



Daily Update

Tuesday 8th 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: flu vaccination funding; 2021 public holiday guide for pharmacies; addition to parallel export ban list.

Flu Vaccination Funding

We know that contractors are keen to hear news on flu vaccination funding – work has been ongoing on this issue and we hope there will be an announcement very shortly.

Bank / public holiday guide

PSNC has produced a quick reference guide for 2021 bank / public holidays to address some of the common queries on the pharmacy terms of service opening hours requirements.

[PSNC Briefing 028/20: Pharmacy opening hours 2021](#)

Community pharmacy contractors do not have to open on days which are specifically mentioned in the Regulations (namely Christmas Day, Good Friday and Easter Sunday) or a day which has been specifically designated as a 'bank holiday', unless directed to open by NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I).

However, if contractors want to reduce supplementary hours on other days, for example, to close early, notice of that intention should be given to NHSE&I at least three months in advance. This means time is running out for contractors to notify NHSE&I about making changes for this year's Christmas period.

Lithium carbonate added to parallel exported ban list

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) have announced that all strengths of Lithium carbonate tablets have been added to the list of medicines which must not be parallel exported from the UK. The additional restrictions came into place from 7th September 2020.

[View the latest list of medicines that cannot be parallel exported from the UK \(updated 07/09/20\)](#)

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. Must patient consent for the Flu Vaccination Service be recorded in writing?

No. Patient consent can be obtained verbally and should be recorded in the pharmacy's clinical record for the service. A signed consent record is no longer mandatory.

Q. Will we need to report flu vaccinations to GPs or to a national reporting system or both?

National paperwork has been developed to allow the notification of the patient's GP practice of the administration of the vaccine. If IT systems are available that allow the notification of a patient's GP practice to take place electronically, these may be used. Notifying the patient's GP practice is an important service requirement, as is the case for locally commissioned vaccination services.

Q. Can I administer the flu vaccine to a person with a learning disability who is unable to understand consent?

No. If the patient does not have the capacity to provide informed consent, they must be referred to their GP for vaccination.

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