



Four key deadlines approaching

A newsletter to aid your compliance with clinical governance requirements

Helping you to complete or work towards completing the clinical governance requirements by 31st March 2019

The end of the financial year (31 March) is approaching and community pharmacy contractors are reminded of four key deadlines relating to the clinical governance aspects of their terms of service.

The clinical governance requirements of the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF) cover a range of quality related issues. Adherence with the clinical governance requirements is a part of your terms of service.

The LPC urges contractors to ensure that they have completed, or are working towards completing, the clinical governance requirements highlighted below to meet the end of year deadline.

Summary of actions to be completed by 31 March 2019

This clinical governance requirement, whilst not due by 31 March, should be completed shortly afterwards and as such it is best to begin work towards achieving this alongside the other requirements.

DSP Toolkit

Providers of NHS services in England, including community pharmacies, must provide information governance assurances to the NHS on an annual basis. These assurances are provided through completion of an online assessment tool, the DSP Toolkit (previously IG Toolkit). The Toolkit questions were updated to incorporate the General Data Protection Regulation and the National Data Guardian's Ten Data Security Standards.

PSNC has developed a [briefing and guidance document](#) which may assist community pharmacy contractors to complete the new DSP Toolkit.

FAQ

What about Brexit?

At present, the position remains unchanged – the GDPR will apply to the United Kingdom. It may be that any EU law not implemented as UK national law but which takes effect in the UK as a result of the UK's EU membership, such as the GDPR, may no longer apply post-Brexit depending on the terms of the negotiated agreement to leave the EU – the position is likely to become clearer as the UK approaches closer to formally leaving the EU.

Webinar

PSNC and NHS Digital will be holding a 'Data Security and Protection (IG) Toolkit Workshop' on **Wednesday 30th January at 7.00pm**.

During the 60-minute webinar representatives from PSNC and NHS Digital will discuss the questions in the Toolkit, talk you through the guidance materials available and answer viewers' questions on how to make the declaration.

With contractors required to finalise their pharmacy's Data Security and Protection Toolkit submission by 31st March 2019, this webinar provides the perfect opportunity to make good headway in its completion.

To make the most of this session, we would advise taking a look at [PSNC's guidance documents](#) and [registering for the Toolkit](#) in advance of the webinar. Once registered for the webinar, you can also submit questions before the event. Registration now available <https://psnc.org.uk/our-events/data-security-and-protection-ig-toolkit-workshop/>

Alternatively, toolkit completion step by step can be found here: <https://psnc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Completing-Data-Security-IG-Protection-Toolkit-PSNC-questions-guidance-PDF-ver.pdf>

Requests for support can also be made by email to exeter.helpdesk@nhs.net or telephone 0300 3034034. If you have queries on this PSNC Briefing, please contact either william.goh@psnc.org.uk, Regulations Officer or daniel.Ah-Thion@psnc.org.uk, Community Pharmacy IT Lead.

Here are some important points to note:

For contractors who have completed the Community Pharmacy GDPR Workbook, there is an initial question which if completed 'yes' automatically pre-populates almost half of the 70 mandatory questions.

PSNC have been liaising with the main PMR suppliers to ensure that they complete up to 12 technical questions on behalf of the contractor – the contractor will need to complete various initial profile questions on the toolkit. Once the contractor has put down the PMR supplier, the PMR supplier will add information to the Toolkit.

If a contractor has done the GDPR Workbook and the PMR supplier completes some of the 12 questions, there are at still at least 26 mandatory questions to complete and help with those is provided in the links above.

One of those questions relates to training – that 95% of employees must complete the training - NHS Digital has confirmed that if contractors have provided training using the shorter form of guidance on GDPR – Guidance Book 2 – this is sufficient. Contractors need to make sure that at least 95% of all staff have had such training – or the equivalent – to the appropriate level.

CPPQ

All community pharmacies are required to conduct an annual community pharmacy patient questionnaire. The questionnaire allows patients to provide valuable feedback to community pharmacies on the services they provide.

Q. Do I need to have do anything with the CPPQ results?

A. Yes, the pharmacy must publish the results of the survey. The results must be published via one or more of the following options:

- a) in the pharmacy, as a leaflet or poster;
- b) on the pharmacy's website (if it has one);
- c) on the pharmacy's NHS website profile (NB one of the five gateway criteria...see page 7 of this newsletter)

Q. Do I need to send the results of CPPQ to NHS England?

A. No, there is no statutory requirement to send the survey report to the local NHS England Team.

For further information, please visit our webpage at: psnc.org.uk/cppq*

The NPA has published a toolkit to help its members to implement the CPPQ and a number of organisations offer packages of support that include provision of questionnaires and the collation of results. These include AAH and Webstar. Others are listed in the link above*.

Clinical audit

Community pharmacies must undertake a clinical audit each year, the topic of which they choose*. In addition to this pharmacy-based audit, they must also complete an audit on a topic that has been determined by NHS England. (NB deadline for submission of the NHS England determined audit was 30/12/18).

Q. When do I need to have completed the pharmacy own audit?

A. Community pharmacies need to complete the audit chosen by them no later than 31 March 2019.

Social Services and National Health Service Complaints (England) Regulations 2009 (the Regulations) for the handling and consideration of any complaints. As part of these arrangements, each contractor must prepare an annual report for each year ending 31 March.

Q. When do I need to have prepared my annual complaints report by?

A. Community pharmacies must prepare an annual report for each year ending 31 March

Q. I have not received any complaints. Do I need to prepare an annual report? A. Yes.

Q. Do I need to send a copy of the annual report to NHS England?

A. Yes, as soon as reasonably practicable after 31 March.

For more information, please visit our webpage at: psnc.org.uk/complaints

Your report will:

- specify the number of complaints which the pharmacy contractor received;
- specify the number of complaints which the pharmacy contractor decided were well-founded;
- specify the number of complaints which the pharmacy contractor has been informed have been referred to the Health Service Commissioner to consider under the 1993 Act

Your report will indicate:

- the subject matter of complaints that the pharmacy contractor received;
- any matters of general importance arising out of those complaints, or the way in which the complaints were handled;
- any matters where action has been or is to be taken to improve services as a consequence of those complaints.

To assist pharmacies, PSNC has prepared a template summary of complaints, which can be used as an index of complaints as they are received and closed. All the information necessary to produce the annual report can then be collated from this summary at the end of each year.

[Summary of complaints \(MS Word\)](#)

[Summary of complaints \(PDF\)](#)



Guidance on all aspects of Clinical Governance can be found here <https://psnc.org.uk/contract-it/essential-service-clinical-governance/>

The clinical governance requirements of the community pharmacy contractual framework (CPCF) cover a range of quality related issues not just the ones highlighted in this newsletter. These must also be actioned or undertaken as part of the clinical governance requirements of the terms of service and NHS England may ask for evidence to check pharmacy contractors are meeting the requirements.

Additional guidance on the CPPQ gateway criterion which states that on the day of the review (15th February 2019), the results of the last completed CPPQ is publicly available on the pharmacy's NHS website profile (we previously called this NHS Choices) page or for distance selling pharmacies (DSPs), displayed on their website, can be viewed at <https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/quality-payments-cppq-gateway-criterion/>

If you need further help, particularly with points that require local details, please get in touch with the LPC through our chief officer, Deborah Crockford by email: deborah.crockford@psnc.org.uk or if a general regulation query, please try: william.goh@psnc.org.uk , Regulations Officer