



Daily Update

Wednesday 17th February 2021

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

In today's update: Shielding advice extended; DMS FAQs; PSNC February meeting update; and NHS Service Finder video.

Shielding advice extended and new patient cohort added

A new data-driven risk assessment, called the COVID-19 Population Risk Assessment, has been developed to help identify people who may be at high risk of COVID-19. This means an additional group of patients have been identified as clinically extremely vulnerable and have been added to the shielding list.

This is to enable them to be prioritised for vaccination if not already vaccinated, and to provide them with additional advice and support, such as prescription deliveries under the [Pandemic Delivery Service](#).

Additionally, the Department of Health and Social Care has announced that the Government's shielding advice and support has been extended nationally until 31 March 2021.

[Read our full story here](#)

Discharge Medicines Service FAQs

The Discharge Medicines Service (DMS) commenced as a new Essential service earlier this week (15 February 2021). Answers to frequently asked questions on the service received over the last few weeks have been compiled in a news story.

[Read DMS FAQs here](#)

Latest PSNC meeting summary

Earlier this month the PSNC Committee met, with key discussions around ongoing funding negotiations, as well as COVID-19 vaccinations and LPC support.

[Read a summary of the February 2021 PSNC Meeting](#)

Last week further information on our funding bids and ongoing negotiations was published and is available [here](#) for those who missed it.

New video highlights benefits of NHS Service Finder

The NHS Service Finder team has produced a [YouTube video](#) aimed at healthcare professionals explaining why they should make use of the tool, which provides access to information from the Directory of Services (DoS) and [nhs.uk](#).

Bookmark and use the tool at: <https://finder.directoryofservices.nhs.uk/>

[Read more and access the video here](#)

Keep up-to-date on COVID-19 with our hub page: psnc.org.uk/coronavirus

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