



Daily Update

Monday 22nd 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: how pharmacies can help Oxford/AZ vaccine study; confidential coaching offer from NHSE&I; final week to claim PQS Part 2 payment; DMS FAQs.

Pharmacy teams encouraged to support study of Oxford/AZ vaccine

Pharmacy teams are being asked to support a safety study of the new Oxford/AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine to ensure any side effects are quickly recognised and acted upon.

The Drug Safety Research Unit (DSRU) in Southampton, an Associate Department of the School of Pharmacy and Biomedical Sciences, University of Portsmouth, is now monitoring the safety of the vaccine by proactively collecting near 'real-time' data from patients receiving the vaccine.

The DSRU will enrol at least 10,000 patients who will be contacted at regular intervals after receiving the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine, and asked whether they are experiencing any possible side effects. The study is one element of a series of measures to help protect the public.

[Find out how pharmacy teams can help](#)

Confidential coaching support available to primary care individuals and leaders

NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) are offering those who work in primary care settings, including community pharmacy, confidential coaching to build wellbeing, resilience and positive team cultures.

[#LookingAfterYouToo](#) has seen over 7,000 individual coaching sessions booked. It has been incredibly well-received and highly rated by those using the service.

[#LookingAfterYourTeam](#) launched in January 2021, and is available to those who lead, manage or organise a team or group in primary care. This offer is centred around compassionate and collaborative team leadership, helping leaders and managers to explore team topics and clarify their thinking.

Reminder: One week left to claim PQS Part 2 payment

Community pharmacy contractors have ONE week left to claim a payment for the Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) 2020/21 Part 2 Scheme as the window for claiming this payment closes on 1st March 2021 at 23:59.

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](#).

The submission for a PQS payment is optional for pharmacy contractors.

To qualify for a PQS Part 2 payment, contractors must have declared that they completed all the requirements within the PQS Part 1 Essential Criteria Checklist and submitted a declaration for Part 1 on the [MYS portal](#) by 23:59 on 29th January 2021.

For support completing your PQS Part 2 declaration, please see our [PSNC Briefing](#).

For more information on PQS, please see our [PQS Hub page](#).

DMS: Frequently Asked Questions

The Discharge Medicines Service (DMS) commenced as a new Essential service last week. Answers to recent queries about the service have been compiled into a news story for easy reference.

[Read the latest DMS FAQs](#)

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