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| Daily Update |
| Tuesday 11th May 2021 |

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

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| In today's update: DMS Declaration of Competence; NHSE&I mental health support for pharmacy staff; share feedback on C-19 test distribution service; PPE scheme extended. **Have you completed the DMS Declaration of Competence?**Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians must complete the Discharge Medicines Service (DMS) Declaration of Competence (DoC) **before**providing DMS, which became an Essential service earlier this year.Even pharmacies not yet receiving referrals from hospitals should be ready to provide the service, which includes ensuring staff have completed the relevant training and are competent to offer the service.As a minimum, pharmacists and pharmacy technicians should read the DMS section of the [**NHS England and NHS Improvement guidance on the regulations**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=74634c80ac&e=12757307a1) and the [**DMS toolkit**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=2fda363df9&e=12757307a1).[**Find out more about the DMS DoC**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=93a6151803&e=12757307a1) **NHSE&I mental health support for pharmacy teams**This Mental Health Awareness week, contractors are reminded that NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) recently strengthened its mental health support offer for all healthcare staff, including community pharmacy teams.Pharmacy staff now have rapid access to mental health services and support, courtesy of a series of new [**mental health and wellbeing hubs**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=e17d6966d7&e=12757307a1). These hubs offer free and confidential clinical assessments by trained mental health professionals plus access to talking therapies and other secondary care mental health services to those who need it.[**Learn about further mental health and wellbeing support available to pharmacy teams**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=d794965ff7&e=12757307a1) **Share your views with NHS Test & Trace on the C-19 test distribution service**Pharmacy teams delivering the NHS community pharmacy COVID-19 lateral flow device distribution service (Pharmacy Collect) are encouraged to share their views on this service with NHS Test and Trace in a short survey, which will take around 10 minutes to complete.The purpose of the survey is to understand pharmacy teams' views and experiences to inform discussions on potential improvements to the service.[**Complete the survey**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=b3250b8186&e=12757307a1)**Free PPE scheme extended**Contractors are reminded that the provision of supplies of free COVID-19 personal protective equipment (PPE) to health and care providers, including community pharmacies, has been extended to the end of March 2022.Until then, the Government's [**PPE portal**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=57fca90537&e=12757307a1) can continue to be used by community pharmacies to obtain all the COVID-19 PPE they need, free of charge.[**Learn more about the use of PPE in pharmacies**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=a9451eb5db&e=12757307a1) |

**Keep up-to-date on COVID-19 with our hub page:**[**psnc.org.uk/coronavirus**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=b671e78d7a&e=d3dc5e7fbd) |  |

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