



Daily Update

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

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In today's update: Data Security and Protection Toolkit deadline; NHS COVID-19 app and QR posters; update on PQS resources; Brexit worst case scenarios.

Upcoming deadline: Data Security and Protection Toolkit

Whilst approximately three-quarters of pharmacies have already completed the Data Security and Protection Toolkit, those contractors who have not yet done so are reminded that this must be completed by **30th September 2020**.

The deadline for completing the Toolkit, which is used to make a pharmacy's information governance (IG) declaration, was extended from the usual 31st March due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

PSNC worked closely with NHS Digital to keep the data security protections appropriate but the workload manageable particularly given the ongoing pandemic and relating work. In particular, the Toolkit will show the answers submitted by the pharmacy last year for many questions, allowing the contractor to simply check the information is still accurate and adjust if needed.

[Comprehensive guidance from PSNC](#) has been available to contractors since December.

[Find out more about completing the Toolkit](#)

NHS COVID-19 app and QR code posters

The long-awaited NHS COVID-19 app launched today. It will be heavily promoted to members of the public, as the Government sees this as a vital part of the NHS Test and Trace service in England.

The Government is encouraging businesses and organisations, such as hospitality services, to display official NHS QR code posters at their venue entrances to help support contact tracing. Community pharmacies are not required to display NHS QR code posters but may do so, according to Government advice.

[Learn more about the QR code posters](#)

Update on additional PQS guidance and support templates

PSNC is still intending to publish further guidance materials and support templates to assist LPCs, Community Pharmacy Primary Care Network (PCN) Leads and contractors with the PQS PCN Domains. A small working group consisting of some members of the PSNC LPC Operations Team (PLOT) met yesterday to discuss and confirm some of the pieces that will be developed. PSNC aims to have these pieces developed over the next two weeks to further support contractors and their teams undertake the requirements of the PQS PCN domains.

For additional information and resources to help contractors and their teams undertake the requirements of the scheme, visit [PSNC's Part 2 PQS webpage](#).

Government publishes worst-case assumptions for Brexit

The Government has published its [reasonable worst-case scenario planning assumptions](#) for borders at the end of the transition period on 31st December 2020.

The Department of Health and Social Care is working with the medicines supply chain in the UK to mitigate any disruption in the continuity of supply of medicines, medical devices and medical consumables. Mitigations include a request to manufacturers and suppliers to increase their medicines stocks by at least 6 weeks on top of their usual buffer stocks and ensure plans are in place to air freight products with a short shelf life.

[Read more about Government Brexit planning](#)

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