



Daily Update

Thursday 4th 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: PQS payment window opens; Levothyroxine tablets SSP; flu vacs 2021/22; COVID-19 vaccination LES claims; RPS wellbeing campaign.

PQS Part 2 payment window opens

The payment window for the Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) 2020/21 Part 2 is now open.

Contractors who wish to can claim a PQS Part 2 payment for any domains they feel they have met and will have the evidence to support. The PQS Part 2 payment can be claimed up **until 23:59 on 1st March 2021** through the [Manage Your Service \(MYS\) portal](#).

[Further information on the PQS declaration](#)

SSP issued for Levothyroxine 12.5mcg tablets

In response to significant ongoing disruption to the supply of Levothyroxine 12.5mcg tablets, a Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) has been issued by the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC).

Community pharmacy contractors and their teams are asked to read the SSP documentation in full and to implement the protocol with immediate effect. Note, the SSP may be amended or revoked at any time but currently expires on Friday 5th March 2021 – PSNC will update contractors on any changes.

[Read more about the SSP](#)

NHSE&I issue guidance on flu vacs for 2021/22

NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) have today issued a [letter providing information on the flu vaccines](#) which will be reimbursable under the 2021/22 Community Pharmacy Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Advanced Service (Flu Vaccination Service).

It is important that all pharmacy contractors that provide the flu vaccination service review the contents of the letter and use the information contained within to inform their ordering of flu vaccine for the season ahead.

[Learn more about the NHSE&I guidance](#)

Claims for COVID-19 Vaccination Local Enhanced Service

Pharmacies providing the [COVID-19 Vaccination Local Enhanced Service](#) will be able to submit claims via the [MYS portal](#). For COVID-19 vaccinations administered in January 2021, the claim window will be available from the 5th February 2021 and contractors are encouraged to submit their claim **by 10th February 2021** to ensure payment is made in the correct month. From March 2021 onwards, claims should be made by the 5th of the month following the activity as normal.

[Find out more about COVID-19 vaccination claims](#)

RPS Workforce Wellbeing Campaign

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS) is asking pharmacists to sign up to its campaign to help improve health and wellbeing in the workplace.

The campaign will focus on how to prevent the cause of wellbeing problems, improve workplace culture to support wellbeing and make wellbeing support more accessible. Key aims include sharing examples of good practice and establishing a members' Workforce Wellbeing action group to help shape future activity in this area.

[Read the RPS news story](#)

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