



# Daily Update

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020

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

## **In today's update: inquiry into COVID-19 impact; PQS Part 2 resources; first November price concessions.**

### **APPG launches inquiry into the impact of COVID-19 on pharmacy**

The All-Party Pharmacy Group (APPG) has launched a rapid inquiry to examine the impact of COVID-19 on pharmacy. Looking at a range of financial and operational pressures on the sector, the inquiry aims to establish a set of recommendations to put to the Government, outlining the additional support the sector requires.

To help inform this work, a survey of pharmacy staff has been published which contractors and pharmacy teams are encouraged to complete. The survey closes on Monday 30th November 2020, but should only take between 5-10 minutes to complete.

[Click here to complete the survey](#)

LPCs and other organisations can also submit evidence in writing. If you would like to do this, please contact the secretariat at [contact@pharmacyappg.co.uk](mailto:contact@pharmacyappg.co.uk), who will provide you with more information.

Further details and the Terms of Reference for the inquiry are available on the [APPG website](#).

### **PQS Part 2 Evidence Checklist & PharmOutcomes Framework**

The following resources are now available to support community pharmacy contractors in completing Part 2 of the Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS).

#### **PSNC Briefing 041/20**

Contractors should collect evidence to assure themselves that they meet all the requirements for each criteria within a PQS Part 2 domain, as well as for validation checks. [PSNC Briefing 041/20: Part 2 2020-21 PQS – Evidence Checklist](#) provides examples of suggested evidence, in a checklist format.

#### **PharmOutcomes PQS framework**

As contractors and their teams complete each criterion, they can mark this on PharmOutcomes to track their progress with achieving the quality criteria. This can be accessed by logging into [PharmOutcomes](#) and selecting 'Assessments'. The framework is listed as '**Pharmacy Quality Scheme 2020/21 – Part 2**'.

## November 2020 Price Concessions – 1st Update

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has today granted a list of initial price concessions for November 2020.

[Click here to view the list in full](#)

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. Where can I find information on how to operate my pharmacy in relation to COVID-19?**

A COVID-19 Standard Operating Procedure and guidance to support community pharmacy teams can be found on the [NHSE&I website](#). Please note that this document is subject to changes and updates, so please ensure you are always referring to the most up to date version and are also referring to the separate updates for additional information.

**Q. Where can I find a poster to display in my window to prevent symptomatic patients from entering the pharmacy?**

A poster can be found on the [Public Health England \(PHE\) Campaign Resource Centre website](#) to display at the entry points to your pharmacy. Please note that this poster is subject to changes and updates, so please ensure you are always displaying the most up to date version.

**Keep up-to-date on COVID-19 with our hub page: [psnc.org.uk/coronavirus](https://psnc.org.uk/coronavirus)**

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