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| |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | Daily Update | | Wednesday 21st April 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 tool to email MPs; payment timetable update; sign up for NHSE&I Bulletin; AMS virtual event now on-demand.  **APPG unveils new tool to email MPs about pharmacy** Contractors and pharmacy teams now have access to a new tool to contact their local MP about pharmacy and encourage them to support the work of the All-Party Pharmacy Group (APPG).   By simply inputting your postcode and contact details, the tool helps you to identify your local MP. You can then send an email asking them to support the APPG, including by attending the Group's next virtual event on Wednesday 28th April.   The function provides you with a template that includes all of the necessary information, but this can be further personalised if you have anything else you wish to include.  [**Use the APPG tool to contact your local MP**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=be55579b9f&e=12757307a1) **Payment timetable update** PSNC has this week updated its payment timetable and deadline tracker to include the [**NHS community pharmacy C-19 lateral flow device distribution service (Pharmacy Collect)**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=b501b7d060&e=12757307a1).  This timetable has been specially designed to assist community pharmacy contractors with checking and claiming payments for a range of new services that launched in the past year, including the Pandemic Delivery Service and the GP Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS).  [**Learn more about PSNC's payment timetable**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=b6ed82aea2&e=12757307a1) **NHSE&I Primary Care bulletin** Pharmacy contractors are reminded that NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) issue a Primary Care bulletin that includes a specific section covering updates for community pharmacy. This bulletin is usually monthly but is being sent out more regularly during the C-19 pandemic.  PSNC recommends that contractors register to receive these updates.  [**Sign up for the Primary Care bulletin**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=dc409a16c0&e=12757307a1) **AMS virtual event now on-demand** Community pharmacy contractors can now access an online recording of the antimicrobial stewardship (AMS) virtual event, which was hosted by the Public Health England (PHE) English Surveillance Programme for Antimicrobial Utilisation and Resistance (ESPAUR) team on 30th March 2021.  This webinar focuses on shared learning from community pharmacists who have been using the TARGET antibiotic checklist and other AMS tools in community pharmacy.  [**View the webinar**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=9afc636b86&e=12757307a1)   |  | | --- | | 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 C-19 test distribution service**include:  **Q. If a person provides more than one reason as to why they need tests, should I record all the reasons provided?**  No, you should record ONE reason only (in relation to the first person requesting a test).  The data entered into Manage Your Service (MYS) will **populate the payment claim for the service**, with the number of transactions you have undertaken in the pharmacy being based on the number of answers to this question.  It is therefore essential that only **one reason** for tests being requested is recorded for each transaction and then reported on MYS, so an inaccurate payment claim is not made.  **Q. When I enter details about Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test kits received from my wholesaler into MYS, do I record the number of cartons or boxes received (e.g. one carton or 54 boxes)?**  The number of cartons received should be entered into MYS when making a record of the LFD test kits received. Therefore, if you receive one carton, you should enter the number ‘1’ **AND** **NOT**‘54’ (which is the number of boxes).  **Q. If I supply as one transaction, four boxes of test kits to a person requesting kits for four people, do I get paid four transaction fees?**  No, a transaction fee is paid for each transaction, not each box of test kits supplied. A transaction can include the supply of up to four test kits. |   **Keep up-to-date on COVID-19 with our hub page:**[**psnc.org.uk/coronavirus**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=b671e78d7a&e=d3dc5e7fbd) |  | | |
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