

NUMSAS and PURMS comparison

Name of service	NHS Urgent Medicines Supply Pilot (NUMSAS)	Pharmacy Urgent Repeat Medicines Service (PURMS)
Commissioner	NHS England (national)	NHS England North- Yorkshire and Humber [on behalf of a CCG]
Period	Commence Dec 2016 until end Sept 2018	From 23.12.2014. On-going. [New Contract from 1.4.18 to 31.3.2021]
When can service be provided	Must be available during all pharmacy opening hours (core and supplementary)	6pm to 8am Mon-Fri, weekends and Bank Holidays during the out of hours period.
Which pharmacies can provide service	Those that have notified NHS England via NHS BSA link and can satisfy all requirements of the service specification [also available on PharmOutcomes NUMSAS Registration]	Those that have a signed Service Specification Agreement from NHS England. [New Contract from 1.4.18 to 31.3.2021]
Who can request service	Must receive a referral from NHS 111 or Integrated Urgent Care (IUC) Hub (via NHS Mail). Patient should contact pharmacy within 30 minutes. During opening hours the shared mailbox should be checked regularly. Where pharmacy has received a referral from NHS 111 or IUC but has not been contacted by the patient within 30 mins they should make every reasonable attempt to contact the patient.	Patient (representative only during a pandemic) or healthcare professional e.g. GP Out of hours. Could receive referral from NHS 111 or IUC if not providing NUMSAS. Patient must be registered with a Hull or East Riding GP.
Pharmacist interview with patient	Pharmacist must interview patient (or over phone) to assess suitability and legality of emergency supply. Pharmacist may use EPS tracker or SCR if appropriate and with consent.	Pharmacist must interview patient to assess suitability and legality of emergency supply. Pharmacist may use EPS tracker or SCR if appropriate and with consent.
If pharmacist not able to provide emergency supply due to legal or patient factors.	If not possible to make an emergency supply due to legal or patient factors the pharmacist must either refer patient to their own GP practice or contact GP OOHs. DO NOT REFER BACK TO NHS 111.	Refer patient to GP or GP OOHs as appropriate.
If don't have item in stock	Pharmacy contact another NUMSAS pharmacy to check have item in stock then forward the NHS 111 referral to them.	Refer to alternative PURMS pharmacy

Treatment length to be supplied	Follow Human Medicines Regulations for Emergency supply e.g. up to 30 days' supply unless pill, antibiotic etc. Take into account any local prescribing guidelines.	Up to 7 days' supply (except creams etc. smallest pack size)
Fees	<p>Consultation fee £10 Admin fee £2.50 Supply fee £1.50 first item, 50p subsequent plus Drug Tariff price of item (plus VAT). See spec for further fees info.</p> <p><u>Drug Costs – concessionary prices for that months submission applies.</u></p>	<p>Professional fee of £10 plus DM + D price of item (plus VAT) plus £2 for each additional item.</p> <p><u>No concessionary prices apply!</u></p>
Claiming	Use a blank EPS token for the details (either handwritten or printed via PharmOutcomes). Send along with a completed NUMSAS claim form to NHS BSA by 5 th of month.	PharmOutcomes – Claims must be completed by the 5 th of the month. Invoice runs 6 th of the month.
Service Requirements	<p>NHS Shared Mailbox (to be regularly checked throughout all opening hours). All team read and understand and follow Service Specification. Consultation room EPS Enabled</p>	<p>Pharmacists should have appropriate knowledge of service and be appropriately trained. Follow Service Specification.</p>
Emergency Supply Regulations	Must follow Human Medicines Regulations (emergency supply)	Must follow Human Medicines Regulations (emergency supply)
Labelling and records	As per Human Medicines Regulations	As per Human Medicines Regulations
GP notification	Yes- can use PharmOutcomes notification or form in Annex B of specification	Yes –PharmOutcomes notification
Collect prescription charge from patient	Yes unless exempt from prescriptions charges	Yes unless exempt from prescription charges