



# Daily Update

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020

This daily update contains important information for community pharmacy teams about the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## In today's update: PQS Aspiration payment window opens; Pharmacy IT Group Meeting; LPC Conference 2020; FMD drug alert issued.

### PQS Aspiration payment window opens

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. The Aspiration payment can be claimed up until **23:59 on 9th October 2020** through the [Manage Your Service \(MYS\) portal](#).

The Aspiration payment is optional. To qualify 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.

[Learn more about the Aspiration payment](#)

### Community Pharmacy IT Group Meeting

The Community Pharmacy IT Group (CP ITG) met this month to discuss recent and future IT developments. Immediate priorities identified by the group included supporting further roll-out of [Real Time Exemption Checking](#), learning from the experiences of recent pharmacy use of video consultation systems during the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic and preparing IT to fulfil the ambition of the 5-year Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework.

Further information about the group, and its work is available within the newly published [CP ITG pharmacy IT quarterly round-up](#) and on the [CP ITG webpage](#).

### LPC Conference 2020

Approximately 200 delegates attended the annual LPC Conference today. Whilst this year's event was held digitally, we aimed to make the experience as similar as possible to any other year.

Pharmacy representatives from across the country came together to discuss current issues, hear the results of LPC and PSNC reflections on the pharmacy representation review, and put forward their views for PSNC to consider in its planning processes. Delegates also heard the usual update from PSNC CEO Simon Dukes and had their questions answered by the PSNC exec team.

## Class 2 FMD Medicines Recall

The Medicines and Health products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has issued a class 2 FMD Drug Alert for multiple batches of Neupro 4mg/24 hour Transdermal Patches and Vimpat 100mg Tablets.

[Click here for full details](#)

Have you seen our latest FAQs?

PSNC's website has a large number of answers to queries posed by pharmacy contractors, their teams and LPCs; these are updated on a regular basis. Recent additions include:

**Q. Do contractors have to arrange their own clinical waste disposal service to dispose of waste resulting from the NHS Flu Vaccination Service?**

Yes. Contractors have to arrange their own clinical waste disposal service to dispose of waste resulting from the Flu Vaccination Service when providing the service from the pharmacy and also when providing the service from long-stay residential care homes, other long-stay care facilities and patients' homes.

**Q. Do I need to notify anyone if I am unable to provide the flu vaccination service over the full hours for any reason?**

No. However, the service specification does state that a contractor should seek to ensure that the service is available throughout the pharmacy's contracted opening hours therefore we would recommend you document the reasons why the service could not be provided over the full opening hours of the pharmacy. This means if NHSE&I query why you have not been able to provide the service on certain days or times, you have the reasons documented.

**Keep up-to-date on COVID-19 with our hub page: [psnc.org.uk/coronavirus](https://psnc.org.uk/coronavirus)**

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