***Community Pharmacy Deadline Tracker – February 2021***

***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)**

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 | 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.**Look out for the most up to date information guidance via your NHS Shared Mailbox**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 has been updated (26/10) and 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/). |  |
| **PSNC Pharmacy Advice Audit****New Deadline 5th February 2021** | Pharmacy Teams are being encouraged to take part in an audit that will capture information about the reasons why people choose to visit community pharmacies. Pharmacy teams now have a further week to capture information about the advice they give to their patients and local communities and submit that data to PSNC via Pharmoutcomes. Please visit **psnc.org.uk/adviceaudit** for details on how to take part.  |  |
| **PPE Claim****By 11:59 pm 12th February 2021 via MYS** | Claim for relevant PPE purchased between **27th February 2020 and 31st December 2020**. Each pharmacy will be able to make two types of claim, where necessary: a standard claim and an exceptional claim. See [here](https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/c-19-ppe-reimbursement-how-contractors-can-make-a-claim/) for full details.  |  |
| **PPE** | 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/).PSNC and the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) have agreed a mechanism by which pharmacy contractors can claim reimbursement for their expenditure on personal protective equipment (PPE) for PPE purchased by 31st December 2020. From 1st January 2021 PPE is not reimbursable via the agreed mechanism and contractors need to order free of charge PPE for use in their pharmacy via the  [**DHSC’s PPE portal**](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ppe-portal-how-to-order-covid-19-personal-protective-equipment), and should ensure they have registered for this if not already.**IMPORTANT: Sign up to the** [**PPE Portal**](https://nhs-ppe.co.uk/customer/authentication) **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.** |  |
| **Changes to CFCF** | PSNC has negotiated several changes to the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework to create extra capacity. See the [PSNC website](https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/pqs-and-service-changes-agreed-to-create-extra-capacity/) for further details.  |  |
| **Healthy Living Pharmacy****1st January 2021** | The Healthy Living Pharmacy (HLP) requirements are now part of the new Terms of Service for all pharmacies from the 1st January 2021. Contractors must ensure they are compliant with the requirements - for more information read [here.](https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/regs-explainer-13-hlp-requirements/) Please note the Distance Selling Pharmacy (DSP) website requirements do not have to be complied with until 1st April 2021. |  |
| **PQS 20-21****Part 2****Declare between 09:00 on 1st February 2021 and 23:59 on 26th February 2021.****Contractors have until 30th June to complete all the PQS requirements** | **Update:**The PQS Part 2 2020-21 declaration will still take place as planned between 9.00 am on 1st February 2021 and 23.59 on the 26th February 2021. However, you will have until 30th June 2021 to complete any elements of the scheme you have declared as having met although we would recommend you aim for completion within the original time frame. Please Note: Activities relating to Domain 4 Prevention: Increasing flu vaccination uptake – this domain HAS NOT been extended.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/)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.Download the LPC PQS2 training summary [here.](https://devonlpc.org/our-news/devon-lpc-newsletter-september-2020/pqs-part-2-training-summary/)Detailed guidance and supporting materials can be found on the PSNC website. This now includes a PQS Part 2 [Evidence Checklist and PharmOutcomes Framework.](https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/pharmacy-quality-scheme-part-2-evidence-checklist-pharmoutcomes-framework/) **Access the local antibiotic formularies to support Domain 1** [**here.**](https://devonlpc.org/pharmacy-resources/resources-g-l/formularies/)  |  |
| **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.** |  |
| **Discharge Medicines Service (Essential Service)****Contractual NEW ESSENTIAL SERVICE****15th February 2021** | DMS becomes a new Essential Service from the 15th February 2021. Contractors MUST be ready to start delivering the service from this date as part of their Terms of Service. START PREPARING NOW.* Read the [NHSE&I regulations guidance](https://www.england.nhs.uk/primary-care/pharmacy/pharmacy-manual/nhs-pharmacy-regulations-guidance-2020/) and the [NHSE&I DMS](https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/nhs-discharge-medicines-service-essential-service-toolkit-for-pharmacy-staff-in-community-primary-and-secondary-care/) Toolkit so that you understand service requirements
* Undertake the [CPPE DMS](https://www.cppe.ac.uk/programmes/l/transfer-e-02) e-learning and assessment (recommended). See here
* Complete the DMS [DoC](https://www.cppe.ac.uk/services/declaration-of-competence#navTop) (Mandatory for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians providing the service).
* Further services details [here](https://psnc.org.uk/services-commissioning/essential-services/discharge-medicines-service/) including a helpful contractor checklist to work through (see under resources).

**Your LPC is working with the four acute trusts and mental health trust in Devon to determine what they will be able to accommodate in terms of go-live timescale, process and referrals and we will update you as soon as we have more information.** **You may receive referrals from out of county hospitals transferring patients back to Devon based care – to meet the essential contractual requirement contractors must be ready to deliver the service.** |  |
| **GPCPCS****1st November 2020** | The NHS CPCS has been extended to include referrals from general practices as well as from NHS 111. Contractors registered to provide the CPCS can claim a £300 engagement and setup payment if they undertake a range of actions to get ready for rolling out the referral pathway in their area. These requirements are detailed in Annex F of the [NHS CPCS service specification](https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/commencement-of-gp-referrals-to-cpcs/). Claims available from 1st November 2020 until 31st March 2021 through the MYS portal. More information [here.](https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/commencement-of-gp-referrals-to-cpcs/)**Your LPC is working with the NHSE&I regional team, NHS Devon CCG and GP network to agree a shared plan to get the service switched on in Devon ASAP which will include holding a local engagement session.** |  |
| **Virtual Outcomes** | 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. A complete support package has recently been launched for the [NHS community pharmacist consultation service](https://www.virtualoutcomes.co.uk/pharmacy-training/) (NHS111 and GP referrals). |  |

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***Please encourage your locums and the rest of your pharmacy team to join the Devon LPC mailing list to ensure they are up to date with new guidance and updates in the rapidly changing pharmacy environment.***