

Sent to all Humber contractors, LPC members and LPC staff

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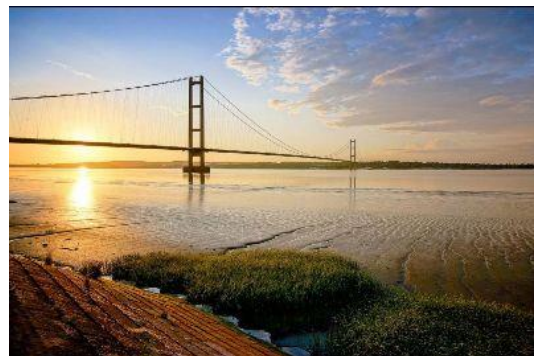
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Community Phar+macy Humber

Weekly Information Digest

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Latest News

1. Important dates for the diary - updated

Here is this week's list. An image of the list is below, and a pdf version of the list can be viewed/printed via the blue button, you can then access the details where an event/training might have been advertised:

Important dates for the diary

Below is a list of important dates for the diary

PQS Reminders	Why is this date important?
3rd March 2022	Deadline to start the anticoagulant audit (four weeks till 31st March 2022, which is the deadline for completing this requirement).
31st March 2022	Deadline for work to have been completed on the domains. Please note, the PCN domain required collaborative work on flu vaccination uptake which had to be completed by 31st December 2021. The focus of the flu vaccinations is usually up to the end of the calendar year, so the deadline for this work has not been extended. MYS online portal to record anticoagulant audit data closes. PHE portal to record antibiotic review data closes.
1st April 2022	Contractors paid PQS payment (aspiration payment will be initially reconciled with the payment for the PQS 2021/22).
5th April 2022	Deadline to have claimed payment for the provision of at least 20 NMS (including catch-up NMS) since 1st April 2021 (H Advanced services gateway criterion).
1st June 2022	Reconciliation of payments for the PCN domain when final data on the increase to the uptake of flu vaccination to patients aged 65 and over will be available.
30th June 2022	Deadline to gather evidence to demonstrate compliance on the domains - Further details published as a Drug Tariff determination on the NHSBSA website: Click here to view determination
Above is a reduced version of the dates for the diary list, to view the fully updated list please click the following link: Click here to view the fully updated dates for the diary	
View the Action and Evidence Portfolio Workbook: Click here to access	

Other Reminders	Upcoming Events/Training:	As advertised in the digests
By Feb 2022	Deadline to select CPCS IT provider	View issue 48
Early March 2022	NHS Profile Manager, scheduled for release in early Mar 22 (pharmacies must register)	View details
4th Jan - 4th Mar 2022	Pharmacy Access Scheme review application window extended to 4th Mar 2022	View details
16th March 2022	NMS anticoagulant event	View details
Several dates to 31st Mar 2022	Smokefree Hull level 1 training, online, several dates from 1st Dec 2021- 31st Mar 2022	View issue 49
28th February to 31st March 2022	Mandatory Health Campaign - Smoking cessation (28th February to 31st March 2022)	View issue 2
Several dates to 29th Apr 2022	Trauma Recovery and Stress Reduction online workshops - several dates Nov 21- 29th Apr 22	View issue 42

For all the latest training available FREE to pharmacy staff from Virtual Outcomes please click the following link:	Access Virtual Outcomes Training
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Quarterly Reminders	NMS: Submit your NMS data via MYS 10 working days from the last day of March, June, September, December. NHSUK/DOS: Check/Update your NHS UK & DoS profiles every quarter (i.e. by the end of March, June, September, December). Palliative Care claims (if signed up): Submit your claims via PharmOutcomes every quarter (i.e. by the end of March, June, September, December).
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Monthly Reminders	Local/Enhanced Services: Submit your claims via PharmOutcomes by the 5th of every month. National/Essential Services - early advance payment: Submit your monthly FP34C via MYS by the 5th of the month to receive your payment approximately 20 days earlier than the current payment timetable. View PSNC's payment timetable & deadline tracker	April 2022, End of paper F submission document - find more
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[View/print the important dates list](#)

2. PQS Declaration window now closed

The declaration window for the 21/22 Pharmacy Quality Scheme has now closed; however, you still have until 31st March to complete the work on most of the domains, and until the 30th of June to collate the evidence.

ESPAUR antibiotic checklist data published:

Contractors can now use a spreadsheet from the English surveillance programme for antimicrobial utilisation and resistance (ESPAUR) to help determine whether they meet the Prevention domain of the 2021/22 Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS).

[View the antibiotic checklist data](#)

Important dates for the diary:

The following PSNC Briefing provides an updated list of the important dates for the Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) 2021/22, following the announcement about the extension to the Scheme and the date changes to the declaration period:

[PSNC Briefing 002/22: Pharmacy Quality Scheme – Important dates for the diary \(v2\)](#)

Below are a few of the upcoming dates to be aware of; however please click the link above to view the full list of important dates:

- **2nd March 2022 - Declaration window closed at 11.59pm.**
- **3rd March 2022** - Deadline to start the anticoagulant audit (four weeks until 31st March 2022, which is the deadline for completing this requirement).
- **31st March 2022** - Deadline for work to have been completed on the domains.

FAQs:

[View the additional FAQs on the extension of the Scheme and the declaration questions](#)

Made a mistake?

If you have made a mistake on your declaration, please email the NHSBSA Provider Assurance team at nhsbsa.pharmacysupport@nhs.net to let them know, so that it can be amended in the MYS data before payments are calculated.

Gateway Criteria 1. Advanced services

New Medicine Service (NMS) – The contractor must have claimed payments for the completion of a minimum of 20 NMS between 1st April 2021 and 5th April 2022.

[Check the NHSBSA NMS spreadsheet \(scroll down to the 'New Medicine Service \(NMS\) gateway criterion' section to view the spreadsheet\)](#)

If contractors are showing as having claimed for 20 or more NMS's (highlighted in green on the spreadsheet) no further action is required to meet the Advanced Services gateway criterion.

Contractors will not have been required to make a declaration for this Gateway criterion as the automatic verification assessment of whether a contractor has met the NMS gateway criterion will be confirmed against NHSBSA's payment data for NMS.

[Click here for latest guidance, templates, and resources](#)

[View PSNC Briefing 025/21: PQS – Summary of the training requirements for the 2021/22 Scheme](#)

[Watch PSNC's webinar on-demand](#)

Action and Evidence Portfolio Workbook:

The workbook below supports community pharmacy contractors to meet the requirements of the 2021/22 Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS), it also provides contractors with examples of suggested evidence that they can use to confirm they have the necessary evidence ready to make their PQS declaration.

[Download the Action and Evidence Portfolio Workbook](#)

PharmOutcomes Framework:

Community pharmacy contractors can also access the assessment framework on [PharmOutcomes](#) for the 2021/22 Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS). The assessment framework is available free of charge and allows contractors and their teams to track their progress with achieving the gateway and quality criteria/domains of the PQS.

FREE Virtual Outcomes PQS 21/22 Training:

Please click the link below to access the new VO PQS training:



[Access VO training](#)

Training available from CPPE:

[View CPPE September 2021 training update](#)

[New - View CPPE February 2022 training update](#)

3. Launch of a new PPE ordering portal



In partnership with the NHS Supply Chain, the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) is launching a new personal protective equipment (PPE) portal platform. Its launch will continue to ensure free access to PPE and related items for eligible users, including community pharmacy teams, until the end of March 2023.

Learn more about the new PPE portal via the link below:

[Find out more](#)

4. Discharge Medicine Service (DMS) update



We are close to having DMS referrals from Hull University teaching Hospitals (HUTH) and from Humber mental health trust (HT). Both trusts have acquired the relevant licenses and have been working behind the scenes on the copious and labyrinthine NHS internal governance processes required to make DMS work.

HUTH is finalising its training approach internally and you will see a few referrals coming out of their hospitals.

HT is rolling out its referral service across its various wards from now, they hope to make their first few referrals this week. They expect volume to be low as they stress test their setup and gradually expand the wards in scope over the next few months.

Consider both trusts as having 'soft' launches of the service to check their processes and training. We will be providing far more details on this as these trusts get up to speed for a proper launch of the service. In the meantime, please get into the habit of checking your NHS mail inboxes for referrals and revisiting your side of the equation and reacquainting yourself with the service.

North Lincolnshire and Goole trust was starting from scratch, unlike the others. They have been diligently going through the NHS processes with the aid of the work already done and shared as part of an integrated rollout by HUTH and HT, to hopefully reduce the time required for setup.

We will be providing updates as DMS moves from 'soft' launch to a full service across the trusts. Thanks for being patient but work has been ongoing behind the scenes since this service was first announced.

5. Stop Smoking Advanced Service (SCS) start date announced



The new Smoking Cessation Service (SCS) will officially commence on **10th March 2022** and contractors are now able to register to provide the service on the Manage Your Service (MYS) portal since 1st March, 2022.

A draft version of the SCS service specification is now available and PSNC has published a range of resources to support contractors.

Local NHS Hospital Trust update:

When you read the details around this service you can see that it is an important addition to smoking cessation services that have been initiated for patients while in hospital. As such the SCS can only be referred into from hospital trusts that have suitable NRT initiated smoking cessation services already up and running.

The two main trusts locally, North Lincolnshire & Goole (NLaG) and Hull University Teaching Hospitals (HUTH), are committed to meeting the NHS long term goals around tobacco dependency treatment, goals which are targeted for 2024.

NLAG and HUTH are actively recruiting a programme manager to develop various services that will align with other smoking cessation activities. The LPC is in touch with both trusts, and others within this arena, but **this means there currently is no SCS applicable service running** but they are keen to develop one. PSNC has always said the SCS would be a service that builds over time. In the interim there's no harm in signing up and showing the appetite for such a service which may help to focus activity. Watch this space for updates.

Read more and download our SCS resources via the link below:

[Find out more](#)

6. NHSE&I letter on flu vaccines for 2022/23



NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) have published their flu vaccination reimbursement letter for the 2022/23 season. The letter provides information on the flu vaccines which will be reimbursable under the 2022/23 Community Pharmacy Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Advanced Service, for the two cohorts (65 years and over and at-risk adults aged 18-64).

The letter also highlights that in 2022/23, the NHS flu vaccination programme will only be offered to patient groups eligible in line with pre-pandemic recommendations. To be clear, this means the age group of 50-64 is **NOT** in this year's groups, this group was responsible for a very large proportion of last season's vaccinations, please consider this.

[Find out more](#)

7. Quit smoking campaign materials, new Virtual Outcomes course & PWS stop smoking webinar



Community pharmacy contractors should have received their [campaign materials](#) via Yodel between 24th-28th February 2022 for the quit smoking health campaign, which is the last mandated campaign agreed for 2021/2022 by NHS England and NHS Improvement and PSNC.

If contractors have not received their campaign materials, they should email partnerships@phe.gov.uk with 'Quit Smoking Pharmacy Packs' in the subject line and their pharmacy name and full address in the email.

Community pharmacy contractors **must** participate in the campaign from 28th February 2022 (or as soon as contractors receive their campaign materials if they arrive after this date), and the campaign should run until **31st March 2022**.

The resource packs will include a briefing sheet to support community pharmacy teams' conversations with patients and materials, which must be displayed in the pharmacy. Contractors are also encouraged to use the social media and digital resources that are available for this campaign. These additional resources will be available on the [campaign resource centre website](#).

Contractors will not be required to record the number of people to whom information is provided or any additional information for the quit smoking campaign.



Better Health Quit Smoking PH Campaign

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Are you aware that **your** pharmacy should be **participating** in the mandatory **Quit Smoking** campaign?

Do you know what the **three key** benefits are if you stop smoking?

Do you know **what actions** you and your team should take during the campaign and what support **you and your team** can offer people wanting to quit?

View the FREE course available from Virtual Outcomes to support contractors with this campaign:

[View Virtual Outcomes course](#)



Humber Teaching
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How to support people to stop smoking

Pharmacy Wellbeing Service

Lydia Clark, Wellbeing Coach

Click the video above to watch the PWS stop smoking webinar

[View other PWS webinars via our website](#)

Next Wednesday the 9th of March
is national No Smoking Day.

SmokeFree Hull are supporting the
national No Smoking Day campaign,
to promote their service, and
encourage the local community to
stop smoking.



[View Smokefree Hull comms](#)



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8. Recent Medicine Notifications

- [Medicine Supply Notification: Chloral Hydrate 143.3mg in 5ml oral solution – Update](#)
- [Medicine Supply Notification: Sulfasalazine \(Salazopyrin En-Tabs®\) 500mg gastro-resistant tablets](#)
- [Class 3 Medicines Recall: Isotard 60mg XL tablets \(Kyowa Kirin\)](#)
- [SSP014 for Salazopyrin® EN-Tabs 500mg reactivated](#)
- [Extension to SSP016 \(Lipitor®10mg chewable tablets\) & SSP017 \(Lipitor®20mg chewable tablets\)](#)
- [Further extension to SSP015 for Paracetamol 120mg & 240mg suppositories](#)

[Click here](#) to visit PSNC for all other medicine notifications.

9. NMS anticoagulant event sponsored by Bayer - 16 March 2022

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Practical management of anticoagulation – A pharmacist's perspective

This event is open to Community/Practice/PCN Pharmacists and Trainee/ Pre-reg Pharmacists as well as technicians across both Humber LPC, and North Yorkshire LPC.

The LPC's have arranged a short training event for contractors which will support pharmacists to deliver New Medicines Service interventions for clients starting anticoagulants, while also enabling the completion of a CPD cycle.

The session will focus on covering off general FAQs, basic advice, upskilling and improving knowledge.

In line with NICE guidance there is a move away from warfarin towards other anticoagulant medications, prescribing changes are anticipated, hence this event to support you with anticoagulant NMS interventions.

The event will be delivered by a community pharmacist familiar with the pressures and demands currently placed upon community pharmacies.

The event is sponsored by Bayer Pharmaceuticals and will take place virtually on **16th March 2022 from 7-8pm.**

Please book your place/s via the form on the link below:

[Book your place](#)

Other News You Might Have Missed

1. Coronavirus & latest updates from PSNC



To ensure you are up to date with all the latest pharmacy news, please read the full PSNC daily updates by clicking the links below:

2 Mar - [NHSE&I letter on flu vacs for 2022/23 published; PQS claim window closing soon; quit smoking campaign materials; please take part in Advice Audit.](#)

28 Feb – [PSNC Policy Team blog published; securing earlier advance payment; PQS declaration updates; SSP014 reactivated; new section of Drug Tariff.](#)

25 Feb – [Year 4 CPCF negotiations begin; confirm your choice of CPCS IT system; one week left for PhAS review applications; SSPs extended.](#)

24 Feb – [Pharmacy Collect update; Smoking Cessation Service start date; new PPE ordering portal.](#)

For the latest weekly updates please click the links below:

[Week ending 13th February](#)

[Week ending 6th February](#)

To view all PSNC weekly updates [click here](#)

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2. Pharmacy Advice Audit 2022- Please take part



Thank you to all the pharmacies who have already taken part in this audit, **BUT we need more**, please don't assume everyone else is telling the PSNC what you would want to.

The PSNC have decided to extend the participation **deadline FOR THE LAST TIME to 23:59 on Friday 11th March 2022** to ensure no pharmacy misses out on the chance to submit their data, but results **MUST** be submitted by this time at the latest. There will be **NO MORE EXTENSIONS.**

The data gathered is vital to help evidence pharmacy's negotiations with the government, it may help them understand the higher acuity, and complexity, of patients now being seen in the community and how much of it is currently unpaid. Please take part and provide the evidence of what's going on so that we can try to change that. **We are told that the multiples support completion.**

[Find out more](#)

3. For Action: NHS England letter regarding upcoming Easter Bank Holiday 2022



Please click the link below to view a letter, and form for completion, from NHS England regarding the Easter 2022 Bank Holiday opening hours for pharmacies. Also, you can view PDFs by CCG area of current opening times known, both directed and otherwise.

If you are not open **at all** over the bank holiday, on any of the dates specified, then please do not reply to NHSE as they interpret 'no reply' as the pharmacy not being open.

Please note, NHSE have already been informed by a few contractors of their intended opening over this period. If that included your pharmacy, please take this as an opportunity to check they have captured the opening times accurately in the PDFs.

[View letter and form](#)

4. Pharmacy Bank Holiday Arrangements - Intentions to Direct for Platinum Jubilee 2022



Following on from the Expressions of Interest that were previously circulated in January 2022, NHSE has decided to put in place a pharmacy directions rota to cover the Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday on Friday 3rd June 2022.

Please click the link below to view the letter and a draft 'directions to open' proposal for Friday 3rd June 2022 – Platinum Jubilee. Please respond by email to

england.pharmacyreturns@nhs.net if there are any problems or inaccuracies that we may need to know about by **Friday 25th March 2022.**

[View letter and draft directions](#)

5. N Lincs: Expressions of Interest to provide Medication in the Out of Hours period



FAO North Lincolnshire pharmacies.

North Lincolnshire CCG are currently exploring the provision of medication on a Sunday evening (8pm – midnight), and Bank Holidays, and are looking for expressions of interest from pharmacies to open to provide this service. As the Out of Hours provider is based in Scunthorpe, ideally expressions of interest should be from pharmacies within this area to facilitate patient access. If you are interested in providing this service, please register your interest with Community Pharmacy Humber in the first instance (humber.lpc@nhs.net).

In your response, along with any other pertinent information, please answer the following questions:

1. Will a pharmacist be available to safely access the pharmacy premises between 8pm and midnight and on Bank Holidays? Yes / No
2. If no, are you willing to share the role with other pharmacists/pharmacies? Yes/No
3. If no, what cover are you offering?
4. What security arrangements would you have in place to minimise / mitigate any risks from opening a pharmacy during the OOH period?
5. What arrangement/process are you offering to facilitate access for the dispensing of the urgent prescription / delivery to a designated point?

6. COVID-19 Information for pharmacies - updated



The information previously collated for pharmacies has been updated. View/print the pdf for more info on the following:

- Humber LPC Office
- COVID-19 guidance & Hub page
- Infection Prevention and Control (including PPE & New Portal)
- Pandemic Delivery Service ended
- Temporary closures (until 31.3.22) and emergency closure checklist

[View PDF of this information](#)


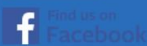


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