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| Daily Update |
| Friday 21st May 2021 |

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|  | This daily update contains important information for community pharmacy teams about the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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| In today's update: Pharmacies provided 62% more flu vaccinations last winter; new Levothyroxine prescribing advice; May price concessions; final call for****Pharmacy Review engagement event.******Over a million more flu vaccinations administered by community pharmacists during 2020/21**Community pharmacy teams have administered over a million more flu vaccinations under the national Flu Vaccination Service during 2020/21 than the previous year – a 62% increase.The NHS Business Services Authority has published the [**Advanced Service Flu report**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=82762e86ca&e=12757307a1) which shows that community pharmacists administered 2.76 million vaccinations under the national Flu Vaccination Service in 2020/21. Whilst in 2019/20 the total number of vaccines administered in community pharmacies was 1.72 million.The service has continued to go from strength to strength since it launched in 2015, seeing year-on-year growth with the number of vaccinations administered.[**View our graph on the service's growth**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=ece6ca4138&e=12757307a1)**New prescribing advice if specific Levothyroxine product required by patient**The May 2021 [**Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency Drug Safety Update**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=53f10d376f&e=12757307a1) contains new prescribing advice for patients who experience symptoms when switching between Levothyroxine products. This recommends that, where a patient reports symptoms, the prescriber should consider consistently prescribing a specific Levothyroxine product known to be well tolerated by the patient.Following this advice, community pharmacy teams may expect to receive requests from patients and/or prescribers for a specific brand name or make of Levothyroxine to be supplied against a prescription.[**Learn more about this new prescribing advice**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=e366bc16b5&e=12757307a1)**May price concessions update**The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has announced the first list of price concessions for May 2021.[**See the list of price concessions**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=17ca614785&e=12757307a1)**Contractor Reminder: Sign up now for Pharmacy Review engagement event**Contractors are reminded that the Review Steering Group (RSG) is holding a Contractor Forum engagement event next **Tuesday evening (25th May), from 7:30-8:45pm**. This is the final call for registrants as booking is due to close at 10pm on Sunday.[**Click here to register for the Contractor Forum RSG Event - Zoom**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=d27cf249f4&e=12757307a1) |

**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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