccinations**

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) have entered urgent negotiations with PSNC about the role that the community pharmacy sector can play in delivering a COVID-19 vaccination programme.

Primary care is now being primed to start supporting a programme vaccinating against coronavirus from early December, although it is unlikely that a vaccine will be available until later.

Earlier this week NHS Chief Executive Simon Stevens announced that GPs will receive information this week to help them prepare to administer COVID vaccinations before Christmas, providing one becomes available. Whilst the details have yet to be finalised, community pharmacy will also be offered the opportunity to provide these vaccinations and PSNC is pushing to have parity with the service commissioned in general practice.

[Learn more about the vaccination plans so far](#)

## **November 2020 Drug Tariff price correction: Sodium bicarbonate 8.4% (1mmol/ml) solution for injection**

The NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) has issued an [update regarding a price correction for 'Sodium bicarbonate 8.4% \(1mmol/ml\) solution for injection 100ml bottles'](#) in the November 2020 Drug Tariff.

The Part VIIIA Basic Price published in the November 2020 Drug Tariff for Sodium bicarbonate 8.4% (1mmol/ml) solution for injection 100ml bottles (10) should read **£100.00** instead of £119.27.

## **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 (#7): Pandemic Treatment Protocols**

From 9th November 2020, contractors must supply a Prescription Only Medicine (POM) to a person in accordance with a Pandemic Treatment Protocol (PTP), if and when one is issued, subject to the requirements of the PTP.

[Learn more about PTPs](#)

#### **Regs explainer (#8): Flexible provision of flu or coronavirus vaccinations**

From 9th November 2020, during a pandemic or in anticipation of a pandemic, a contractor may apply to NHSE&I to provide a relevant immunisation service from their pharmacy premises for a specified period and no other NHS pharmacy services.

[Learn more about flexible vaccination provision](#)

#### **Regs explainer (#9): CAS alert sign-up**

From 9th November 2020, contractors will be required to register their pharmacy's shared NHSmail account to receive Central Alerting System (CAS) alerts direct from the MHRA.

[Learn more about the CAS requirement](#)

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