***Community Pharmacy Deadline Tracker – March 2021***

***If you are part of a pharmacy group or multiple, please liaise with your company managers/head office***

| **Subject** | **Actions and links** | **Tick when done** |
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| **Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

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 | Please keep up to date with information relating to the outbreak of COVID-19, including the current situation in the UK and Europe and information about the virus and its’ symptoms.**Look out for the most up to date information guidance via your NHS Shared Mailbox**Practical guidance to support primary care teams in managing contact with and presentations of patients who suspect they may have [COVID-19](https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/primary-care/)The standard operating procedure for community pharmacy has been updated (26/10) and can be found [here.](https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/publication/standard-operating-procedure-community-pharmacy/) More information including the current posters to display can be found on the PSNC page [here](https://psnc.org.uk/the-healthcare-landscape/covid19/information-for-the-public/).Business Continuity Information for pharmacies can be found [here](https://psnc.org.uk/the-healthcare-landscape/covid19/business-continuity/). |  |
| **Guidance on flu vaccination for 2021/22****Act Now** | The first national [flu letter](https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/2021-22-influenza-season-letter/) for 2021/22 has now been released.This letter contains important information that we recommend you review now and use to inform your ordering of flu vaccine for the season ahead. |  |
| **PPE** | See the updated PHE guidance on the use of facemasks by pharmacy staff [here](https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/updated-phe-guidance-on-use-of-face-masks-by-pharmacy-staff/).**IMPORTANT: Sign up to the** [**PPE Portal**](https://nhs-ppe.co.uk/customer/authentication) **to ensure you have access to free stocks and read the latest** [**statement**](https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/ordering-community-pharmacy-ppe-supplies-using-ppe-portal) **from the NHSBSA here.** |  |
| **Changes to CFCF** | PSNC has negotiated several changes to the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework to create extra capacity. See the [PSNC website](https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/pqs-and-service-changes-agreed-to-create-extra-capacity/) for further details.  |  |
| **Healthy Living Pharmacy****1st January 2021** | The Distance Selling Pharmacy (DSP) website requirements must be complied with by the 1st of April 2021. |  |
| **Medicines Use Review (MURs)****31st March 2021** | Are you on track to complete your 100 MURs by the end of March 2021? Find out more about the phasing out of MURs[**here.**](https://psnc.org.uk/services-commissioning/advanced-services/murs/) |  |
| **PQS 20-21****Part 2****Declare between 09:00 on 1st February 2021 and 23:59 on 1st March 2021.****Contractors have until 30th June to complete all the PQS requirements** | **Update:**The PQS Part 2 2020-21 declaration remains open until 23:59 on the 1st of March 2021. Claim via MYS. You will then have until 30th June 2021 to complete any elements of Domains 1,2 and 3.Full details of requirements for Part 2 of the 2020-21 Pharmacy quality Scheme (PQS) can be found on the [PSNC Website](https://psnc.org.uk/services-commissioning/pharmacy-quality-scheme/pqs-2020-21-part-2/).This now includes a PQS Part 2 [Evidence Checklist and PharmOutcomes Framework.](https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/pharmacy-quality-scheme-part-2-evidence-checklist-pharmoutcomes-framework/) Download the LPC PQS2 training summary [here.](https://devonlpc.org/our-news/devon-lpc-newsletter-september-2020/pqs-part-2-training-summary/)**Access the local antibiotic formularies to support Domain 1** [**here.**](https://devonlpc.org/pharmacy-resources/resources-g-l/formularies/) |  |
| **Check Shared Mailbox** | **NHSE&I, NHSBSA, PCN pharmacy leads and the LPC regularly send important communications to your NHS Shared Mailbox.****Please ensure sufficient staff have access to your mailbox and that it is checked at least once daily. This is becoming more and more important as referrals for services like CPCS and DMS may well come in via NHS Mail.****In additional, check spam folders regularly for emails from Devon LPC or NHSE&I and mark as “Not Spam”.** |  |
| **Review Steering Group (RSG) Engagement Session****Tuesday 9th March at 7.30 pm** | As you will be aware there has bee a review of PSNC/LPC. The review has been completed with recommendations. A RSG has been put together on how these recommendations may/may not be taken forward,Community pharmacy contractors are invited to an online “Your Representation, Your Say” engagement on 9th March 2021. Please book via link [here](https://pharmacy-review.org/your-representation-your-say-engagement-event/). |  |
| **Discharge Medicines Service (Essential Service)****Contractual NEW ESSENTIAL SERVICE****15th February 2021** | DMS became a new Essential Service on the 15th of February 2021. All DMS referrals must be actioned as described in the NHSE&I guidance on the regulations, see Chapter 8, page 20. Further service details here including a helpful contractor checklist to work through (see under resources). * Read the [NHSE&I regulations guidance](https://www.england.nhs.uk/primary-care/pharmacy/pharmacy-manual/nhs-pharmacy-regulations-guidance-2020/) and the [NHSE&I DMS](https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/nhs-discharge-medicines-service-essential-service-toolkit-for-pharmacy-staff-in-community-primary-and-secondary-care/) Toolkit so that you understand service requirements
* Undertake the [CPPE DMS](https://www.cppe.ac.uk/programmes/l/transfer-e-02) e-learning and assessment (recommended). See here
* Complete the DMS [DoC](https://www.cppe.ac.uk/services/declaration-of-competence#navTop) (Mandatory for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians providing the service).
* Further services details [here](https://psnc.org.uk/services-commissioning/essential-services/discharge-medicines-service/) including a helpful contractor checklist to work through (see under Resources).
* Check at regular intervals throughout the day for DMS referrals and action accordingly. Referrals may be received via NHS Mail from NHS Trusts or other providers of NHS Services in or out of the county of Devon; or referrals between community pharmacies.

**Your LPC is working with the six NHS Trusts in Devon to determine what they will be able to accommodate in terms of go-live timescale, process and referrals. Provisional local training and engagement events are planned for the 17th of March 2021 and the 23rd of March 2021 (tbc).**  |  |
| **GPCPCS** | The NHS CPCS has been extended to include referrals from general practices as well as from NHS 111. Contractors registered to provide the CPCS can claim a £300 engagement and setup payment if they undertake a range of actions to get ready for rolling out the referral pathway in their area. These requirements are detailed in Annex F of the [NHS CPCS service specification](https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/commencement-of-gp-referrals-to-cpcs/). Contractors registered to provide the CPCS can claim a £300 engagement and setup payment if they undertake a range of actions to get ready for rolling out the referral pathway in their area **by 30th June 2021**. The requirements are detailed in Annex F of the [**updated service specification**](https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pharmacies-gp-practices-and-appliance-contractors/dispensing-contractors-information/nhs-community-pharmacist-consultation-service-minor-illness-and-urgent-repeat-medicines-supply) and claims need to be made via the NHSBSA’s Manage Your Service portal by 5th July 2021.**Your LPC is working with the NHSE&I regional team, NHS Devon CCG, the LMC and GP network to agree a shared plan to get the service switched on in Devon ASAP which will include arranging local engagement sessions.** [**Next dates**](https://devonlpc.org/our-news/gp-community-pharmacist-consultation-service-gp-cpcs/) **for our sessions are Tuesday 2nd March 2021 and Thursday 11th March 2021.**  |  |
| **Virtual Outcomes** | New modules are released every month and are currently free to Devon community pharmacies[. Brief training webinars](https://www.virtualoutcomes.co.uk/pharmacy-training/) are available for all members of the Devon pharmacy teams. A complete support package has recently been launched for the [NHS community pharmacist consultation service](https://www.virtualoutcomes.co.uk/pharmacy-training/) (NHS111 and GP referrals) and for the [Discharge Medicines Service](https://www.workcast.com/register?cpak=1497615363893726) |  |

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