



Daily Update

Tuesday 15th 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: flu vac stock guidance updated; We Are Undefeatable campaign; Community Pharmacist Prescribers support COVID vaccination; Co-careldopa 25mg/100mg tablets defect notice.

Guidance on use of DHSC flu vac stock updated

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has updated its guidance on the use of DHSC procured flu vaccines by pharmacy contractors.

The change to the guidance now allows contractors to use the DHSC procured stock to vaccinate frontline health and social care workers through occupational health schemes **or through private vaccination arrangements**; previously, vaccination of such workers through private vaccination services, where the patient pays for the vaccination*, was not allowed.

This change in the DHSC guidance does not allow more general use of the DHSC procured flu vaccines in private vaccination services; contractors can currently only use the stock for patients in groups A and B (patients, including those 50 to 64 years old, and frontline social care workers as set out in appendix A of the community pharmacy Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Advanced Service specification, and frontline health and social care workers through private vaccinations or occupational health schemes).

Full information on the requirements for accessing the stock is available in the DHSC guidance, which all contractors who want to access the stock should read:

[Read the DHSC guidance](#)

* The patient may subsequently claim back the cost of the vaccination from their employer.

Free campaign material to support 'We Are Undefeatable'

'[We Are Undefeatable](#)' is an award-winning campaign and movement supporting people with a range of long-term health conditions. Its purpose is to support and encourage finding ways to be active that work with each person's conditions, not against them.

Contractors can order leaflets, free of charge, to provide advice to their patients and customers. These feature real-life stories of people with long term conditions being active in a way that works for them. The leaflet also has a pull-out poster with 15 accessible activities for all levels.

[Find out how to order campaign materials](#)

Community Pharmacist Prescribers support COVID vaccination

Community pharmacy in Kent has played an important role in the initial NHS rollout of the COVID-19 vaccination programme in recent days. In just a few hours, Kent LPC mobilised eight Community Pharmacist Independent Prescriber volunteers to work with and support East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust to issue patient specific directions (PSDs) for the COVID vaccine.

The Independent Prescribers signing these PSDs allowed the first batches of COVID vaccinations to be administered for the local communities of Kent and Medway. Feedback from the Foundation Trust was very positive, saying this work really made a difference. This is an excellent example of community pharmacy supporting the wider NHS system to help patients.

Class 4 Defect Notice: Co-careldopa 25mg/100mg tablets

Co-careldopa 25mg/100mg tablets (Fairmed Healthcare GmbH) PL 20242/0028

Fairmed Healthcare GmbH has informed the Medicines and Health products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) of a discrepancy on the product packaging for certain batches. One side of the packs (end flap) incorrectly states that the active pharmaceutical ingredient is 'carbiopa' instead of 'carbidopa'.

[Read the defect information notice in full](#)

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