



# News Round-up

Saturday 16th January 2019



## Quality Payments information

### Quality payments declaration

The NHS Business Services Authority (NHS BSA) has sent an email to pharmacy shared NHSmail accounts detailing changes to the process of claiming for a quality payment.

Once the declaration window opens on Monday 4th February 2019, contractors will be able to claim for a quality payment either via the Manage Your Service (MYS) application or a SNAP survey tool (as used for previous declarations). Find out more at: [ow.ly/6zCN30mXku5](http://ow.ly/6zCN30mXku5)

### Quality payments video & briefings

The PSNC Services Team would like to highlight three new resources which are now available to assist community pharmacy contractors with meeting the gateway and quality criteria of the Quality Payments Scheme for the February 2019 review point:

- Recorded presentation on the Quality Payments Scheme
- PSNC Briefing: Quality Payments – Evidence checklist
- PSNC Briefing: Quality Payments – PSNC resources.

All provide useful summaries of the actions that contractors need to take and the resources available to help them do so. Find links to all three at: [ow.ly/Hqs230n3Pyf](http://ow.ly/Hqs230n3Pyf)

### Quality Payments: Have you accessed the SCR portal to validate meeting WES criterion?

Community pharmacy contractors needed to be validated as meeting the [Warranted Environment Specification \(WES\) gateway criterion](#) of the Quality Payments Scheme by the NHS Business Services Authority (NHS BSA) by accessing the Summary Care Record (SCR) portal by Thursday 24th January 2019. This access assessed whether their pharmacy met the WES gateway criterion.

Contractors didn't need to access an individual patient's SCR for their pharmacy to be assessed; they just were required to open the 'Find a patient' screen to enable NHS Digital to capture the pharmacy's operating system and browser details. NHS BSA then used this data to assess whether the pharmacy had met the WES gateway criterion.

Contractors who have not been validated as meeting the WES gateway criterion (this was detailed in an [email sent to contractors](#) by NHS BSA on 16th January 2019) will receive an email week commencing 28th January 2019, which will state if they have then been validated as meeting the WES gateway criterion.

Data used to validate whether a contractor had met the gateway criterion covered the period 11th January 2019 – 24th January 2019.

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