



Daily Update

Monday 4th January 2021

This daily update contains important information for community pharmacy teams about the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In today's update: COVID-19 vaccination programme; end of Brexit transition; MYS portal downtime; contractual notices; Priadel supply.

COVID-19 vaccination programme

Changes were made to the Government's plans for vaccinating against COVID-19 over the Christmas and New Year period. Below are some updates relevant to pharmacy teams.

The COVID-19 vaccine developed by Oxford University/AstraZeneca has been approved by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA). Whilst some community pharmacy sites will be commissioned by regional NHSE&I teams to fill any gaps in provision, **PSNC is keen to see the sector play a greater role in the vaccination programme** and have made that clear to DHSC and NHSE&I.

PSNC is working with the other pharmacy bodies on press coverage, making clear that we believe the skills of community pharmacists and their teams should be used by the NHS to help deliver this mass vaccination programme.

Fake texts warning

Consumer group *Which?* is warning the public to be on the alert for fake messages about the COVID-19 vaccine. **They have identified a fake NHS text** telling people they are eligible to apply for the COVID-19 vaccine. Pharmacy teams are asked to help make sure patients are aware that they will only be invited in the form of a letter either from their GP or the national booking system.

The end of the Brexit Transition Period

Last week, **Health Minister Edward Argar MP wrote to health and social care colleagues** to provide an update on the UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement. The letter includes information on medicines continuity of supply, reciprocal healthcare, health security and science, data and professional qualifications.

The latest information on the end of the Brexit Transition period and medicines supply can be found in PSNC's Brexit Hub: **psnc.org.uk/Brexit**

MYS portal downtime

The [PPE claims window](#) opened on 1st January 2021, but contractors have reported difficulties when trying to submit their claims via NHSBSA's Manage Your Service (MYS) platform.

NHSBSA will apply a fix and restart MYS on **5th January between 7:00am – 9:00am**, so that the PPE claims form is ready and available for users to complete when they log-in to MYS from tomorrow.

[Learn more here](#)

Contractual notices

Some key announcements relating to the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF) were made over the Christmas and New Year period. In case you missed them, you can read more here:

- [Discharge Medicines Service update](#): new Essential service postponed until 15th February 2021, but guidance available now.
- [PQS and service changes agreed](#): creating extra capacity in community pharmacy during second wave.

Supply of Lithium carbonate (Priadel®)

Priadel® 200mg and 400mg tablets remain available to order from wholesalers with a revised price agreed between DHSC and Essential Pharma. The new NHS list prices are:

- Priadel® MR 200mg x 100 tablets – £7.50
- Priadel® MR 400mg x 100 tablets – £8.50

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