

Community Pharmacy Bulletin



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Coming Up

	September	October	November
Week 1		Supplementary Application for New Year's Eve (31 December 2021) deadline 3 October 2021 ----- Core and Supplementary Applications for New Year's Day (1 January 2022) deadline 2 October 2021	
Week 2			
Week 3	PQS 2021-2022 Webinar 14 September 2021 7.30pm		

	September	October	November
Week 4	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			

Headlines from the Week

NHS England

- [Afghan relocation and resettlement schemes: advice for primary care](#)

NHS England South West Regional Team

- None

PSNC Bulletin

- [COVID-19 cost claims update](#)
- [CPCF 2021/22 webinar now available on-demand](#)
- [Summary of Drug Tariff changes for September 2021](#)
- [JCVI advice on third dose COVID-19 vaccination](#)
- [Impact on cashflow of end of PEPS](#)
- [Hypertension Case-Finding: equipment and training](#)

Seasonal Flu

Flu Vaccine Supply Delays

We have been made aware that one of the flu vaccine providers, Seqiris, is experiencing a short unforeseen delay in their first delivery of flu vaccine supply. We have been assured that supplies will still start to be delivered from early in September. A range of suppliers provide flu vaccine to providers as part of the flu vaccine programme. We have not been made aware of any other supply issues raised from other flu vaccine suppliers. Flu vaccine supply is always delivered in phases from September throughout the rest of the year with the majority being delivered before the winter period

Which Flu Vaccine

The attached poster “PHE Flu vaccines for the 2021-2022 Season” provides details on which vaccine can be used on different age groups.

Changes to the COVID-19 Test Kit Distribution Service

The current COVID-19 test kit distribution service has been extended until 3 October 2021. An amended COVID-19 test kit distribution service will begin from 4 October 2021. As part of the changes, people wanting a kit will be asked to register on gov.uk or via 119 for a collect code to pick up test kits.

To support this change, resources have been produced for pharmacies which consist of A3 and A4 posters, and A5 leaflets. These will be delivered by DX between w/c 6 September and 13 September and will be clearly marked as NHS Test and Trace. Please display these **from** Monday 13 September onwards. If you do not receive delivery by 15 September, please contact PharmacyCollect@dhsc.gov.uk

The URL on the resources will be live from Monday 13 September and people wanting a kit will be able to register for the collect code from 1 October.

Additional resources will be available on the Coronavirus Campaign Resource Centre from 13 September at: www.coronavirusresources.phe.gov.uk/pharmacy-collect. This includes suggested copy for social media and additional posters translated into 12 languages.

The majority of community pharmacies are registered to provide the existing service. Pharmacy contractors do not need to re-register to provide the updated service. Existing registration will carry forward, but existing contractors must adopt the new Service requirements from 4 October 2021 unless they decide to stop providing the Service. New contractors will need to meet the requirements of the revised service spec and sign up to the Service by completing a registration declaration through the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) Manage Your Service (MYS) portal.

More information on the changes to the service is available within the updated Service Specification attached which will also be available on the [NHS BSA website](#) later today.

NHS Test and Trace will be sending out a press notice w/c 13.09.21 so that people wanting a test kit are made aware of the amended service commencing from 4 October.

Funding Available to Support PTPT Training Placements

Health Education England (South) will be holding some 'drop-in' FAQ sessions to help answer any queries that you may have and to help support the application process for PTPT Training Placements.

Tuesday 14 September 2021, 1-2pm - [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Wednesday 15 September 2021, 12-1pm - [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Thursday 16 September 2021, 9-10am - [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Alternatively, please contact pharmacy.south@hee.nhs.uk stating 'PTPT Cross-sector Training' in the email subject header.

Please be advised that applications must be submitted by **26 September 2021**.

The attached flyer "PT workforce Expansion – Employers Guidance" provides more details

All Ages 24/7 Mental Health Crisis Lines Across the Country – Comms Pack

(taken from Primary Care Bulletin – 9 September 2021 (Issue 151))

NHS all ages 24/7 mental health crisis lines are available across the country and should be promoted to patients who might need urgent support with their mental health. Following our [national announcement](#) on our urgent mental health crisis lines in July, we are encouraging colleagues to promote their crisis lines locally. To support this, we have created a [communications pack](#) containing top lines, social media messaging and videos for circulation. You can find your local mental health helpline via nhs.uk/urgentmentalhealth.

Medicine Supply Notification (MSN)

Please find attached Medicine Supply Notifications for:

- A Tier 2 medicine supply notification for Xylocaine® 1% (lidocaine) with adrenaline 100micrograms/20mL (1:200,000) solution for injection vials

The table below provides a summary of the attached MSN

Medicine	Out of stock until	Alternatives
Xylocaine® 1% (lidocaine) with adrenaline 100micrograms/20mL (1:200,000) solution for injection vials	From mid-September until mid-October 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alternative licensed products containing bupivacaine and adrenaline remain available. Where these are not suitable, unlicensed alternatives may be sourced.

Please note that supply issues that have been categorised as tier 1 or 2, DHSC and the MSRG have requested that the NHSE&I commissioning routes are used to reach community pharmacy and GP Practices. More serious supply issues are communicated via the Central Alerting System for action.

If you have any stock queries please contact: DHSCmedicinesupplyteam@dhsc.gov.uk

Useful Information

INFORMATION



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Webpages

Please see our websites for more information and any blank templates, forms and documents:

[Cornwall & Isles of Scilly, Devon, Bristol, Dorset, North Somerset, Somerset and South Gloucestershire](#)

[BaNES, Gloucestershire, Swindon or Wiltshire](#)

[Interpretation and Translation Services](#)



Medicine Supply Notification

MSN/2021/043

Xylocaine[®] 1% (lidocaine) with adrenaline 100micrograms/20ml (1:200,000) solution for injection vials

Tier 2 – medium impact*

Date of issue: 6/9/2021

Summary

- Xylocaine[®] 1% with adrenaline is out of stock from mid-September until mid-October 2021.
- Xylocaine[®] 2% with adrenaline remains available but cannot support an increase in demand.
- Alternative licensed products containing bupivacaine and adrenaline remain available. Where these are not suitable, unlicensed alternatives may be sourced.

Actions Required

Trust/Health Board pharmacy procurement teams should work with clinical leads and the local Medication Safety Officer (MSO) to ensure the following actions are undertaken where relevant:

- identify where Xylocaine[®] 1% with adrenaline 100micrograms/20ml is used within your organisation;
- following local risk-assessment switch to an alternative treatment option most appropriate to meet patient requirements (see supporting information) considering unlicensed products only where licensed alternatives are not appropriate;
- review the risk of administering a larger dose of adrenaline than intended with fixed dose products and the considerations the organisation will make to manage this risk;
- agree a plan for communicating this supply issue to relevant teams within the organisation; and
- consult an anaesthetist for advice where required.

General Practice and other sites that use Xylocaine 1% with adrenaline 100micrograms/20ml should:

- note the available alternative products (see supporting information); and
- consult the Medicines Information department at their local NHS Trust for advice where required.

Supporting Information

Alternative local anaesthetic with adrenaline products

Due to the fixed dose of adrenaline in the alternative products, clinicians should be aware of the risk of administering a larger dose of adrenaline than intended.

*Classification of Tiers can be found at the following link: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/a-guide-to-managing-medicines-supply-and-shortages/>

Alternative products	Supplier	Comments
Xylocaine® 2% (lidocaine) with adrenaline 1:200,000 20ml vial	Aspen	Cannot support an increase in demand
Lidocaine 0.5% with adrenaline 1:200,000 10ml ampoule	Torbay	Unlicensed product
Lidocaine 2% with adrenaline 1:200,000 10ml ampoule	Torbay	Unlicensed product
Bupivacaine 0.25% with adrenaline 1:200,000 10ml ampoule	Advanz	
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Lidocaine 1% with adrenaline 1:200,000 injection	Specialist Importers	Unlicensed product; see below.

Unlicensed imports

The following specialist importers have confirmed they can source unlicensed lidocaine 1% with adrenaline 1:200,000 injection. Lead times may vary (please note, there may be other companies that can also source supplies):

- Alium Medical
- Durbin PLC
- Mawdsley's Unlicensed
- Smartway Pharma
- Target Healthcare
- UL Global Pharma

Any decision to prescribe an unlicensed medicine must consider the relevant guidance and NHS Trust or local governance procedures. Please see the links below for further information:

- [The supply of unlicensed medicinal products](#), Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency
- [Professional Guidance for the Procurement and Supply of Specials](#), Royal Pharmaceutical Society
- [Prescribing unlicensed medicines](#), General Medical Council (GMC)

Enquiries

Enquiries from NHS Trusts in England should in the first instance be directed to your Regional Pharmacy Procurement Specialist, who will escalate to national teams if required.

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All other organisations should send enquiries about this notice to the DHSC Medicine Supply Team quoting reference number MSN/2021/043 - DHSCmedicinesupplyteam@dhsc.gov.uk



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