

Community Pharmacy Deadline Tracker – September 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
<p>Devon LPC Update webinar</p> <p>Wednesday 8th September 2021 7.00 pm via ZOOM</p>	<p>The Devon LPC update webinar is fast approaching and jam packed with key updates on the new NMS categories, COVID/Flu vaccinations; PQS; PCN contract update</p> <p>Register here: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlpceGtqD8vHtcU-vgbdIJ7YtTf3ahgJ8YI</p>	
<p>Pandemic Delivery Service – self isolating Continues until 30th September 2021</p>	<p>The delivery service continues for those patients that need to self-isolate. Patients will need to provide their Track & Trace ID reference number as proof of eligibility. More information on the PSNC website</p>	
<p>Pharmacy Collect c-19 Test Distribution Service – Data recording</p>	<p>Data for this service should be recorded on MYS before the close of play on the last trading day of each week.</p> <p>More information available here.</p>	
<p>End of temporary suspension of signatures on prescriptions From 1st September 2021</p>	<p>Read the update from PSNC here.</p> <p>Start making plans to return to capturing of signatures on NHS prescriptions/tokens and review current submission processes to include relevant tokens with monthly bundles from September.</p>	
<p>Get Ready for Flu - Guidance on flu vaccination for 2021/22</p> <p>Local Face to Face training 12th September 2021</p>	<p>The updated flu letter for 2021/22 has now been released and NHSE&I confirms that people aged 50 to 64 years old are included as an eligible cohort for the 2021/22 flu vaccination season.</p> <p>Check the update published by PSNC to ensure you have the training required for the 2021-22 season.</p> <p>Read the complete service specification</p> <p>Ensure your SOP is up to date</p> <p>Ensure that all pharmacists have signed the Declaration of Competence within the last two years</p> <p>Ensure that all staff providing vaccinations read and sign the national PGD or relevant national protocol</p> <p>The Devon LPC has arranged further face to face training, our next date is 12th September 2021 in Exeter. Book here: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/flu-training-with-basic-life-support-tickets-168075246587</p> <p>Access the Flu Engagement training resources for the whole pharmacy team from VirtualOutcomes here</p>	
<p>Pharmacy quality scheme</p>	<p>Following the publication of initial details of the PQS for 2021/22 we recommend you start to work on the following:</p> <p>Read the PSNC announcement</p>	

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	<p>Check the number of NMS provisions claimed since 1st April 2021 to determine if you need to take action to meet the relevant Gateway criterion</p> <p>Review the training requirements – use the PSNC briefing here</p> <p>Engage with your community pharmacy PCN lead to begin developing a plan to increase flu vaccination uptake. Details of the PCN Community Pharmacy leads can be found on the LPC website.</p> <p>Read more about how your pharmacy can make a start on 2021/22 PQS on the PSNC website</p>	
<p>NHS Service Finder Ongoing</p>	<p>Sign up to the NHS Service Finder. NHS Service Finder lists non-public phone numbers for NHS Services including GP surgeries. At busy periods it may be beneficial to use and supports pharmacy teams in signposting patients to the most appropriate service.</p> <p>Sign up here: https://finder.directoryofservices.nhs.uk</p>	
<p>Check Shared Mailbox</p>	<p>Important communications from NHSE&I, NHSBSA, PCN pharmacy leads, GP CPCS referrals and the LPC regularly arrive in your NHS Shared Mailbox.</p> <p>Please ensure sufficient staff have access to your mailbox and that it is checked regularly. This is becoming more and more important as referrals for services like GP CPCS which will be coming in via NHS Mail. Check spam folders regularly.</p>	
<p>Unplanned and Emergency Pharmacy Closures</p>	<p>Contractors are reminded that they should inform NHSE&I of any unplanned or temporary closures as soon as possible.</p> <p>Informing NHSE&I serves two purposes, to ensure the pharmacy meets its regulatory requirements and to ensure that NHSE&I is sighted on the ongoing pressures within the community pharmacy network. We are aware that availability of relief and locum pharmacists is particularly acute now.</p> <p>Further Information</p> <p>PSNC Briefing 019/20: Emergency closure checklist for community pharmacy</p> <p>PSNC website: Temporary closures during the COVID-19 outbreak</p> <p>Re visit your business continuity plan that was submitted as part of the Pharmacy Quality Scheme earlier this year.</p>	
<p>GPCPCS Ongoing</p>	<p>As more practices in Devon go live with GP CPCS it is ESSENTIAL that your pharmacy team and locums are fully briefed on the service and that your pharmacy shared NHS mail checked three times daily.</p> <p>The RPS has teamed up with the LPC to provide bespoke clinical skills update to support pharmacists with CPCS referrals and red flags</p> <p>Tuesday 28 September, 7pm – 9.30pm and Tuesday 5 October, 7pm – 9pm</p> <p>https://events.rpharms.com/200229074</p>	

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	<p>Wednesday 13 October, 7-9.30pm & Wednesday 20 October, 7-9pm https://events.rpharms.com/200229075</p>	
<p>Discharge Medicines Service</p>	<p>DMS is an Essential Service. All DMS referrals must be actioned as described in the NHSE&I guidance on the regulations, see Chapter 8, page 20. Further service details here including a helpful contractor checklist to work through (see under resources).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read the NHSE&I regulations guidance and the NHSE&I DMS Toolkit so that you understand service requirements • Undertake the CPPE DMS e-learning and assessment (recommended). See here • Complete the DMS DoC (Mandatory for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians providing the service). • Further services details here including a helpful contractor checklist to work through (see under Resources). <p>Important Note: Make sure you claim for DMS referrals on MYS. Automation of claiming is not yet live although imminent. If you don't claim you won't get paid. Look at the August edition of the LPC newsletter for more details.</p>	
<p>Devon LPC AGM and Special Meeting (Virtual) 11th October 2021 7.15 pm to 8.45 pm</p>	<p>You are warmly invited to attend the Devon LPCs AGM and Special Meeting which is being held virtually on the 11th of October 2021. Look out for updates via NHS Mail and the LPC website.</p>	
<p>Pharmacy Profile Update Regulatory - Quarterly update</p>	<p>Ensure your Directory of Services and NHS Website profiles are up to date. Contractors must ensure that the profile for their pharmacy is comprehensive and accurate. Additionally, contractors must verify (even if no changes made) and, where necessary, update the information contained within the pharmacy profile at least once each quarter of the financial year.</p>	
<p>Virtual Outcomes</p>	<p>New modules are released every month and are currently free to Devon community pharmacies. Brief training webinars are available for all members of the Devon pharmacy teams. A complete support package is available for the NHS community pharmacist consultation service (NHS111 and GP referrals) and for the Discharge Medicines Service</p>	

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Link to PSNC contractual payment tracker <https://psnc.org.uk/dispensing-supply/payment-accuracy/monthly-payments/payment-timetable-and-deadline-tracker/>

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