



News Alert

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Quality Payments: Not long left until review date

The February 2019 review point (15th February 2019) for the [Quality Payments Scheme](#) is fast approaching and the declaration window for claiming for a quality payment opens in just over a fortnight (4th February 2019).

Many community pharmacy contractors are well on their way to meeting the gateway criteria and some if not all the quality criteria for the Quality Payments Scheme.

Contractors are, however, reminded of [PSNC Briefing 066/18: Quality Payments – PSNC resources v2 \(December 2018\)](#) which highlights all the resources available from PSNC to assist contractors with meeting the criteria. Please note: On 8th January 2019 this Briefing was updated to add a link to a new [PSNC NHSmail Briefing](#) which was published after v1 of the above Briefing.

Contractors are encouraged, if they have not already done so, to read the [NHS England guidance](#) and watch PSNC's recently published [recorded presentation](#) to ensure they understand how to meet the five gateway criteria.

Contractors are reminded that to qualify for a quality payment, **ALL FIVE** gateway criteria must be met, on the day of the review, 15th February 2019. As for previous declarations, meeting the gateway criteria will not, in itself, earn a quality payment for the pharmacy.

The NHS Business Services Authority (NHS BSA) is publishing a [weekly gateway criteria report](#), which details contractors who have been assessed, using national datasets, as meeting four of the five gateway criteria (Advanced Services, NHS website, Community Pharmacy Patient Questionnaire (CPPQ) and NHSmail).

Contractors are encouraged to download the [NHS BSA gateway criteria report](#) on a weekly basis to see if the national datasets show they have met four out of the five gateway criteria and if not, take corrective action as soon as possible to ensure they meet the criteria by the review point.

Further information is available at: ow.ly/3XqO30ndEVC

Contractors are reminded that if they wish to claim for Quality Payments using the new NHS Business Services Authority (NHS BSA) Manage Your Service application, they should [register](#) as soon as possible, to ensure the registration process is complete before the declaration period begins.

PSNC has also recently updated and added new Quality Payments FAQs; these can all be found at psnc.org.uk/qpsfaq

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