***Community Pharmacy Deadline Tracker – October 2020***

***If you are part of a pharmacy group or multiple, please liaise with your company managers/head office***

| **Subject** | **Actions and links** | **Tick when done** |
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| **Coronavirus (COVID-19)**   |  | | --- | |  | | Please keep up to date with information relating to the outbreak of COVID-19, including the current situation in the UK and Europe and information about the virus and its’ symptoms.  Practical guidance to support primary care teams in managing contact with and presentations of patients who suspect they may have [COVID-19](https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/primary-care/)  The standard operating procedure for community pharmacy can be found [here](https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/publication/standard-operating-procedure-community-pharmacy/)  More information including the current posters to display can be found on the PSNC page [here](https://psnc.org.uk/the-healthcare-landscape/covid19/information-for-the-public/)  Business Continuity Information for pharmacies can be found [here](https://psnc.org.uk/the-healthcare-landscape/covid19/business-continuity/) |  |
| **Data Security and Protection (DSP) Toolkit**  **Contractual requirement to be completed by**  **30th September 2020** | **Update: The submission deadline was extended**  **from 31st March 2020 to 30th September 2020.**  All pharmacies required to complete the DSP toolkit on an annual basis to provide assurance on Information Governance (IG). For a DPS toolkit on demand webinar and support from PSNC see [here](https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/data-security-and-protection-toolkit-workshop-now-on-demand/) |  |
| **COVID-19 Testing for**  **Pharmacy Staff** | Essential workers can access priority testing slots for C19. Find out more including how to sign up for employer access [here.](https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/accessing-priority-c-19-testing/)  **Please note that due to a high demand there is a slight delay in processing requests; we recommend that you prioritise this action.** |  |
| **Healthy Living Pharmacy**  **Date to be confirmed – delayed due to COVID-19** | HLP was meant to be an essential service as part of the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework from 1st July. For more information read [here](https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/extensions-made-to-covid-19-provisions/). Ensure you have your HLP Leader and Health Champion in place in time for the planned changes to the Terms of Service.  The Devon LPC has limited HEE funding available to support [HLP training](https://devonlpc.org/sample-page/lpc-newsletters/) |  |
| **Public Health Campaigns**  **Begins in Early October (look out for further information)**   |  | | --- | |  | | Community pharmacies will need to participate in two health campaigns during the rest of 2020/21, the first of which will be the annual campaign which encourages eligible people to get vaccinated against flu. This campaign will begin in early October with campaign resources being delivered to pharmacies. More information can be found [here.](https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/cpcf-health-campaigns-agreed-for-2020-21/) |  |
| **Stoptober Campaign**  **1st – 31st October 2021** | Find out more about this year’s Stoptober campaign on the [PSNC](https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/stoptober-campaign-commences/) website. Please note this is not a mandatory campaign. |  |
| **Updated Mask Guidance** | See the updated PHE guidance on the use of facemasks by pharmacy staff [here](https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/updated-phe-guidance-on-use-of-face-masks-by-pharmacy-staff/)  IMPORTANT: Sign up to the [PPE Portal](https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/all-covid-19-ppe-now-available-via-portal/) to ensure you have access to stocks and read the latest [statement](https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/ordering-community-pharmacy-ppe-supplies-using-ppe-portal) from the NHSBSA here. |  |
| **PQS Aspiration Claim Payment Window Open**  **Open until 23:59 on 9th October 2020** | The Aspiration payment window for the Pharmacy Quality Scheme 2020-21 Part 2 is now open. Contractors who wish to, can claim an Aspiration payment for this scheme, to assist with cash flow can claim via [Manage Your Service](https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pharmacies-gp-practices-and-appliance-contractors/dispensing-contractors-information/manage-your-service-mys) (MYS) portal. The Aspiration payment is optional. To quality to receive it, contractors will need to decide which domains they intend to meet at the February 2021 declaration period and declare that they will complete PQS Part 1 by 23:59 on 29th January 2021. More information can be found [here.](https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/pqs-aspiration-payment-window-opens/) |  |
| **PQS 20-21 Part 1**  **Live**  **Deadline 29th January 2021** | Full details of [Part 1](https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/pqs-announced-for-first-part-of-2020-21/) can be found on the PSNC website. To meet the requirements of the new scheme, contractors need to complete all 14 actions set out in a checklist, all of which relate to the response to the pandemic.  Supporting information   * [10-minute digital guide](https://psnc.org.uk/services-commissioning/pharmacy-quality-scheme/part-1-pqs-2020-21-digital-guide-for-contractors/) * [Evidence Checklist](https://psnc.org.uk/services-commissioning/psnc-briefings-services-and-commissioning/psnc-briefing-024-20-pharmacy-quality-scheme-essential-criteria-checklist-for-covid-19-evidence-checklist/) * [FAQ](https://psnc.org.uk/services-commissioning/pharmacy-quality-scheme/pharmacy-quality-scheme-2020-21-faqs/) * A record sheet to capture staff briefings or training sessions   VirtualOutcomes has developed a module that will walk you through each item on the checklist and give suggestions on what evidence you and the team need to keep. Access [here](https://www.workcast.com/register?cpak=9824458649347104) **Remember that completion of and claiming for the Part 1 scheme is a Gateway requirement for the Part 2 scheme. We would recommend to complete this ASAP.** |  |
| **PQS 20-21**  **Part 2**  **Starts October 2020** | Full details of requirements for Part 2 of the 2020-21 Pharmacy quality Scheme (PQS) can be found on the [PSNC Website](https://psnc.org.uk/services-commissioning/pharmacy-quality-scheme/pqs-2020-21-part-2/)  Part 2 formally commences on the 1st October 2020 but contractors can start working on the domains they wish to undertake as soon as they choose.  NHSE&I has published [guidance](https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/pharmacy-quality-scheme-guidance-2020-21/) on the Part 2 Pharmacy quality Scheme (PQS) 2020-21. This guidance buildings on the information on the PQS contained within the September Drug Tariff. |  |
| **Check Shared Mailbox** | **NHSE&I, NHSBSA, PCN pharmacy leads and the LPC regularly send important communications to your NHS Shared Mailbox.**  **Please ensure sufficient staff have access to your mailbox and that it is checked at least once daily.** |  |
| **VirtualOutcomes** | New modules are released every month and are currently FREE to Devon community pharmacies[. Brief training webinars](https://www.virtualoutcomes.co.uk/pharmacy-training/) are available for all members of the pharmacy teams. |  |

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