



Daily Update

Thursday 3rd December 2020

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

In today's update: end of Pandemic Delivery Service; free cancer conversations training; Simvador recall; medicine supply updates.

Reminder: Pandemic Delivery Service ends today

Pharmacy contractors are reminded that the **Pandemic Delivery Service** is commissioned **until today, Thursday 3rd December 2020**; deliveries to shielded patients can continue to be made under the service until the end of today. This follows the end of the national lockdown on 2nd December 2020, with clinically extremely vulnerable patients no longer being advised to shield themselves.

DHSC guidance on shielding and protecting people who are clinically extremely vulnerable from COVID-19 from 2nd December

Contractors can claim payments for deliveries made under the Advanced service via the **Manage Your Service (MYS) portal**; claims should be submitted by 5th January 2021.

If formal shielding is advised for the clinically extremely vulnerable again, NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) may then issue a notice to re-commence the service in certain areas.

Learn more about the possible future reactivation of the service

Patient communications

Around the time of the previous end to the national pandemic delivery service in July, PSNC developed a patient leaflet to help explain the change to shielding patients, including advising on what they should do going forwards. We are sharing this again in case contractors find it useful – please amend the leaflet to describe your pharmacy's particular circumstances.

Patient leaflet – lockdown medicine deliveries to end

Free live 'Talk Cancer for Pharmacy' workshops

Cancer Research UK is inviting community pharmacy staff to take part in one of its 'Talk Cancer for Pharmacy' live online workshops.

The training is designed to equip and empower all community pharmacy staff to raise cancer awareness as part of their role. The workshops focus on building the trainees' knowledge of

key messages and builds on their communication skills to have supportive conversations around cancer prevention, screening and early diagnosis.

Contractors may find that what is covered in the workshops is also valuable to support their teams with any health campaigns encouraging healthy lifestyles, particularly in relation to cancer.

[Register for one of the workshops](#)

MHRA medicines recall notice

The Medicines and Healthcare Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has issued a class 3 medicines recall for:

Simvador 10mg, 20mg and 40mg tablets (Lupin Healthcare (UK) Limited)

Lupin Healthcare (UK) Limited has informed the MHRA that some batches of Simvador tablets have been packaged with a version of the patient information leaflet (PIL) that does not include the most up to date safety information. There are no concerns with the quality, safety and efficacy of the product, but the affected batches are being recalled due to concerns around the omission of the safety information.

[Learn more about the recall](#)

Medicine supply notifications

The DHSC has released some medicine supply notifications which community pharmacy teams may need to be aware of. Please click the links below for more information.

[Rifadin \(rifampicin\) 100mg/5ml oral suspension](#)

[Lorazepam \(Ativan\) 4mg/ml Solution for injection](#)

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