

Community Pharmacy Deadline Tracker – January 2022

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
COVID Boosters Act Now	Ensure your staff who are eligible for a booster dose know how to book. Find out more here .	
GPCPCS Update	<p>All GP practices are being encouraged nationally to sign up to the GP CPCS service.</p> <p>You should be familiar with the referral pathways, the re-escalation pathways, and the expected referral turnaround time, as well as the differences between 111 CPCS pathways & GP CPCS pathways, to ensure the service lands and runs smoothly from the start. The service should be available for 100% of your opening hours.</p> <p>We recommend you nominate a GP CPCS champion in your pharmacy – this should not be the pharmacist, but another member of the team who is able to advise and support any locums/reliefs, weekend, and part-time staff.</p>	
CPCS Provider Pays model Mid November to 28th February 2022 transition period	<p>CPCS Provider pays model – a new system needs to be in place to continue to provide the CPCS services after the 31st March 2022 as the licence provided by NHSEI for the CPCS referrals will no longer be paid for. Contractors need to choose their own CPCS IT systems from the validated suppliers.</p> <p>It is vital that contractors planning to continue delivering CPCS, select and arrange their system by no later than February 2022. Failure to do so may impact referrals and service continuity.</p> <p>More details about the four IT offers available are on the PSNC website</p>	
Mandatory Health Campaign For five weeks until 18th February 2022	<p>The Better Health Weight Management campaign is scheduled to run from January 2022 (when materials received) and forms part of the mandated health campaigns agreed for 2021-2022.</p> <p>Printed resources will be delivered to pharmacy. If packs are not received by 15th January 2022, please email: partnerships@phe.gov.uk with ‘Weight Management Pharmacy Packs’ in the subject line and the pharmacy name and address in the email.</p> <p>The resource packs will include a guidance leaflet to support community pharmacy teams’ conversations with patients and display materials. Further information, social media and digital resources will also be available on the Campaign Resource Centre.</p>	
Hypertension Case Finding Service	<p>NHSE&I has published the final specification for the Hypertension Case Finding Service. Get ready to deliver the service by reviewing the resources on the PSNC website.</p> <p>Encourage your pharmacy team members to view the VirtualOutcomes online training – FREE of charge!</p>	
PQS 2021-22	The scheme officially started on 1 st September 2021 with a declaration period between 9 am on 31 st January 2022 and 11:59 pm on 25 th February 2022. As with previous schemes there is £75m funding available.	

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<p>Complete declaration by 11:59 pm on 25th February 2022</p>	<p>Because of the significant challenges being experienced by pharmacy teams and the contribution of the pharmacy workforce to the COVID-19 vaccination programme, it has been agreed there will be an extension to the deadline for meeting the requirements of the PQS. Contractors still need to make the PQS declaration during the February window but have until 31st March 2022 to complete most of the domains and until 30th June 2022 to gather the evidence to demonstrate compliance. Note: the extension is not being applied to the PCN domain or to advice on return of unwanted or unused inhalers and the declaration period has not been changed.</p> <p>You can access the NHS Digital Weight Management programme resource</p>	
<p>NMS PQS Gateway Criteria NEW deadline 5th April 2022</p>	<p>Part of PQS for 2021-22 requires 20 NMS completions claimed on MYS by 5th April 2022 as part of the gateway criteria. For further information please click on the link New Medicine Service (NMS): PSNC Main Site Check your pharmacy is meeting the Advanced Services gateway criterion for NMS</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. It will support pharmacy teams in signposting patients to the most appropriate service. 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. The shared NHS Mail will be the mechanism for sending GP CPCS referrals.</p>	
<p>Unplanned and Emergency Pharmacy Closures</p>	<p>You must inform NHSE&I of any unplanned or temporary closures as soon as possible, as well as local practices and specialist services if you provide supervised consumption.</p> <p>Re-visit your business continuity plan that was submitted as part of the Pharmacy Quality Scheme last year.</p> <p>PSNC Briefing 019/20: Emergency closure checklist for community pharmacy</p>	
<p>Discharge Medicines Service</p>	<p>The 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). 	

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	<p>Important Note: A bespoke report is now available on your PharmOutcomes reports page to support MYS returns. It pulls all data into one report in a format aligned with the MYS pages. The guide to using this is here https://outcomes4health.org/o4h/guides/dms/PharmOutcomesUserGuideDMSReporting_v1.pdf</p> <p>If you don't claim you won't get paid – data on the NHS BSA website indicates that there are large numbers of completed DMS referrals are not currently being claimed</p>	
<p>Pharmacy Profile 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.</p> <p>Pharmacy teams must update their DoS profile where the pharmacy's opening hours change, either temporarily or permanently. This is to avoid patients being inappropriately referred to the pharmacy while it is closed.</p>	
<p>Virtual Outcomes</p>	<p>New modules are released every month and are currently free to Devon community pharmacy teams.</p> <p>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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