



Daily Update

Friday 27th 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: Pandemic Delivery Service due to end; regulatory updates to support pandemic response; COVID-19 test kits distribution pilot; Priadel price adjustment.

Reminder: Pandemic Delivery Service ends next Thursday

Pharmacy contractors are reminded that the [Pandemic Delivery Service](#) is commissioned **until Thursday 3rd December 2020**; deliveries to shielded patients can continue to be made under the service until the end of that day. This follows the end of the national lockdown on 2nd December 2020, when clinically extremely vulnerable patients will no longer be advised to shield themselves.

DHSC guidance on shielding and protecting people who are clinically extremely vulnerable from COVID-19 from 2nd December

Contractors can claim payments for deliveries made under the Advanced service via the [Manage Your Service \(MYS\) portal](#); claims should be submitted by 5th January 2021.

If formal shielding is advised for the clinically extremely vulnerable again, NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) may then issue a notice to re-commence the service in certain areas.

Learn more about the possible future reactivation of the service

Regulatory updates to support pandemic response

Updates have been made to the Pharmaceutical Services (Advanced and Enhanced Services and Emergency Declaration) Directions 2020 to support developments in the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Firstly, the declaration of an emergency requiring the flexible provision of pharmaceutical services, which was introduced to help maintain pharmacy services during the COVID-19 outbreak, has been further extended to 31st March 2021. Learn more about the flexible provision of services on our [COVID-19 network resilience page](#).

Secondly, it introduces the necessary legal framework for a Coronavirus Testing Service and a Coronavirus Vaccination Service, under the 'Enhanced Service' part of the NHS pharmacy contract. As Enhanced Services, the rollout of these services will be managed at a local level, although PSNC is supporting this work.

Further details can be found on the [NHSBSA website](#).

COVID-19 Test Kit Distribution Service pilot

NHSE&I, DHSC and Community Pharmacy West Yorkshire (CPWY) are working together on piloting the distribution of COVID-19 test kits through community pharmacies in the Bradford area.

The NHS Community Pharmacy COVID-19 Test Kit Distribution Service pilot aims to improve local access to testing by making test kits readily available at community pharmacies across an identified area. The opt-in service will make COVID-19 swab testing available for collection by non-symptomatic people from outside the household on behalf of those patients that are experiencing symptoms and self-isolating.

Retrospective price adjustment for Priadel tablets

The Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) has [announced](#) that Essential Pharma and the Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) have agreed on a revised price for Priadel tablets. With the revised prices effective from the 5th November 2020, the usual [price change mechanism](#) rules would mean that these new prices would only apply from December 2020 onwards.

However, following representations made by PSNC, the DHSC has [retrospectively determined](#) that prescriptions for Priadel 200mg and 400mg tablets for November 2020 will be reimbursed at the new NHS list prices of £7.50 and £8.50, respectively.

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