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| Daily Update  |
| Thursday 3rd June 2021 |

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|  | This daily update contains important information for community pharmacy teams, including details of the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In today's update: Pharmacy Earlier Payment Scheme update; Oxford/AZ vaccine study; final regs reminders issued.Pharmacy Earlier Payment Scheme updateThe ending of the contract between Taulia and the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) has been [**announced**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=9323d8a6a5&e=d19e9fd41c). While NHSBSA continues to cover payments to existing members of the Pharmacy Earlier Payment Scheme (PEPS), that announcement also stated that the future of PEPS is now under consideration. In the meantime no new pharmacies will be added to the scheme.As [**we alerted contractors in March**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=5a0013807f&e=d19e9fd41c), PSNC is concerned about this situation and is in talks with the Department of Health Social Care (DHSC) about the future of PEPS. The present version of the PEPS Scheme was launched in early 2020, and if it is now to be withdrawn it is vital that the economic impact on thousands of community pharmacies financed by PEPS is taken fully into account.[**More about PEPS**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=a502802e19&e=d19e9fd41c) Please keep supporting Oxford/AZ vaccine studyAs we move into the latter stages of the COVID-19 vaccination programme, pharmacy teams are asked to continue encouraging patients who have had the Oxford/AstraZeneca (AZ) vaccine to participate in a monitoring survey.  The study aims to ensure that any side effects are swiftly recognised and acted upon by gathering near real-time data from patients receiving the vaccine. This vital ongoing research is supported by a consortium of doctors, pharmacists, and scientists from 12 UK universities and NHS trusts.Pharmacy team members can also sign up for the study themselves if they have had the Oxford/AZ vaccine in the last 28 days. [**Find out how your pharmacy team can help**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=a1503443e7&e=d19e9fd41c) Regs reminders: HLP requirements and consultation rooms and remote consultationsPSNC has issued its final articles in its series of reminders about changes to the pharmacy Terms of Service that took place in late 2020. We hope these will help contractors and their teams to prepare for the 2021/22 contract monitoring process.[**Regs reminder (#13): HLP requirements**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=a29b8d8057&e=d19e9fd41c) – all pharmacies are required to meet the Healthy Living Pharmacy (HLP) requirements which are detailed in the [**NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) regulations guidance**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=ae4be0962f&e=d19e9fd41c).[**Regs reminder (#14): consultation rooms and remote consultations**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=78854a0fc4&e=d19e9fd41c) – almost all pharmacies are required to have a consultation room and Distance Selling Pharmacies (DSPs) must ensure that there are arrangements in place which enable staff and patients to communicate confidentially by telephone or another live audio link **and** a live video link.[**View all of the regs reminders in this series**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=187744772f&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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