



# Daily Update

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> 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: pharmacy guidance on COVID-19 vaccination sites; guidance on prescription signature suspension; update on pharmacy IT workstreams.**

## **NHSE&I publish pharmacy guidance on C-19 vaccination**

NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) have published several documents for community pharmacy contractors relating to the COVID-19 vaccination programme. The documents will be of interest to contractors that are considering whether they may be able to participate in the programme, by operating a vaccination site, where this is agreed by NHSE&I.

- [Letter to pharmacy contractors](#)
- [Information on the COVID-19 vaccination Enhanced service for community pharmacies](#)
- [Information on the community pharmacy C-19 vaccination site designation process](#)
- [Site designation form](#)

The above documents are similar to those previously published by NHSE&I which were aimed at general practices and Primary Care Networks (PCNs).

Public Health England (PHE) has also published new resources for the COVID-19 vaccination programme, including guidance for healthcare practitioners, a training slide set and a vaccinator competency assessment tool.

[Find out more](#)

## **Reminder – guidance on the suspension of patient signatures on prescription forms**

PSNC has published updated guidance on the dispensing and end of month submission process following the [temporary suspension](#) of the requirement for patients (or their representatives) to sign the back of NHS prescription forms or EPS tokens.

The [PSNC Briefing](#) includes important reminders for pharmacy staff on the correct completion of exempt or paid declarations, and highlights the key changes to be aware of for dispensing and the end of month submission processes. It also contains a summary of the changes as a 'Top Tips' Infographic.

[Learn more and download the PSNC guidance](#)

## Update on pharmacy IT workstreams published

The Community Pharmacy IT Group (CP ITG) has, today, published its [Pharmacy IT quarterly round-up \(Winter 2020 edition\)](#).

This follows the group's quarterly meeting on 18th November 2020, where a range of topics were discussed, including the deployment of Real Time Exemption Checking, the new NHS Service Finder online search tool for pharmacy teams, and electronic flu notifications rolling out for more GP practices.

The group's quarterly update also outlines opportunities for pharmacy teams to get further involved with IT projects.

[Read more here](#)

Have you seen our latest FAQs?

PSNC's website has a large number of answers to queries posed by pharmacy contractors, their teams and LPCs; these are updated on a regular basis. Recent additions include:

### **Q. What is the dataset that I need to keep to claim for the home delivery Advanced Service?**

Pharmacy contractors should retain a copy of their delivery logs (i.e. those they would normally keep for deliveries undertaken) which as a minimum, should contain the names and addresses of the eligible patients to whom a delivery was made under this service and the date of the delivery. Contractors should annotate their logs to indicate which deliveries relate to shielded patients.

### **Q. Is there a recommended retention period for delivery logs related to this service?**

As an Advanced Service, the home delivery service could be the subject of post payment verification (PPV), so contractors who choose to provide the service should retain their delivery logs for a period after providing the service. Records can be kept electronically or in hard copy.

In the absence of guidance from NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I), it is recommended that records be kept for at least two years after the date on which the delivery was provided.

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