

Autumn Newsletter

Dear Contractors,

Thank you for attending the recent AGM and DIMIR's event. The turnout and engagement was excellent and I want to thank you for all your support and hope we can collectively support a successful service across the east midlands.

I was recently of ill health so I wasn't able to be there in person but I hope to speak to you or see you soon and extend my sincere thanks for your engagement and attendance.

More information should be released in due course from NHSE in relation to DIMIR's regarding rollout dates, documents and other supporting information in due course.

Latest topics and key actions

1. Please see information on the new QPS and read the PSNC briefing
2. Ensure you claim your flu vaccination claims within 6 months (late submissions will not be accepted)
3. Please ensure you are providing the correct NHS flu vaccination for over 65'S and 18-65 year olds
4. Please sign up for the AF screening service if of interest (sent as a separate email)
5. Alogliptin switch West Leicestershire CCG notification
6. Please look out for the DIMIR's updates from NHSE
7. The latest CPPE events are listed below and on the LPC website
<https://psnc.org.uk/leicestershire-and-rutland-lpc/cppe-events-2017/>
8. Please can I also encourage you to engage in the MHRA valproate safety initiative to ensure women of child bearing age are not being prescribed valproate through identification and review All resources are available at the following link :
You should have received them in the post - <https://psnc.org.uk/leicestershire-and-rutland-lpc/our-news/mhra-valproate-patient-safety-initiative/>
9. There is a CRN (Clinical Research Network newsletter for Pharmacies) attached to the email
10. CPPE now have a DIMIR's hub page for core foundation and advanced learning to improve knowledge and skills in self care and responding to common ailments -
<https://www.cppe.ac.uk/gateway/dmirs>
11. CPPE also have a range of resources to cardiovascular conditions AF and hypertension to support learning which is attached to the email

You have also been sent reminders regarding the new AF screening service for Leicester City Contractors – the training event is on the 17th October 2018 at 6.30pm.

I hope to see you there

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News items

1, New ! NHS quality Payment announced

NHSE Quality Payments Review Point will be for 15th February 2019

2. *Claiming flu vaccinations*

3. *what to do if the recommended flu vaccine has not been given to a patient*

4. *ensuring you give the correct nhs flu vaccination*

3. *Branded Generic Switches – West CCG*

5. *CPPE events – October 2018 onwards*

6 *sign up for NHSE quarterly newsletter for Pharmacy and medicines topics from NHSE and Keith Ridge*

New ! NHSE Quality Payment Scheme

Now announced with a review date of February 15th 2018

Action : Please read the PSNC briefing and start familiarising yourself with the changes

Key changes to the gateway criteria include:

- The NHSmail criterion now requires contractors to have at least two live personal accounts linked to their shared premises NHSmail account;
- The EPS criterion has been removed and replaced with a requirement on IT operating system and web browser compliance with the NHS Digital Warranted Environment Specification; and
- The CPPQ quality criterion has been moved to become a gateway criterion.

The Advanced Services and the NHS.UK entry (previously known as NHS Choices) gateway criteria remain unchanged.

Key changes to the quality criteria include:

- Removal of the safeguarding and Summary Care Records criteria;
- New criteria on risk management and an audit on non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs and gastro-protection; and
- Additional requirements to meet the written patient safety report, Healthy Living Pharmacy and asthma criteria.

The NHS 111 Directory of Services and Dementia Friends quality criteria remain unchanged.

Further information on the changes to the Scheme are contained within

PSNC Briefing 051/18: A summary of the second Quality Payments Scheme 2018/19. New guidance will be issued by NHS England to provide further information and PSNC is currently reviewing the website and producing new guidance and resources, where appropriate, to assist contractors to meet the criteria of the Scheme.

Further details to follow from PSNC and will be shared in due course (more information to follow in due course)

What can you do now ?

CPPE Resources to meet HLP criteria	Staff to complete Children's oral health for the Pharmacy Team	https://www.cppe.ac.uk/services/quality-payments assessment available 8 th October 2018 (watch video for 16 minutes)
CPPE Resources to meet Patient Safety Criteria	Pharmacists to complete Risk management module for Pharmacy professionals	https://www.cppe.ac.uk/services/quality-payments assessment available 8 th October 2018
NICE TA guidance (read in preparation)		https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta38

2. Flu vaccination – claiming payment

Community pharmacy contractors can claim payment monthly, via either the paper claim form or the webform provided by the NHS BSA (but not both).

Claims will be accepted by the NHS BSA within six months of administration of the vaccination, in accordance with the usual Drug Tariff claims process. Later claims will not be processed.

Claiming use the paper form

The Community Pharmacy Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Advanced Service claim form should be submitted to NHS BSA with the FP34C each month. The correct version of the form (V1 2018/19) should be used to avoid any delays in payment.

To claim payment, the completed form should be sent with your prescriptions and FP34C submission document.

Claiming online

The NHS BSA will send a unique url (link) to the webform to all community pharmacy premises shared NHSmail accounts on a monthly basis. If contractors use the webform for submitting their claims, they should ensure that they only make a single claim for each calendar month, as subsequent submissions for that claim month will not be accepted by the webform.

For further information see the PSNC website link with video link explaining the process;

<https://psnc.org.uk/services-commissioning/advanced-services/flu-vaccination-service/flu-vaccination-claiming-payment/>

3. Flu Vaccination Update

What to do if individuals have been given a flu vaccine type not recommended for the age group

Public Health England (PHE) has updated its inactivated influenza vaccine guidance for healthcare practitioners which includes a small number of changes from its previously published version.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/inactivated-influenza-vaccine-information-for-healthcare-practitioners?utm_source=16ffda5-

The most significant change is in relation to the process to follow when individuals have inadvertently been given a flu vaccine type that is not recommended for their age group.* The previous version of the guidance advised healthcare practitioners not to administer a second dose and to report this incident to their local Screening and Immunisation team.

Please note, PHE will be publishing an addendum to the community pharmacy influenza Patient Group Direction to reflect this change as currently the PGD does not allow for revaccination if a patient has already received a flu vaccination for the current flu season. PSNC will alert contractors through their normal communication channels when this is published (pharmacists will not be required to sign up to the addendum). Contractors are therefore advised, at the moment, not to revaccinate

patients and should advise patients to return at a later date for revaccination once the addendum has been published.

Contractors are encouraged to read the updated PHE guidance as it contains important information regarding the Flu Vaccination Service.

4. Flu updates –Please Ensure the correct vaccinations are being given to patients

For the 2018/19 flu season, NHS England has informed community pharmacy contractors that the following vaccines should be offered to patients: • the adjuvanted trivalent inactivated vaccine (aTIV) for patients aged 65 years and over (including 64 year olds turning 65 years old by 31st March 2019) – there is currently only one aTIV licensed in the UK, this is called Flud®; and • a quadrivalent vaccine (QIV) for people in the 18 to under 65s at risk group.

This is the first year of the pharmacy Flu Vaccination Service, that different vaccines have been recommended for different eligible groups. There is also an added complexity this year, due to the fact that contractors will receive a phased delivery of Flud® and that there is a recommended priority order for patients in the 65 years and above eligible group.

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[NHSE Pharmacy and Medicines Bulletin](#)

This new quarterly bulletin from Chief Pharmaceutical Officer Keith Ridge will cover pharmacy and medicines topics from across the NHS system.

Aimed at NHS pharmacy professionals, and other professions working in pharmacy or with medicines.

First edition: **12 November 2018.**

Final date for submissions: **22 October 2018.**

Please cascade to your team.

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West Leicestershire CCG alogliptin switch (CCG update)

It has been agreed across West Leicestershire CCG to review patients currently taking a DPP4 inhibitor other than alogliptin (Vipidia). Patients will be reviewed, and if appropriate, switched to cost effective alogliptin.

We are informing you of this work as it will allow pharmacies to be in a better position to reassure patients about their new medication as well as adjust stock levels accordingly.

The letter attached gives more details around the switch. Patients changed to alogliptin will also be eligible for an NMS review.

We would like to inform you of a planned prescribing switch which will be taking place over the coming weeks. We hope this will enable you to manage your stock as well as put you in a better position to reassure patients of any changes that may occur with their medication.

The project will focus on prescribing the Leicestershire first line choice of dipeptidyl peptidase 4 inhibitor (DPP4 inhibitor), alogliptin. Patients currently taking a DPP4 inhibitor other than alogliptin, will be reviewed and switched to alogliptin if appropriate.

A considered approach to switches will be taken and obviously not all patients will be suitable for inclusion. Doses will vary according to the patient's renal function. Patients with severe renal impairment (CrCl < 30 mL/min) or end-stage renal disease requiring dialysis will be excluded from the switch, therefore no patient will be switched to the lower dose of alogliptin 6.25mg.

(See CCG letter attached to the email)

Upcoming CPPE events October 2018 onwards

Name of event	Type of event	Event ID	Date	Start time	Finish Time	Venue
Emergency Contraception	Core National	48227	04/10/2018	19:30	21:30	Premier Inn - Leicester Fosse Park Braunstone Road East, Leicester LE3 2FW
Type 2 diabetes	Collaboration	47998	09/10/2018	19:30	21:30	Cleeve Lodge 23 Elm Ave, Long Eaton, Derbyshire NG10 4LR
What's new in BNF 76? An event for pre-registration pharmacists	Core National	48101	16/10/2018	19:30	21:00	Treetops Hospice Derby Road, Risley, Derbyshire DE72 3SS
Falls Prevention	Core National	48237	25/10/2018	19:30	21:30	The Derbyshire Hotel Carter Lane East, South Normanton DE55 2EH
Falls Prevention	Core National	48238	06/11/2018	19:30	21:30	Poppy and Pint Pierrepont Road, Lady Bay, Nottingham NG2 5DX
Clinical assessment skills and history taking	Core National	48197	14/11/2018	09:30	16:30	Mercure Leicester The Grand Hotel 73 Granby Street, Leicester, Leicestershire LE1 6ES
Depression Focal Point	Core National	48226	14/11/2018	18:30	20:00	Holiday Inn Express Northampton Loake Close, Northampton, UK NN4 5EZ
Falls Prevention	Core National	48083	21/11/2018	19:30	21:30	Rainbows Hospice Lark Rise, Loughborough, Leicestershire LE11 2HS
Emergency Contraception	Collaboration	48037	08/12/2018	10:00	12:00	Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Foundation St Peters Health Centre, LEICESTER LE2 0TA
Falls Prevention	Core National	48225	06/02/2019	19:30	21:30	Holiday Inn Express Northampton Loake Close, Northampton, UK NN4 5EZ
Emergency Contraception	Core National	48194	19/02/2019	19:30	21:30	Treetops Hospice Derby Road, Risley, Derbyshire DE72 3SS
Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults	Core National	48051	14/03/2019	19:30	21:30	Premier Inn - Leicester Fosse Park Braunstone Road East, Leicester LE3 2FW
Alcohol identification and brief advice	Core National	48241	19/03/2019	19:30	21:30	Windmill Farm (formerly The Pride) Whisby Road, North Hykeham, Lincolnshire LN6 3QZ
Mental health and wellbeing	Core National	48111	26/03/2019	09:45	16:45	Trent Vineyard Easter Park, Nottingham, Notts, UK NG7 2PX

Events link <https://psnc.org.uk/leicestershire-and-rutland-lpc/cppe-events-2017/>