



Daily Update

Wednesday 27th January 2021

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

In today's update: resources on respecting pharmacy teams; current measures to address workload pressures; additions to DND list from February; FemSeven supply update.

Resources on respecting pharmacy teams

Following on from PSNC's advice for pharmacy contractors on keeping their teams safe and their premises secure a few weeks ago, we wanted to highlight some other resources that may be useful.

A number of primary care assets were created by NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) to help explain to the public how accessing services may differ during the pandemic. The pharmacy resources urge the public to:

- treat pharmacy teams with respect and follow the guidance on social distancing and face coverings;
- **not** go to a pharmacy if they have coronavirus symptoms or are self-isolating;
- ask about moving their prescriptions to electronic repeat dispensing (eRD); and
- order repeat prescriptions online.

The social media images and suggested wording for posts can be downloaded as part of the [NHS Primary Care Access Social Media Assets pack in the Campaign Resource Centre](#).

Further guidance can be found in the 'Security and personal safety' section of PSNC's [PPE, staff safety and security webpage](#).

Reminder: Measures to address workload pressures

A number of measures have been put in place to help support pharmacy contractors and their teams in their continuing efforts to provide core services and meet the needs of their patients during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. PSNC has developed the following briefing which sets out the regulatory and contractual dispensations agreed with the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and NHSE&I as of 22nd December 2020.

[PSNC Briefing 045/20: Regulatory and contractual dispensations agreed to assist contractors with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic](#)

62 products added to the February 2021 DND list

Following applications made by PSNC to DHSC and the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA), **62 new products** will enter the list of 'Drugs for which Discount is Not Deducted' (DND) in Part II of the Drug Tariff from 1st February 2021. This takes the total number of products granted DND status over the past 12 months to over 250 following checks made by PSNC.

Pradaxa 75mg /150mg capsules, Ursofalk 500mg tablets and Salofalk 1g/application foam enema are among the new products added to the DND list to which the discount deduction scale will no longer apply from February 2021.

[View the upcoming additions to the DND list](#)

Update on the availability of FemSeven product range

Following supply issues affecting the availability of the FemSeven range of products, Theramex, has provided the following update.

'Theramex holds the marketing authorisation for FemSeven 50, 75 and 100® (estradiol), FemSeven Conti® (estradiol/levonorgestrel) and FemSeven Sequi® (estradiol/levonorgestrel) in the UK and Europe since acquiring these products from Teva Pharmaceuticals Ltd on 1st February 2018... We have since been working diligently to fix these issues and are pleased confirm that the entire FemSeven® portfolio of products will be returning in 2021 commencing with FemSeven Conti® which is available now from Alliance Healthcare.'

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