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To all Community Pharmacies in the Wessex area

Dear colleague

Quality Payment Scheme guidance

NHS England has published new guidance ahead of the June 2018 review point of the Quality Payments Scheme.

The June 2018 guidance should be read in conjunction with NHS England's gateway criteria guidance and the quality criteria guidance:

- NHS England – Pharmacy Quality Payments Gateway Criteria Guidance (published 23rd December 2016); and
- NHS England – Pharmacy Quality Payments Quality Criteria Guidance (published 27th February 2017).

See link below for the documents.

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/primary-care/pharmacy/framework-1618/ppq/>

PSNC guidance and resources

Further guidance can be found on PSNC see link below.

<https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/quality-payments-new-nhs-england-guidance-published-3/>

Via the link PSNC has published various resources for community pharmacy contractors to assist them with meeting the gateway and quality criteria of the Quality Payments Scheme:

- A six-minute video describing the changes made to the scheme.
- A Briefing that highlights the full list of resources currently available from PSNC.
- A Briefing providing contractors with examples of what constitutes acceptable evidence for meeting the gateway and quality criteria in a checklist format.

PSNC have written some FAQ's regarding the Quality Payments Scheme. See links below.

<https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/ask-psnc-quality-payments-faqs-11/>

<https://psnc.org.uk/services-commissioning/essential-services/quality-payments-faqs/>

NHS Choices

NHS Choices have updated the user guide see link below which includes:

- Updating NHS Choices profiles user guide (published 30th April 2018); and
- Uploading the Community Pharmacy Patient Questionnaire user guide (published 30th April 2018).

<https://www.nhs.uk/aboutNHSChoices/professionals/Pages/manage-profiles-faq.aspx>

Contractors are required to edit or validate their NHS Choices profile between **00:00 on 9th April 2018 and 11:59pm on 29th June 2018** to meet the gateway criterion.

PharmOutcomes

A Quality Payments Scheme framework has been created on PharmOutcomes, which will allow contractors to track their progress with achieving the Quality Payment criteria. The assessment also contains links to the PSNC website to provide contractors with additional information on each criterion and links to other PharmOutcomes services to assist contractors with collating evidence.

Once a contractor has logged into PharmOutcomes, the framework can be accessed by clicking on the 'Assessments' tab on the PharmOutcomes homepage. More information can be found on the link below.

<https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/quality-payments-scheme-support-from-pharmoutcomes-for-june-review-point/>

Directory of Services

The DoS Profile Updater will be available from **10am on 8th May 2018 until 11.59pm on 29th June 2018**.

Quality Payment

A Quality Payment can be claimed for the review point on **Friday 29th June 2018**.

To claim for a Quality Payment, contractors will need to complete a declaration via the NHS BSA website. The NHS BSA declaration website will open for declarations for the 29 June 2018 review date on **Monday 11th June at 09:00am and will close on Friday 13th July 2018 at 11:59pm**.

I hope you find this information useful.

Kind regards,

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