



Daily Update

Monday 16th 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: Update on FMD for contractors; COVID-19 vaccination communications from NHSE&I; Self Care Week 2020.

Update on FMD for contractors

The UK FMD Working Group for Community Pharmacy has issued an update for pharmacy contractors across the UK.

Now that the UK has left the EU and the Transition Period ends on 31st December 2020, some regulatory requirements will no longer apply. However, certain EU legislation will continue to have effect in Northern Ireland under the Northern Ireland Protocol.

The 'safety features' elements of the EU Falsified Medicines Directive (FMD, 2011/62/EU) and Delegated Regulation (2016/161) cease to have effect in Great Britain from 31st December 2020. This means that pharmacies in England will no longer be required by law to verify and decommission unique identifiers on prescription medicine packs. End users in Great Britain will also be disconnected automatically from the UK National Medicines Verification System (UKMVS) run by SecurMed UK from 1st January 2021.

The Medicines and Medical Devices Bill (progressing through Parliament) would enable the Government to make regulations aimed at preventing falsified medicines from entering the medicine supply chain. This could include establishing a national system based on the unique identification of individual packs. However, the Government will have to consult with industry stakeholders, including pharmacy organisations, before introducing any new Regulations.

[Learn more about these developments](#)

COVID-19 vaccination communications

NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) have asked PSNC to make community pharmacy teams aware of the following ways of learning more about the COVID-19 vaccination programme 2020/21.

COVID-19 vaccination programme webinar

Community pharmacy colleagues are invited to join an NHSE&I webinar about the COVID-19 vaccination programme. The webinar for primary care networks, general practice, CCGs and community pharmacy will be held on **Wednesday 18th November at 1pm.**

If you have previously signed up to NHSE&I's general practice webinars, there is no need to sign up again but for those who have not joined before, [please register for the event](#).

Primary care collaborative platform

A new [COVID-19 vaccination programme primary care collaborative platform](#) provides a community for colleagues across the country who are working to deliver the COVID-19 vaccination in primary care. NHSE&I will be regularly updating the space with resources, webinars, links to key policy documents and to enable primary care colleagues to ask questions, learn and share with others using the discussion forum.

If you are not already a member of the FutureNHS Collaboration Platform, please register to join using an NHS or similar professional email address by emailing: PCN-manager@future.nhs.uk.

Self-Care Week 2020

Self-Care Week, an annual national awareness week that focuses on providing support for self-care across communities and families, is running this week (16th – 22nd November). This year the theme is 'Live Self Care for Life', recognising that it is crucial during these difficult times that we do all we can to support patients and the public to live as healthily as they can.

[Download resources and find out how else your pharmacy can get involved](#)

Keep up-to-date on COVID-19 with our hub page: psnc.org.uk/coronavirus

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