



Daily Update

Monday 8th 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: PSNC annual report; DMS FAQs; Support for making your PQS declaration; pricing for Fludroxycortide tape; medicines supply notices.

PSNC publishes 2019/20 annual report

PSNC has today published its 2019/20 annual report, setting out the work that it did on behalf of community pharmacy contractors in the last financial year.

The report covers the key achievements and ongoing projects that PSNC worked on, including the agreement of the first multi-year funding deal for the sector, providing a clear vision for the future of pharmacy. Brexit preparations and new services such as the Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS) were also significant during the year.

By March 2020 the COVID-19 pandemic was having a huge impact on the sector and PSNC had sought emergency funding for pharmacies. The annual report talks more about this work and the impact that COVID-19 has had on the year since then.

PSNC's work to support contractors through the COVID-19 pandemic has delayed the development and publication of this report but in the interests of transparency, we still wanted to publish an annual report to the sector.

[See PSNC's annual report](#)

DMS: Frequently Asked Questions

The Discharge Medicine Service (DMS) commences as a new Essential service which all pharmacies must provide next week (15th February 2021).

Pharmacy contractors and their teams will find information on the service and links to guidance and resources to help them prepare to provide it on our **[DMS webpage](#)**.

Our Services Team has put together a selection of answers to the questions posed to PSNC over the last few weeks to help direct contractors to the information they need.

[Read the DMS FAQs](#)

PQS: Support for making your declaration

With the payment window for the Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) 2020/21 Part 2 now open, PSNC wanted to remind contractors of the PSNC guidance available to assist them in completing their declarations.

[PSNC Briefing 003/21: Pharmacy Quality Scheme – Completing your declaration](#)

Also, we have received a lot of queries about the extension for completing elements of the scheme and the domains relating to Primary Care Networks (PCNs). Our FAQs have therefore been updated to answer many of these common questions.

[View the PQS FAQs](#)

Drug Tariff update – Fludroxycortide 4micrograms/square cm tape 7.5cm

Following representations made by PSNC, the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) have retrospectively determined that prescriptions for **Fludroxycortide 4micrograms/square cm tape 7.5cm (20cm) submitted for payment with your December 2020 and January 2021 bundles will be reimbursed at £13.67** instead of £9.26 published in the respective Drug Tariffs.

In addition, the DHSC has retrospectively determined the **addition of Fludroxycortide 4microgram/square cm tape 7.5cm (50cm) into Category C of Part VIIIA of the Drug Tariff from December 2020**. Prescriptions for the 50cm size tape dispensed between December 2020 and February 2020 will be reimbursed at the manufacturer's (Typharm Ltd) list price of £18.75. The March 2021 Drug Tariff will be updated with a listing for this product in Part VIIIA.

[Find out more](#)

Medicines supply notices

The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has issued a [class 2 medicines recall for Palexia 20mg/ml Oral Solution \(Grünenthal\) PL 21727/0054](#) due to a potential microbial contamination.

The DHSC has also released some medicines supply notifications which community pharmacy teams may need to be aware of:

- [Acetazolamide SR 250mg capsules](#)
- [Fluoxetine 40mg capsules](#)
- [Levothyroxine 12.5microgram tablets](#)

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