

News and updates from your LPCs and partners

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Nationally significant news

- *the most important service in our new contract*

- The NHS CPCS will commence on Tuesday 29 October 2019
- Pharmacy contractors can now register to provide the service and claim the Transition payment supplement (£900 if claimed by 1st December 2019)
- The draft service specification has been published and a draft toolkit for pharmacy teams will follow shortly
- The launch date has been agreed by NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I), the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and PSNC as part of the ongoing work to implement the first phase of the service, which will see NHS 111 call advisers referring suitable patients to community pharmacy.
- To help you and your teams to prepare to provide the service, which will connect patients who have a minor illness or need an urgent supply of a medicine with a community pharmacy here is:
- A [draft service specification](#). It has been published on the [NHS Business Services Authority \(NHSBSA\) website](#). The final version will be published by NHSE&I once it has completed its journey through their internal governance process.
- [A number of resources](#) on PSNC website including a template *standard operating procedure* (SOP) for the service, which you can amend and adopt for use in your pharmacy if you wish.
- Please register to provide the service via the [NHSBSA Manage Your Service \(MYS\) portal](#).
- Commenting on the progress being made towards implementing the service, **Alastair Buxton, Director of NHS Services** at PSNC said:
- “The launch of the CPCS on 29 October will be a landmark moment for community pharmacy’s expanding role within the NHS. This service will not only demonstrate the value community pharmacy can bring to patients, but it will also enable us to help the NHS to meet key targets.
- “During the contract negotiations it became clear that the implementation of this service was of the highest priority for the NHS and HM Government. If community pharmacy can deliver this service successfully it will secure our place at the heart of primary care and will give the sector leverage for the future; if we choose to ignore what our customer wants, we will not be able to gain that leverage.
- “I therefore encourage all contractors to register early to provide the service, both to show community pharmacy’s willingness to provide this type of clinical service and to take advantage of the supplement to the Transition payment.”
- **Further information**
- You can find more information about this new service on PSNCs [CPCS webpage](#).
- Contractors in Surrey & Sussex who have not previously registered for access to MYS should follow [PSNC’s guidance on registering](#).

- Before registering to provide the CPCS, you should read the [service specification](#) to ensure you will be able to meet all the service requirements from 29 October 2019.
- When registering to provide the service on the MYS portal, contractors will need to make the following declaration:
 - *I am registering to provide the Community Pharmacist Consultation Service from this pharmacy.*
 - *I confirm that I have read the service specification and will be able to comply with its requirements and deal appropriately with any CPCS referrals from the service commencement date (29th October 2019).*
 - *I am claiming the CPCS Transition payment and understand that I am committing to provide the CPCS until 31st March 2020, unless exceptional circumstances prevent the pharmacy from providing the service. Where I withdraw from service provision prior to 31st March 2020 and NHS England do not believe exceptional circumstances apply, they may reclaim all or part of the CPCS Transition payment.*
- Multiple pharmacy contractors that would like to register more than one pharmacy to provide the service should email the NHSBSA MYS team (nhsbsa.mys@nhs.net) to discuss how to bulk register pharmacies.
- The Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education (CPPE) has a range of training resources which can be used by pharmacists to prepare to provide the CPCS, including a self-assessment framework which helps you to identify gaps in your knowledge. Further information is available on [the CPPE website](#).
- The toolkit and SOP have been written by members of the Urgent Care Delivery and Implementation Group, which was set up by PSNC and NHSE&I to support rollout of the service. The group includes representatives from the NHS, DHSC, pharmacy contractors and the National Pharmacy Association.
- After 1 December 2019, the Transition payment supplement falls to £600 and contractors can claim this if they register to provide the service by 15th January 2020. After 15th January 2020 no Transition payment supplement will be paid to contractors registering to provide the service.
- CPCS replaces the NHS Urgent Medicines Supply Advanced Service ([NUMSAS](#)) and the Digital Minor Illness Referral Service pilots; these services will continue to be commissioned until 28th October 2019.

LPC news

- Earlier this week we heard from NHSBSA that **over 20% of contractors in Surrey & Sussex have still to register for the new [Manage Your Service \(MYS\)](#) application**. MYS has been introduced to help reduce your administrative burden. Please register very soon.
 - MYS will be the only way to claim a Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) [aspiration payment](#) and make a PQS declaration. The system will also be the route for claiming payment for the Flu Vaccination Service 2019/20 and notifying readiness to provide the new [Community Pharmacist Consultation Service \(CPCS\)](#).
- We've been tuning in to **PSNC's webinars** to help us digest the amount of information coming down about the changes to our industry:

The next webinar for contractors is about the new NHS Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS) on **Monday 16 September at 7pm**, in collaboration with NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I). [Register here](#). (For your information: topics in the webinar archive include [Five-Year Deal on CPCS](#); [Serious Shortages Protocols \(SSPs\)](#) and [Flu Vaccination Service 2019/20](#))
- On Tuesday (10 September) community pharmacy colleagues in West Sussex came together for **peer discussions** and to hear about changes to our industry. [Read more](#).

Peer discussions for colleagues in East Sussex are planned as part of the LPC's annual meeting for contractors. Book now for [East Sussex](#) on 17 September. Earlier in the year RPS facilitated a number of peer discussions in Surrey.

Surrey LPCs annual meeting is on 18 September. Book [Surrey](#) now.

Brexit

Brexit continues to dominate the headlines. Here is what we know about preparations relevant to community pharmacy:

- PSNC is representing the interests of community pharmacies in discussions on this topic as part of the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) **EU Exit Medicines Supply Industry Collaborative Group**.
- PSNC is also working closely with the other national pharmacy organisations via their **Community Pharmacy Brexit Forum**. The shared objective is to safeguard the continued supply of medicines to pharmacies and their patients when the UK exits the European Union and to minimise any disruption to supplies of medicines, pricing and the work of community pharmacies
- [Read more and access useful resources](#) including Government updates; current contractor guidance; serious shortage protocols; communications work already undertaken and current information for patients

Primary care networks (PCN) news

- We have received notification of all the PCNs across Surrey & Sussex and have mapped them to show every community pharmacy.
 - Please look out for this important resource from your LPC's

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