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| Daily Update  |
| Wednesday 14th July 2021 |

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|  | This daily update contains important information for community pharmacy teams, including details of the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In today's update: CPCS Technical Toolkit and IT supplier webinar; updated advice on face coverings; new patient-facing pharmacy NHS profiles.CPCS Technical Toolkit and IT supplier webinar for contractorsNHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I), in consultation with PSNC, the Community Pharmacy IT Group (CP ITG) and others, has published a new Technical Toolkit for the NHS Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS). This toolkit outlines the NHS [**IT standards**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=00f2d6eec2&e=d19e9fd41c) that pharmacy IT suppliers must satisfy to offer an appropriate CPCS IT solution.NHSE&I will be holding an IT supplier showcase on **Thursday 22nd July 2021**, **7-8.30pm**, to provide community pharmacy contractors and LPCs with the opportunity to hear from the four IT suppliers that plan to align with the toolkit and deliver CPCS. NHSE&I will provide the registration details for this event in due course.Contractors and LPC Members are strongly encouraged to attend this event because from **1st October 2021;** contractors must choose their CPCS IT supplier.[**Read more about CPCS IT and the upcoming webinar**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=a85c6ec9db&e=d19e9fd41c) Advice on face coverings in pharmacies after pandemic restrictions easedAs made clear in the [**Downing Street press briefing**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=a321a613c7&e=d19e9fd41c) on the 12th July 2021, most legal restrictions will be removed from 19th July 2021, including the legal requirement to wear face coverings in shops and pharmacies.Although face coverings and social distancing will be optional from this date, NHSE&I highlighted in their Primary Care Bulletin on 8th July 2021 that current [**Infection Prevention Control (IPC) guidance**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=7918dfa994&e=d19e9fd41c) remains in place, meaning that face coverings should be used by patients (if tolerated) and visitors when entering a care setting, including community pharmacies and in areas where triaging for COVID-19 is not possible.[**Learn more about the current advice on face coverings**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=3cee31fa6b&e=d19e9fd41c) New patient-facing pharmacy profiles on the NHS websiteThe NHS website has launched new public-facing profiles for pharmacies. These new profiles aim to meet the needs of patients better, feature improved support for mobile devices and satisfy modern accessibility standards.[**Read more about the new pharmacy NHS profiles**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=aff10d7463&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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