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| |  | | --- | |  | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | Pharmacy Commissioning |  | |  | | |  | | --- | |  | | 27th August 2021 | |  | | | | | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | ****CPCF arrangements for 2021/22 agreed**** Arrangements for the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF) in 2021/22 have been agreed between PSNC, NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) and the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), in line with the five-year CPCF deal.  This follows an intensive period of negotiations, lasting around three months. During this time, PSNC's Negotiating Team fought hard to gain concessions on a number of key issues, all with the backing of the full Committee who eventually voted to accept the deal by an overwhelming majority.  [**Find out more about the CPCF for 2021/22**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=a5e6daf20a&e=d19e9fd41c)  Expansion of the New Medicine Service One of the outcomes agreed from the negotiations for Year 3 of the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework is an expansion of the New Medicine Service (NMS).  From **1st September 2021**, contractors can offer patients support when they are newly prescribed medicines to manage thirteen additional conditions, including acute coronary syndrome (ACS), epilepsy and glaucoma.  [**Find out more about the expansion of the NMS**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=45f022a08a&e=d19e9fd41c) Pharmacy Quality Scheme for 2021/22 PSNC, DHSC and NHSE&I have agreed the arrangements for the 2021/22 scheme, with a focus on priorities supporting recovery from COVID-19.  The scheme will officially begin on 1st September 2021 with a declaration period in February 2022. As with previous schemes, it has £75m funding available and contractors will be able to claim an Aspiration payment if they wish to, later this year.  [**Read more about PQS for 2021/22**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=45a44a3e0b&e=d19e9fd41c) ****Flu Vaccination Service PGD published**** NHSE&I have approved the patient group direction (PGD) for the forthcoming flu vaccination season. This PGD allows other healthcare professions listed in the PGD (e.g. nurses) to provide the service under the supervision of a pharmacist.  NHSE&I have also confirmed that they are looking to have a National Protocol in place to support the flu vaccination programme for 2021/22. A national protocol has already been used by many pharmacies participating in the COVID-19 vaccination programme. It could be used by contractors as an alternative to the PGD, where they are able to make use of the skill mix flexibilities allowed by the protocol.  [**Read more about the Flu vaccination service and changes to the PGD**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=34423c9221&e=d19e9fd41c) Implementing the GP CPCS The Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS) was extended to include [**referrals from general practices**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=640e39b318&e=d19e9fd41c)  in November 2020. Nine months on, Clark’s Chemist in Barnsley is receiving around 20-25 minor illness referrals a week from a number of general practices.  Adam Clark, the Pharmacist at Clark’s Chemist, is clear that the service has benefitted patients who, instead of having to see a GP, have been able to attend a face to face or virtual consultation with a pharmacist that same day or at a time convenient to them.  Adam believes that GP CPCS has been a valuable tool in educating GPs on what community pharmacies can do and that the relationships built between pharmacies and GP surgeries delivering the service could pave the way for the introduction of more national Advanced Services that harness pharmacists’ clinical expertise.  [**Learn more about how Clark's Chemist implemented GP CPCS**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=da3e4ab2aa&e=d19e9fd41c) | |  | |  | | | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | This email has been sent to you by the Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee. We represent community pharmacy owners in England, working to negotiate and develop the NHS community pharmacy service for the benefit of patients, the NHS and pharmacies. | | Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee, 14 Hosier Lane, London, EC1A 9LQ Tel: 0203 1220 810 | Email: [**info@psnc.org.uk**](mailto:info@psnc.org.uk) | |  | | | |

