



Daily Update

Tuesday 28th July 2020

This daily update contains important information for community pharmacy teams about the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In today's update: new COVID-19 resources; PhIF evaluation; Cegedim integrates SCR 1-click.

New COVID-19 public health resources

Public Health England has published additional resources to advise the public on helping to stop the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

A new [face coverings exemptions toolkit](#) aims to help those who are exempt from wearing face coverings to make their exemption known to others, whilst [digital out of home assets](#) spread the mandatory face coverings in shops message to a wider audience.

There are also a number of [resources to support the safe celebration of Eid](#).

PhIF evaluation study

The Centre for Pharmacy Workforce Studies at the University of Manchester and ICF have been commissioned by NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) to evaluate the impact of the Pharmacy Integration Fund (PhIF) learning pathways. The pathways include medicines optimisation in care homes, integrated urgent care/NHS 111, accuracy checking for pharmacy technicians, and postgraduate pathways and modules.

The aim of this study is to explore the degree to which the various PhIF training pathways have impacted upon the roles, professional practice, career opportunities and aspirations of the pharmacy workforce. The results of this research will be valuable in understanding how the programme is currently running and may shape changes to the programme in the future, so it is important we have the views of as many involved individuals as possible.

They are interested in conducting short interviews with pharmacists, accuracy checking technicians, managers, and employers who have experience of undertaking PhIF learning or managing/employing learners undertaking a learning pathway. They are equally as interested in interviewing pharmacists and accuracy technicians who felt unable to access the learning, and employers or managers who felt unable to support their pharmacy teams to undertake the PHIF learning pathways.

For more information about the study and to arrange an interview please contact Jayne Astbury via jayne.astbury@manchester.ac.uk.

SCR 1-click integration now within Cegedim's Pharmacy Manager PMR

Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians using the Cegedim Pharmacy Manager PMR system can now quickly access additional patient information, following the successful integration of the software with the NHS Summary Care Record (SCR) service.

Pharmacy professionals logged in with their Smartcard can click straight through to a selected patient's SCR without having to log into the NHS portal separately and completing a manual search. Quicker access to SCR – which provides a full picture of a patient's health and medication history – allows pharmacies to provide improved patient care and view critical information, such as the COVID-19 shielded flag.

Cegedim's Pharmacy Manager is the first PMR system to integrate with the NHS SCR.

[Read more about SCR 1-click integration with Pharmacy Manager PMR](#)

Have you seen our latest COVID-19 related FAQs?

PSNC's COVID-19 hub has an [FAQs page](#) with a large number of answers to queries posed by pharmacy contractors, their teams and LPCs; these are being updated on a regular basis. Recent additions include:

Q. How will the 2020/21 Flu Vaccination Service be delivered safely by pharmacists?

Due to the public health advice on social distancing and shielding, the flu vaccination programme this year may need to be provided in a different way, for example, with pharmacists wearing PPE. It is also likely that increased public awareness of infection control will mean there is an increased demand for vaccination from eligible patients. Public Health England, NHSE&I and DHSC are considering the potential changes that may need to be made when administering flu vaccines this year and further guidance will be issued to contractors in due course.

Q. The sourcing of PPE through wholesalers is another financial burden for contractors. What is PSNC doing to ensure pharmacies have access to PPE and that the cost of PPE purchased through wholesalers is accounted for?

PSNC is pressing DHSC and NHSE&I to ensure that pharmacy teams have access to the PPE they need from the PHE stockpile. We are also working to ensure that the cost of PPE is reflected in the additional pandemic funding we are seeking for the sector.

[Find answers to more of your questions here](#)

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