



Daily Update

Friday 10th July 2020

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

In today's update: Pharmacy Representation Review update; please submit your advice audit data urgently.

Pharmacy Representation Review Update: Next Steps

Following the publication of Professor David Wright's review into community pharmacy contractor support and representation, thank you to all contractors who took part in Professor Wright's webinar on this topic. If you missed it, you can [watch an on-demand version on his website](#).

You can also find the full report on that website, and PSNC's summary of it is here:

[PSNC Briefing 020/20: Summary of the Independent Review into Contractor Representation and Support](#)

This week, almost 180 LPC and PSNC representatives took part in a virtual meeting about the findings of the review. The event gave delegates the chance to question Professor Wright on his findings, and also to share their initial reactions to his report.

[Read more about the meeting of LPCs and PSNC and the next steps](#)

Pharmacy Advice Audit submissions needed urgently

Pharmacies who took part in the Pharmacy Advice Audit are requested to submit their data to PSNC via PharmOutcomes by **COP today (Friday 10th July)**. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accept responses after this time.

The data gathered about the advice pharmacy teams give to their patients and local communities will help demonstrate the added value pharmacies offer and assist PSNC in providing evidence to support the ongoing funding negotiations, including our call for more investment in the sector.

Please note you need to complete both PharmOutcomes forms – one called 'Overview Service' is about your pharmacy information and the other captures the data from each individual patient consultation. Read more in the [Team Briefing Sheet](#).

Have you seen our latest COVID-19 related FAQs?

PSNC's COVID-19 hub has an [FAQs page](#) with a large number of answers to queries posed by pharmacy contractors, their teams and LPCs; these are being updated on a regular basis. Recent additions include:

Q. What does PSNC advise that pharmacy teams do during the pandemic?

Guidance for pharmacies has been published by NHSE&I but the situation is evolving rapidly and guidance is therefore being updated on a very regular basis. Our general guidance is that pharmacy contractors and their teams:

1. Read the [NHSE&I guidance](#) whenever it is updated and implement its recommended actions;
2. Clearly display the [COVID-19 posters](#) at points of entry to your pharmacy;
3. Complete a [risk review](#) for your pharmacy and put steps in place to mitigate any risks identified;
4. Implement your [business continuity plan](#) where required and seek assistance and advice from your [Local Pharmaceutical Committee](#);
5. Keep up to date with developments by regularly checking the information on [COVID-19 on GOV.UK](#), the [NHSE&I Coronavirus Primary Care webpage](#) and checking your NHSmail shared mailbox on a regular basis for updates from NHSE&I; and
6. Where possible, display the [public health advice posters](#) on hand washing, social distancing etc.

The latest information from PSNC on COVID-19 is available on our webpage: psnc.org.uk/coronavirus

[Find answers to more of your questions here](#)

Keep up-to-date on COVID-19 with our hub page: psnc.org.uk/coronavirus

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