



Daily Update

Tuesday 26th January 2021

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

In today's update: summary of new payments; Representation Review Steering Group update; letter from Chief Pharmaceutical Officers and regulators.

Summary of new payments, including claiming deadlines

A number of new service payments for community pharmacy contractors have been announced in recent months for the [Community Pharmacist Consultation Service \(CPCS\) – GP referral pathway](#), [Discharge Medicines Service](#), [Pandemic Delivery Service](#) and [Hepatitis C testing service](#). In addition, PSNC and the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) have agreed a mechanism by which pharmacy contractors can claim reimbursement for their expenditure on [Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\)](#) purchased between 27th February 2020 and 31st December 2020.

PSNC has put together a table summarising these different payments including how to claim and claim deadlines (if any), timing of payments, payment amounts and how these will appear on the Schedule of Payments.

[View our payments guide](#)

Pharmacy Representation Review Steering Group update

The community pharmacy Review Steering Group (RSG), which met for the first time last month, has launched the [Pharmacy Review website](#) and issued a press release as a first step in engagement and communication with contractors.

The RSG, made up of AIM, CCA and independent representatives, was set up following discussions between PSNC and the LPCs about how to take forward the findings of the independent review by Professor David Wright '[Independent Review of Community Pharmacy Contractor Representation and Support: Providing best value for contractors](#)'. The group held a meeting in December and the minutes of this are available on the website.

The group's website will be used to impart key information, such as progress updates and minutes from RSG meetings, to the sector. Construction of the website will continue over the next few weeks, but contractors can already use it to find out more about RSG Members, to contact the RSG and to read the minutes of the RSG's December meeting.

[Full RSG Press Release](#)

Letter from UK Chief Pharmaceutical Officers and regulators

The Chief Pharmaceutical Officers and regulators for pharmacy in the UK have [issued a joint letter](#) thanking all members of the pharmacy team for their ongoing work during the COVID-19 pandemic, and recognised the extreme pressures that they are continuing to face.

The letter expresses appreciation for the efforts pharmacy colleagues are making in support of the COVID-19 vaccination programme and the continued provision of essential services to patients and the public.

It also emphasises that frontline pharmacy workers are among the high priority groups identified by the JCVI for receiving a vaccine, with health and care services working hard to get this to them as soon as possible.

[Read the joint letter](#)

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 on the topic **COVID-19 vaccination of pharmacy staff** include:

Q. How will bookings for vaccination appointments be made?

Hospital hubs will decide which booking and scheduling mechanism will be used to manage clinic bookings and make sure this is accessible to all health and social care workers. Your LPC will communicate the local process to contractors once this information is available.

Q. Will pharmacy staff need NHS IDs to get vaccinated?

No. However, while NHS ID will not be required, it is advised that staff should be able to provide evidence of their employment status in a health or care organisation. Contractors could provide their staff with a letter identifying that they work at a pharmacy.

Full information on vaccinations for pharmacy staff can be found on our [COVID-19 vaccinations page](#).

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