



# Newsletter

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## PSNC QUALITY PAYMENTS SPECIAL NEWSLETTER

### New Quality Payments Scheme guidance published by NHS England

NHS England has published guidance on the Quality Payments Scheme for the November review point.

The new guidance, should be read in conjunction with NHS England's gateway criteria guidance issued in December 2016 and the quality criteria guidance issued in February 2017.

PSNC strongly encourages all community pharmacy contractors to read the new NHS England guidance, as well as the previous guidance, to ensure they are fully briefed on the requirements of the Quality Payments Scheme.

Read more: [ow.ly/jHEk30fyqG1](http://ow.ly/jHEk30fyqG1)

### PSNC support for the November review point

Rosie Taylor, Head of Service Development at PSNC, has recorded a presentation which provides information on the changes that have been made for the November review point compared to the April review point as well as the key learning points to be aware of ahead of the November review point. The video is approximately 30 minutes long.

The Quality Payments Scheme hub on the PSNC website ([psnc.org.uk/quality](http://psnc.org.uk/quality)) has been updated, which includes an extensive list of frequently asked questions about the Scheme. The following two Briefings have also been published:

[PSNC Briefing: 074/17: Quality Payments – Checklist for contractors](#)

[PSNC Briefing 075/17: Quality Payments – PSNC resources](#)

Watch the recorded presentation at: [psnc.org.uk/qualitywebinar](http://psnc.org.uk/qualitywebinar)

### April declaration data published

The NHS Business Service Authority (NHS BSA) has published the declaration data for the April review point of the Quality Payments Scheme.

The data provides a breakdown of the number of contractors who declared that they met the gateway criteria and the number of contractors who declared they met the individual quality criteria.

To accompany this data, NHS England has published an infographic which highlights the headline figures from the declaration data as well as a presentation, which provides further information on the Quality Payments Scheme.

Read more: [ow.ly/JAQT30fyr1T](http://ow.ly/JAQT30fyr1T)

### DoS profile updater now available

The new Directory of Services (DoS) profile updater which contractors will need to use to

meet the DoS quality criterion of the Quality Payments Scheme is now available.

For the November declaration, contractors will be required to edit or confirm the information about their pharmacy is correct on the DoS profile updater **by 11:59pm on 24th November 2017** to meet the quality criterion. This process is the same for 'bricks and mortar' pharmacies and distance selling pharmacies.

Read more: [ow.ly/S1sv30fypKY](http://ow.ly/S1sv30fypKY)

## Survey issued for DSP contractors to meet the NHS Choices gateway criterion

Distance selling pharmacy (DSP) contractors who met the NHS Choices gateway criterion for the April review point or those that did not meet the gateway criterion at the April review point but supplied the required information to the NHS Choices service desk by 11th September 2017 will have today (2nd October 2017) received an email from the NHS Choices Service Desk with a link to a survey.

The survey must be completed **by 11.59pm on 24th November 2017** for DSP contractors to meet the NHS Choices gateway criterion for the November review point.

Read more: [ow.ly/ojAh30fyoOM](http://ow.ly/ojAh30fyoOM)

## Amendment to Drug Tariff for SCR quality criterion

The Department of Health has published an amendment in the October 2017 Drug Tariff, Part VII Quality Payments Scheme (England) relating to the Summary Care Record (SCR) quality criterion for the November 2017 review point.

This amendment means that pharmacies who have accessed the SCR 100 times or more in both period 1 and period 2 will meet the SCR quality criterion, even if their usage has not increased.

Read more: [ow.ly/LDC430fxz8D](http://ow.ly/LDC430fxz8D)

## Quality Payments Scheme support from CPPE

The Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education (CPPE) has published a [document](#) which highlights their resources and materials to support contractors in meeting the quality criteria of the Quality Payments Scheme for the November review point.

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