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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  | | --- | |  | | Daily Update | | Thursday 24th June 2021 | | |  | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  | |  | This daily update contains important information for community pharmacy teams, including details of the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In today's update: IG Toolkit deadline approaching; reporting lateral flow device test results; majority of items now EPS scripts; Champix supply disruption.Less than one week to go until Data Security and Protection Toolkit deadline Contractors are reminded that they have less than a week to complete and submit the Data Security and Protection Toolkit for 2020/21, which is used to make a pharmacy’s information governance (IG) declaration. Most pharmacies have now completed the toolkit, with many more working through it ahead of the deadline on **30th June 2021**.   PSNC has collaborated with NHS Digital and PMR suppliers to keep the workload for the Toolkit manageable and has published a suite of guidance to help contractors complete the Toolkit. Our [**data security hub**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=409aa150ca&e=d19e9fd41c) and [**collection of templates and policies**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=b28094c9b2&e=d19e9fd41c) have also been updated to align with the new toolkit and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.  If you have not yet begun work on the Toolkit, an excellent place to start is our short two-page briefing: [**Five Steps to complete the Toolkit.**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=da880ae059&e=d19e9fd41c)  [**Download PSNC's further Toolkit guidance**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=b175b84ba0&e=d19e9fd41c) Statutory requirement for staff to report test results from LFDs Community pharmacy teams are reminded of the need to report all of their own COVID-19 test results (whether negative, void or positive) from Lateral Flow Devices (LFDs) online.   Whilst using LFDs is voluntary, those pharmacy staff who choose to use them to test for COVID-19 must report their results on the [**GOV.UK website**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=63869152e4&e=d19e9fd41c) each time they do a test as this is a statutory notifiable disease reporting requirement. Reporting is straightforward, with a standard NHS login that removes the need to input demographic data each time a result is reported.  [**Learn more about LFDs**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=321e61c1d4&e=d19e9fd41c) EPS scripts now over 95% of total items During the [**last meeting**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=4e0993f2b8&e=d19e9fd41c) of the Community Pharmacy IT Group ([**CP ITG**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=fb897ce216&e=d19e9fd41c)), the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) confirmed that electronic prescriptions sent via the Electronic Prescription Service (EPS) now represent more than 95% of all prescriptions dispensed by community pharmacies in England.   [**Read more about EPS**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=9fa798004e&e=d19e9fd41c) Supply disruption alert: Champix The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has issued a medicine supply disruption alert for**Champix (varenicline) 0.5mg and 1mg tablets**.   Pfizer, the sole supplier of Champix, stopped the distribution of all Champix (varenicline) 0.5mg and 1mg tablets in early June 2021 and are currently unable to confirm when resupplies will become available.  [**Find out more about this supply disruption alert**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=6e5995632e&e=d19e9fd41c) |  | |  |  |  | | |
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