



Daily Update

Thursday 7th January 2021

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

In today's update: FAQs on C-19 vaccinations for pharmacy staff; 50-64 year-olds encouraged to get flu jab; share your views on new dm+d browser.

FAQs on COVID-19 vaccinations for pharmacy staff

NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) have today written to NHS Trusts and other NHS bodies to provide [additional operational guidance](#) on the vaccination of frontline health and social care workers.

We have summarised the key points for pharmacy contractors and their teams in a series of questions and answers.

[Read the FAQs](#)

50-64 year-olds being encouraged to get a flu vaccination

With contractors reporting that demand for flu vaccination had fallen away in many areas, in December 2020, PSNC asked the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), Public Health England (PHE) and NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) to look again at what was being done to promote vaccinations to the 50-64-year-old cohort.

They have confirmed that, this week, NHSE&I is writing to 6.1 million 50-64 year-olds who have not yet received a flu vaccination, asking them to arrange one and highlighting that pharmacies, as well as GPs, provide this free service.

The letters have already started to be delivered and contractors are therefore advised to anticipate the potential for increased requests for NHS flu vaccinations over the next couple of weeks.

[Find out more](#)

Share your views on new dm+d browsers

A new browser for accessing the Dictionary of medicines and devices (dm+d), is being tested and pharmacy teams are being asked to share feedback.

As the NHS standard dictionary for medicines licensed in the UK, the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) has a free viewer available for pharmacy teams and others to access dm+d information.

This viewing browser has recently been updated and is currently undergoing a 'beta' (testing) phase prior to its full launch. Feedback from pharmacy teams and other users will help NHSBSA to improve its dm+d browser.

[Learn more and share your feedback here](#)

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