



Daily Update

Thursday 30th July 2020

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

In today's update: NHS workforce development plan; Pharmacy Representation Review next steps webinar; research on pharmacy's role in COVID-19 pandemic; Foundation Pharmacist Programme.

Government commits to NHS workforce development

The NHS has today published a [People Plan for 2020/21](#), which sets out how it will support the workforce to deliver the care that the NHS needs to over the next six months.

The People Plan makes commitments to providing greater support for the health and wellbeing of NHS staff, ensuring there is a pipeline of talent entering the workforce, and identifying and scaling up new ways of delivering care. It describes how a new recruitment, retention and support package will help boost numbers, featuring practical support for wellbeing and opportunities for flexible working.

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on the healthcare system in the last few months and the plan addresses this, setting out plans to capitalise on the increased interest in joining or returning to the NHS workforce, as well as the surge in volunteers.

An [NHS People Promise](#), celebrating the key values of the NHS workforce and promising to keep improving the experience of working for the NHS, has been issued alongside the plan.

[Further details and PSNC's reaction to the NHS People Plan](#)

Pharmacy Representation Review next steps webinar

PSNC Chief Executive Simon Dukes will be hosting a next steps webinar on the independent review into contractor support and representation on **Monday 10th August at 7pm**.

The webinar for community pharmacy contractors will talk about the review, report on the July PSNC and LPC meeting which discussed the findings, and explain more about the next steps. Simon will also explain how everyone in the sector can share any further feedback over the summer.

[Learn more and register for the webinar](#)

New research on role of community pharmacy in pandemic

Research into the role of community pharmacy during pandemics, with the express aim of producing guidelines to support practice, is to be conducted by Aston University.

Primarily focused on the COVID-19 outbreak, the Aston School of Pharmacy will lead an academic study into how community pharmacy can support the public health agenda and adapt its services to help meet the challenges presented by pandemics.

[Read more about the research project](#)

HEE Update: Interim Foundation Pharmacist Programme

Health Education England (HEE) has issued an update on its new Interim Foundation Pharmacist Programme (IFPP) to support provisionally registered pharmacists.

In a letter to the 2019/20 pre-registration pharmacists, HEE explained that those who are eligible to join the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) provisional register, will be able to access the programme, which will provide them with the foundation training support they need.

[Find out more about IFPP](#)

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