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| PSNC Newsletter |
| Friday 13th August 2021 |

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|  | This newsletter from PSNC is sent every Tuesday and Friday. It contains important information for those that work in the community pharmacy sector.In this update: Making a start on PQS; change to self-isolation rules; submitting NMS summary data; C-19 Cost Claims deadline; a****ccess to health records survey.****Making a start on the 2021/22 PQSFollowing yesterday's announcement of the [**initial details of the Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) 2021/22**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=6ad2532a00&e=d19e9fd41c), PSNC advises what contractors can make a start on. These areas include: * Checking the number of New Medicine Service (NMS) provisions that they have claimed for since 1st April 2021 to determine whether they will need to take action to meet the relevant Gateway criterion;
* Reviewing the training requirements for this year's criteria; and
* Engaging with their community pharmacy Primary Care Network (PCN) Lead to begin developing a plan to increase flu vaccination uptake.

[**Read more about how your pharmacy can make a start on 2021/22 PQS**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=b91e841b5c&e=d19e9fd41c) Self isolation to end for fully vaccinatedAs of **16 August 2021**, fully vaccinated healthcare staff – include those working in community pharmacy – will no longer be expected to isolate following close contact with a positive COVID-19 case and will be expected to return to work. However, NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) have written to NHS providers asking them to ensure that several safeguards are put in place for them to do so safely.[**Learn about these safeguards**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=7557dc85b9&e=d19e9fd41c) Requirement to submit NMS quarterly information returnsCommunity pharmacy contractors are now required to start submitting their completed New Medicine Service (NMS) summary data to the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) each quarter. This requirement was suspended due to the pandemic, but has now been re-instated, meaning that contractors must submit data to the NHSBSA within 10 working days from the last day of the quarter (i.e. the last day of June, September, December and March).[**Find out more about submitting NMS summary data**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=380b654a19&e=d19e9fd41c)Have your say on the use of health data and pharmacy access to health recordsPharmacy teams and LPCs are strongly encouraged to share their views about the use of health data and community pharmacy access to electronic health records by completing the short NHSX Data Strategy Survey by**Friday 20th August 2021**.[**Complete the NHSX Data Strategy Survey**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=287a458e44&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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