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| |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | Daily Update | | Wednesday 7th 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: Pharmacy Collect promotional materials; Pharmacy Collect FAQs; Oxford\AZ vaccine study; Sheffield pharmacy goes paperless; ****#****Pharmacy24 event.  **C-19 test distribution service – promotional materials** Community pharmacy contractors who have signed up to provide the [**NHS community pharmacy COVID-19 lateral flow device distribution service (Pharmacy Collect)**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=127859d268&e=12757307a1), will soon receive promotional materials for the service.  Contractors will receive a pack containing 1 x A3 poster, 2 x A4 posters, and a leaflet about the campaign by courier service, which will need to be signed for on arrival. The first batch of packs will be delivered tomorrow (8th April) and packs will continue to be sent out as contractors sign-up to deliver the service.  [**Access additional promotional materials for Pharmacy Collect**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=ef7624c7c0&e=12757307a1) **Pharmacy Collect FAQs** To help community pharmacy teams implement the new Pharmacy Collect service, the Services Team at PSNC has prepared several FAQs (see the FAQs section at the end of this newsletter). PSNC will publish More FAQs about the service in due course.  **[See the full list of FAQs](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=3e7735c0ae&e=12757307a1" \t "_blank)** **Encouraging patients to support Oxford\AZ vaccine study**   Pharmacy teams are asked to encourage patients who have had the Oxford/AstraZeneca (AZ) vaccine to participate in a safety study about the vaccine to ensure that any side effects are swiftly recognised and acted upon.    Pharmacy team members can also sign up for the study themselves if they have had the Oxford/AZ vaccine within the last 28 days or they can register their interest in taking part in the study before they are vaccinated.    [**Find out how your pharmacy team can help**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=5a20e7f48c&e=12757307a1) **Pharmacy in Sheffield goes paperless**   Ironically, the widespread use of the Electronic Prescription Service (EPS) has led to an increase in the consumption of paper in many community pharmacies. However, one Sheffield pharmacy team has succeeded in adopting a paperless process.    The team at Foxhill Pharmacy now dispenses around 16,000 prescriptions each month using a paperless EPS operating model.  [**Learn how your team can begin to move to paperless EPS operation**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=a58c2028f1&e=12757307a1)  **Reminder: #Pharmacy24 social media event** PSNC, along with many others, has been tweeting and posting today across social media in support of this year's #Pharmacy24. It is still not too late for your team to join in.   To make it easier for busy pharmacy teams and LPCs to get involved, PSNC has created some social media templates.  [**Social media templates for pharmacy teams**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=44614537b3&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 include:  **Q. Is ‘Pharmacy Collect’ and the NHS community pharmacy COVID-19 lateral flow device distribution service the same service?** Yes. Pharmacy Collect is the public-facing name for the NHS community pharmacy COVID-19 lateral flow device distribution service.  **Q. How do contractors sign up for the Lateral Flow Device Distribution Service?** Contractors can sign up to provide the service by completing the Lateral Flow Device Distribution Service declaration on the NHS Business Services Authority’s (NHSBSA) [**Manage Your Service (MYS) portal**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=37b3bbc34c&e=12757307a1).  **Q. Do contractors need to update their NHS website profile and their Directory of Service (DoS) profile when they have signed up to provide the NHS community pharmacy COVID-19 lateral flow device distribution service to show that they are now providing this service?** No. The [**NHS Test and Trace Site Finder map**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=940941f41c&e=12757307a1) is the only website that should be used to identify which pharmacies are providing the service.  **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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