

Community Pharmacy Bulletin



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Coming Up

	August	September	October
Week 1	<p>Public Health England COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign materials to be removed from display 1 August 2021</p> <p>-----</p> <p>PSNC Covid -19 Cost Claims workshop 2 August 2021 7.30pm</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Expressions of Interest for Christmas and New Year Applications 2 August 2021</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Paediatric Respiratory Illness Virtual Event 4 August 2021 12.30pm – 1.30pm</p>		<p>Supplementary Application for New Year's Eve (31 December 2021) deadline 3 October 2021</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Core and Supplementary Applications for New Year's Day (1 January 2022) deadline 2 October 2021</p>
Week 2			
Week 3			

	August	September	October
Week 4	Aligning the Upper Age for NHS Prescription Charge Exemptions with the State Pension age consultation closes 26 August 2021 11.45pm	Supplementary Application for Christmas Eve (24 December 2021) deadline 25 September 2021 ----- Core and Supplementary Applications for Boxing Day (26 December) deadline 27 September 2021	
Week 5	August Bank Holiday 30 August 2021		

Headlines from the Week

NHS England

- [Staff Mental Health and Wellbeing Hubs](#)

NHS England South West Regional Team

- Update 122 - Updated Staff Vaccination Survey - South West Community Pharmacy, Optical and Dental Practices - Information Request (Sent 25 August 2021)

PSNC Bulletin

- [End of temporary suspension of signatures on prescriptions](#)
- [August 2021 Price Concessions Final Update](#)
- [MHRA Drug Safety Update](#)
- [Early advance payments for all contractors following an end to PEPS](#)
- [PQS: Additional information published in the Drug Tariff](#)

Your Help to Promote Covid Vaccinations for 16-17 Year Olds



We are under pressure nationally to reach 50% of the 16-17-year-old cohort vaccinated by this Tuesday and then 75% in very short order after that. We are asking for your help in displaying / promoting this important vaccination in you local communities using the attached posters.

Year 3 of the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework

(taken from Primary Care Bulletin – 26 August 2021 (Issue 149))

We are delighted to have reached agreement for [Year 3 of the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework](#). We remain committed to the vision in the 5-year deal for pharmacy to be more integrated in the NHS, provide more clinical services, be the first port of call for healthy living support as well as minor illnesses and to support managing demand in general practice and urgent care settings. The agreement, which will come into effect from September 2021, was published on Monday by DHSC jointly with PSNC and NHSE&I.

- England's community pharmacy teams have the opportunity to provide a new, proactive blood pressure check service to thousands of people as part of an integrated PCN approach, making the

NHS's commitment to prevent cardiovascular disease a reality across the country. [Read more in our press release](#)

- Pharmacies have also been given an expanded role in supporting people diagnosed with heart failure, high cholesterol, Parkinson's disease, epilepsy, gout and osteoporosis, who will now be able to access a New Medicines Service conversation with their local pharmacist about how to get the most from their newly prescribed medication
- A new smoking cessation service will continue the NHS' action to prevent ill-health by supporting patients who have agreed to quit while in hospital – they will have the choice to continue their treatment with support from a community pharmacy
- The majority of pharmacies will also start to provide assistance to people who would like support with their weight, including advice and referral to support/exercise groups, local authority funded weight management services and the NHS Digital Weight Management Programme as they step up to help tackle the country's obesity challenges
- Ensuring patients have personalised asthma action plans, including the use of spacers for children, checking inhaler technique, and encouraging return of unwanted and used inhalers for disposal to protect the environment provide a real community pharmacy focus for patients with respiratory illnesses and demonstrate an active approach to the sustainability agenda
- A new three-year programme of education and training for community pharmacists and pharmacy technicians will be introduced this Autumn to enhance their clinical and patient consultation skills further – including training some community pharmacists as independent prescribers with more training courses offered as capacity builds
- Work will continue to embed GP referrals to the Community Pharmacist Consultation Service for minor illness and we are also focusing efforts on implementing the Discharge Medicines Service, to provide integrated care for patients and better communication between secondary care and primary care, so reducing harm from medicines at discharge.
- Pharmacies will receive a transition payment to support with PCN and ICS engagement to encourage further local integration of services and strengthening relationships with PCNs with the aim of increasing uptake of clinical services, digital transformation and preparing for dispensing efficiencies. Changes to the Pharmacy Access Scheme will take effect from January 2022.

Read more in this [blog from Dr Bruce Warner, Deputy Chief Pharmaceutical Officer for England](#).

COVID-19 Lateral Flow Device Distribution Service (Pharmacy Collect)

(taken from Primary Care Bulletin – 19 August 2021 (Issue 148))

Following discussions with NHS Test and Trace we can confirm that we will extend the [Community Pharmacy COVID-19 Lateral Flow Device Distribution Service](#) (Pharmacy Collect) until 30 September 2021. Thank you to community pharmacy for your continued support in providing these vital services to your communities and keeping patients safe. NHS Test and Trace are working with NHS England and NHS Improvement and PSNC to develop a revised service. More details will be released in due course.



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[Interpretation and Translation Services](#)

**She got jabbed to start
having fun again, but you
just want her to be safe**

Emily - South West

Your vaccination journey

Check in at
reception



Queue for
vaccine



Covid
Help her to #GrabAJab

He got jabbed because he needed to for work, but you just want him to be safe

Paul - South West



Covid
Help him to #GrabAJab

She got jabbed to protect her family and friends, but you also want her to be safe

Katie - South West



Covid
Help her to #GrabAJab