

NHS Flu Season 2018/19

This year's NHS [Advanced Service Spec*](#) and [PGD*](#) have just been released with [significant positive changes*](#) (see links*) This week's task is to read and share these with the team so that each pharmacy is fully aware and ready for the GO.

What to start this week: **3 weeks to go ...**

1. Read the [Service Spec](#) & [PGD](#), get your pharmacist practitioners to sign the PGD as well as your authorising manager.
2. Review and refresh your knowledge with this quick [slide presentation](#) (note this was for 2016/17).
3. Consider & review the training requirements for the team – their understanding of the service and who's eligible.
4. Ensure clinical waste contract is set up if not already in place.
5. Ensure necessary equipment & supplies – i.e. spill kit, anaphylaxis pack, clinical waste bin.
6. Review & update / develop support documentation i.e. anaphylaxis telephone card, chaperone policy, needle stick injury procedure, infection control guidance procedures.
7. Prepare leaflets and information resources for promoting to patients to boost recruitment.

The following leaflets are available to print for the high-risk eligible conditions listed below:

[Chronic Respiratory conditions](#)
[Chronic Heart disease](#)
[Chronic kidney disease](#)
[Chronic Liver disease](#)
[Chronic Neurological disease](#)
[Diabetes](#)
[Pregnancy](#)

- Clarification on who's eligible is in the [Service Spec 2018/19](#)
- Please note the significant key changes to the service this year in the following [PSNC Briefing 041/18](#)
- PSNC has published detailed guidance on the service in [PSNC Briefing 042/18](#)
- We also suggest that you attend the [PSNC webinar](#), on Tue 21st August at 7.00pm which will explain everything our teams need to know.

Other high-risk conditions include: Immunosuppression, Asplenia or dysfunction of the spleen and Morbidly obese.



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We recognise Avon LPC for some of the linked information