



Daily Update

Tuesday 2nd February 2021

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 delivery disruption; free CPCS training from RPS and RCGP; PPE claims FAQs.

Drug Tariff Delivery Disruption

The NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) has **advised** that there has been a shortfall in the copies printed and available for distribution for the February 2021 Drug Tariff.

Should you be affected and not receive a copy, you can [view the online Drug Tariff here](#).

As a **reminder**, from April 2021 printing and circulation of the Drug Tariff will cease. From January 2021, where pharmacy contractors have a registered email address with the NHSBSA, a link to the PDF copy will be sent to that email address each month. Should any issues arise in receiving a link to the PDF version of the Drug Tariff at the registered email address, pharmacy teams can contact NHSBSA at the following email address: nhsbsa.drugtariff@nhs.net. This email address can also be used by pharmacy teams to request addition of an email address to the circulation list.

Pharmacists: have you booked your free CPCS training?

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS) and the Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP) are providing free Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS) workshops for pharmacists.

The workshops, funded by NHS England and NHS Improvement, via Health Education England, will help pharmacists to build their confidence and practice the skills they need to help people when providing the CPCS.

Participants will learn and practise new skills during the session, gaining confidence in performing clinical examinations and identifying red flags in consultations. They will get instant feedback from GPs and other professionals and the training will also help pharmacists to learn how to involve patients during decision-making.

To find out more and book your free place, visit [the RPS website](#).

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 **2020 COVID-19 PPE claims** include:

Q. How do I make a claim for personal protective equipment (PPE) costs?

The main way for doing this is through the Manage Your Service (MYS) portal, and login details will be the same as for other payments claimed through this route.

Additionally, group pharmacies (with six or more pharmacies) have the option to make a central claim on a spreadsheet, providing the equivalent claim data by pharmacy.

Q. What level of detail do I need to declare?

You need to declare one overall amount for each pharmacy for the first period (27th February 2020 to 31st October 2020), and a second overall amount for each pharmacy for the period from 1st November 2020 to 31st December 2020 (if you've purchased PPE since 31st October 2020).

For the first claim period, this can either be for the standard claim amount or a higher exceptional claim (if you've been able to rebuild your purchase history for this time and are able to evidence this on request).

For the second claim period, any claimed amount is treated as an exceptional one and you must be able to provide evidence of the amount claimed on request.

Where exceptional claims are made, these must exclude VAT and delivery charges.

Further information on our [Pharmacy PPE Claim process FAQs page](#).

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