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| |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | Daily Update | | Friday 26th March 2021 | | |  | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  | |  | This daily update contains important information for community pharmacy teams about the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In today's update: CEO's blog; update on 2021/22 flu vaccine ordering; FAQs on the Review Steering Group; supporting CEV staff; AMS virtual event. **CEO's March blog** In this month's blog, PSNC's CEO Simon Dukes considers the contribution pharmacies have made to the success of this season's flu vaccination programme, with pharmacists administering more than 2.6 million flu jabs.  Looking towards the start of the negotiations on the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF) for 2021/22, Simon also comments that Government must come to the discussions ready to talk about what investment is needed in the sector.  [**Read Simon's blog**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=f83b5463c8&e=12757307a1) **Update on 2021/22 flu vaccine ordering** NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) has today reported in its [**Primary Care Bulletin**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=fcefac6ce5&e=12757307a1) that 50 to 64-year-olds are expected to be included as an eligible cohort for the 2021/22 flu vaccination season. The flu vaccination reimbursement letter issued earlier this year is currently being updated to reflect the inclusion of the cohort and will be republished imminently.  [**Learn more about ordering flu vaccines**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=f655a6b068&e=12757307a1)  **FAQs on the work of the RSG** The Review Steering Group (RSG), which is working to take forward improvements to community pharmacy contractor representation and support, held some engagement events with contractors and LPCs earlier this month. Following those events, the RSG has now published a [**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=e90831e5c2&e=12757307a1) document answering questions from contractors and LPCs about its work.   [**Learn more about the RSG**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=d2eb4ef575&e=12757307a1) **Supporting CEV pharmacy staff** NHSE&I have published a [**letter**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=8fd471bee9&e=12757307a1) for primary care teams on supporting CEV staff once shielding is paused. It advises that employers should refresh risk assessments for all CEV staff to determine the appropriate work arrangements from 1st April, reflecting the current workplace context, as well as including next steps to support these staff members. **Reminder: AMS virtual event** PSNC wants to remind contractors that the Public Health England (PHE) English Surveillance Programme for Antimicrobial Utilisation and Resistance (ESPAUR) team will be hosting a virtual event on antimicrobial stewardship (AMS) on Tuesday 30th March 2021 at 7pm. Registration for this event closes tonight.  [**Find out more about this virtual event**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=6e41bbb01b&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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