



Daily Update

Tuesday 16th 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: new opportunity for pharmacies to become C-19 vac sites; plan to increase COVID-19 vaccination uptake; RSG engagement sessions; extension for CPCS engagement payment claims.

New opportunity for pharmacies to become C-19 vac sites

NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) have today issued a call for new applications from pharmacy contractors to become COVID-19 vaccination sites.

[Read the NHSE&I letter seeking new expressions of interest](#)

NHSE&I have identified where there is a need for more provision of pharmacy Local Vaccination Service (LVS) sites and are therefore opening the designation process again to all pharmacy contractors who may be able to provide a service, under the same terms as the current Local Enhanced Service (LES) agreement, with contractors needing to be able to provide at least 1000 vaccines per week.

NHSE&I are also seeking expressions of interest from contractors who could provide up to 400 vaccines per week. These sites may be considered where a site offering 1000 vaccines per week is unlikely to be viable, or where an additional site would offer significant benefits for specific patient cohorts.

[Further information and details of how to apply to be a vaccination site](#)

DHSC plan to increase COVID-19 vaccination uptake

The new opportunity for pharmacies described above follows a Government plan published over the weekend to ensure as many people as possible get vaccinated against COVID-19.

The Department of Health and Social Care's (DHSC) COVID-19 vaccine uptake plan describes how Ministers and officials will make sure every eligible person in the top priority groups is reached and encouraged to get the vaccination. The aim is to remove barriers to access and provide more information to help initiate conversations and encourage engagement.

[Find out more about the plan](#)

Review Steering Group invites community pharmacy contractors and LPCs to engagement sessions

The community pharmacy Review Steering Group (RSG), which is taking forward work following the independent review into contractor representation and support, has today announced two upcoming engagement events:

Community pharmacy contractors: Contractors are invited to an online 'Your Representation, Your Say' engagement event on **Tuesday 9th March at 7.30pm**. Contractors can [register for this online event via the RSG website](#).

LPC Chairs and Chief Officers: The RSG will run a session at [PSNC's meeting of LPCs on Wednesday 17th March](#).

At the 'Your Representation, Your Say' event hosted by RSG members, contractors will have a reminder of the key issues identified by the independent review, learn about the work of the RSG to date and next steps, and have the chance to ask questions about the RSG. The focus of this meeting is to give contractors the opportunity to put their views forward, to discuss how they want to be kept informed of the RSG's work and to consider whether they would like to join an online contractors' forum. Feedback from the meeting will shape how the RSG engages with contractors over the coming months.

[Click here for a fuller update on the RSG's work](#)

Extension to claim period for CPCS engagement payment

Following a request from PSNC, NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) and the Department of Health and Social Care have agreed to extend the period during which the Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS) [engagement and setup payment for the GP referral pathway](#) may be claimed by contractors. The payment can now be claimed by contractors, once they have undertaken the necessary activities, **up until 30th June 2021** (with claims needing to be submitted via the NHSBSA's Manage Your Service portal by 5th July 2021).

[Learn more about the extension](#)

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