



# Daily Update

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</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: NHSE&I PQS Part 2 guidance published; PQS e-learning modules available; PPE portal.**

## **NHSE&I guidance on PQS Part 2 2020/21 published**

NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) has today published [guidance on the Part 2 Pharmacy Quality Scheme \(PQS\) 2020/21](#). This guidance builds on the information on the PQS contained within the September Drug Tariff.

All pharmacy contractors who are planning to participate in and make a claim for the PQS are advised to read the guidance to ensure they fully understand all the requirements of the scheme.

Additional information and resources to help contractors and their teams undertake the requirements of the scheme are available on [PSNC's Part 2 PQS webpage](#).

## **PQS Infection Prevention and Control e-learning modules now live**

Further to our news article on 6th August 2020 highlighting the initial information on the Part 2 PQS for 2020/21, contractors were advised to leave the completion of the e-learning associated with the Infection Prevention and Control criteria until late September. This was to allow NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) to adapt the training modules to make the references more relevant to community pharmacy.

NHSE&I have now confirmed that the modules have been adapted and are live. Contractors intending to claim payment for this domain are free to advise their staff to go ahead and complete the training modules as part of the confirmed requirements for this particular criterion.

[For further information on PQS 2020/21 Part 2 read our guidance](#)

## **Have you signed up to access the PPE portal?**

Last month the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) announced that community pharmacies could now order additional personal protective equipment (PPE) through the online portal in an emergency.

By now, community pharmacies should have received an email invitation to their shared NHSmail inbox to register to access the portal. If they have not responded to that invitation to register for the portal, they are encouraged to do so as soon as possible.

**[For further information read our full story](#)**

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. What Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) should pharmacy teams be using?**

A. Public Health England (PHE) has updated its guidance on the wearing of facemasks in primary and community health care settings. In summary, the recommendation is that all pharmacy staff now wear facemasks, unless the pharmacy is COVID-19 secure, including all staff being able to maintain a social distance from one another.

This aligns the PHE guidance with PSNC's guidance to contractors, which was issued in mid-June.

**[Read the updated PHE guidance](#)**

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